

But That's My Coat, Jesus!
February 20, 2022



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 20, 2022

10:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Voice: You have heard it said that those with the most toys win.

All Voices: **But Jesus tells us to sell all we have and give even the proceeds away.**

One Voice: You have heard it said that independence is the principal goal of adulthood.

All Voices: **But Jesus tells us to come together to break bread, to share love and loss, to serve others.**

One Voice: You have heard it said that it is your right to live the good life; and don't get mad, get even.

All Voices: **But Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek and give away our coats—sacrifice the personal for God's earth-filling reign.**

One Voice: God help us to hear our culture's maxims as strange.

All Voices: **God help us to hear Jesus' words and not give up on wholeness.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

IVERSON



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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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.*

*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,
go to <https://www.fccb.net/contact-us/> to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"I Live Under a Bridge"
by Linda Allen

Linda Allen

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38
New Revised Standard Version

Janet Ott

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Janet Ott

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

Susan Huffman

SERMON

“But That’s My Coat, Jesus!”

Sharon Benton

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Judy Widrig

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Janet Ott

*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/fccbu](https://www.paypal.com/mefccbu).*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Blessing”
by Linda Allen

Linda Allen & Lucy Bledig

BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



we're
BETTER
together

SARAH TITUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BE THE CHURCH - Occasional Conversations at the Intersection of Faith & Life: The next discussion is **Sunday, February 27, at 11:15 am**, "Forgive Often." The 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**
- **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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