

Love & Annual Meetings
February 6, 2022

LOVE

Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 6, 2022

10:00 am

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Scout Mitchell

One Voice: If we pray the most impressive prayers,
with beautiful analogy and relevance to the day,
but don't have love, we are just traffic noise.

**All Voices: If we produce the best virtual choir videos,
using the most up-to-date software and visual techniques,
but don't have love, it's for nothing .**

One Voice: If we hold the swiftest meetings,
with unanimous votes on motions,
but don't have love, we gain nothing.

**All Voices: Love is everything. Love is unending.
Love is God. Let us love.**



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Davi Weasley

The Prayer of Jesus

We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:

"Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."

Our Creator

who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. *Amen.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Live in Charity”

UBI CARITAS

Words by Taize Community. Tune by Jacques Berthier
Kay Marsh, Darlene Mathias, Lucy Bledig, and Larry Menninga

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
New Revised Standard Version

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SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Margie, Greene, & Nolan Scribner Greene

SERMON

“Love & Annual Meetings”

Sharon Benton

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*There are several options for giving: 1) Give at our website, <https://fccb.net/giving/>.
2) Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. 3) Use the GivePlus app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give!
4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to 208-516-2657, and set up your account. You're ready for easy giving by text! 5) Give by PayPal. Our easy link is [PayPal.Me/fccbucc](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?x=1&source=url).*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Gather something to eat and drink; the risen Christ will meet us wherever we are.

COMMUNION SONG

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

by James Abbingdon. © 2000 GIA Publications

Let us break bread together on our knees, (x2)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O God, have mercy on me.

Let us share the cup together on our knees, (x2)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, (x2)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O God, have mercy on me.

BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

Let us know you're here! Go to Worship Connect <http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect> to sign in.

**Please join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Zoom link can be found in the Friday Announcements and in the email
containing the Annual Report, or contact office@fccb.net ASAP
and we'll try to get the link to you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY! Join us after worship for this important event in the life of the church. The Annual Report will be emailed to everyone tomorrow, along with the Zoom link.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Hybrid worship in person and on Facebook Live, our #BiggerBalcony

WAYS TO CONNECT: For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact office@fccb.net.

- **Monday**
 - ◆ Poetry Writing Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm**
 - ◆ Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
 - ◆ Sharing Stories: **weekly 6:30 pm**
 - ◆ Adult Forum: **weekly, 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **5:00 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Afternoon Coffee Group: **2nd & 4th Friday, at 1:00 pm**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Spirit Group (Exploring Prayer), **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - ◆ Creative Connections, **1st Saturdays, 10:00 am**
- **Sunday**
 - ◆ Youth Group, **Sundays, 12:00 noon**

To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fccb.net/blog/>.

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral staff are available by appointment virtually or in person, with masks. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

Davi: davi@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at office@fccb.net and she'll pass your message on.

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LEAD PASTOR: Sharon Benton

PASTOR FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS,

& MISSION: Davi Weasley

INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

Ted & Susan Huffman

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

ORGANIST: Judy Widrig

WORSHIP MEDIA COORDINATOR:

Skyler Spain

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Lisa Harbine

ACCOUNTANT: Erin Kennedy

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