

Beatitudes of Care

February 13, 2022



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 13, 2022

10:00 am

Today's readings are about relationships, finite and infinite... There is a Gentle Providence, quietly arcing through our lives, reminding us that we are all in this together. We are the beneficiaries of gifts we did not earn and our lives are our gifts to the future. We are finite, connected to the Infinite, and in this connection, we find peace even in challenging times... Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Plain connect wholeness, finitude, struggle, and mortality with being blessed. The blessed know their need, they immerse themselves in creative and nurturing interdependence... Creative interdependence nurtures, rather than blunts, personal agency. We are all in the same storm, and need to join each other in the same boat. Today's scriptures challenge us to embrace interdependence.

~ Bruce Epperly

PRELUDE

“Etude, Op.25 No. 7”

Judy Widrig & Mia Kelly

by Frédéric Chopin

Arr. by Aleksander Glazunov for cello and piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Darlene Mathias

One Voice: Blessed are we

All Voices: **when we join in community that loves one another
(even if we don't always like each other).**

One Voice: Blessed are we

All Voices: **when we recognize our interdependence
(sometimes we need to give; sometimes we need to receive).**

One Voice: Blessed are we

All Voices: **when we acknowledge we don't always get it right
(please God, open us to being made better in whatever ways we can).**

One Voice: Blessed are we

All Voices: **when we remember the whole world is a blessing,
blessed by the Divine, blessed by our relationships,
blessed by community.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God”

IVERSON

Quartet: Kay Marsh, Darlene Mathias, Leslee Probasco, Larry Menninga



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. Stephens 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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MOMENT FOR MISSION

Creation Care

Jean Waight

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.

A BEATITUDE OF CARE

Sharon Benton

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Kathleen McGuinness

HYMN 536

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

SERVANT SONG

by Richard Gillard, arr. by Betty Carr Pulkingham. Used under CSS License #12615

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

Darlene Mathias

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Darlene Mathias

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

Stacy & Matti Malone-Miller

A BEATITUDE OF CARE

Randy Flowers

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Julie Gorrell

HYMN 553

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”
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Balm in Gilead

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Darlene Mathias

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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/fcbbucc](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?x=1&from=paypal-menus&me=fcbbucc).*

BENEDICTION

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

“Juba Dance”
by Nathaniel Dett

Judy Widrig

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BE THE CHURCH - Occasional Conversations at the Intersection of Faith & Life: Join today's discussion "Embrace Diversity" at 11:15 am. The next discussion is **Sunday, February 27, at 11:15 am**, "Forgive Often." Th Zoom link is in the Connection Calendar, or contact ted@fccb.net.

SHARING STORIES: Join us for stories every **Wednesday, at 6:30 pm!** The Zoom link is in the Connection Calendar, or contact susan@fccb.net.

ADULT FORUMS: All are welcome to join in the continuing discussion about *Tenacious Solidarity* by Walter Brueggemann **7:00 pm each Wednesday** on Zoom. Find the link in the Connection Calendar or contact ted@fccb.net.

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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