

Full to the Brim { Under God's Wing

March 13, 2022



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2022

10:00 am

“What does it look like to refuse to be mothered by Jesus?” ~ Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton & Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

from A Sanctified Art

Jennifer Green

One Voice: If God is a hen,

All Voices: we are under God’s wing.

One Voice: If God is a table,

All Voices: we each have a seat.

One Voice: If God is a house,

All Voices: we are safe from the storm.

One Voice: If God is a party,

All Voices: we’re invited to dance.

One Voice: If God is a melody,

All Voices: our names are the lyrics.

One Voice: If this is God’s house,

All Voices: then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.

PASSING THE PEACE

If you’re willing to come to the microphone and offer “The peace of Christ” or “May God’s peace be with you” or some other words of grace, please note you are also sending your message to those worshipping online. If you’re in the pews wave or show another contact-free sign of peace.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennifer Green

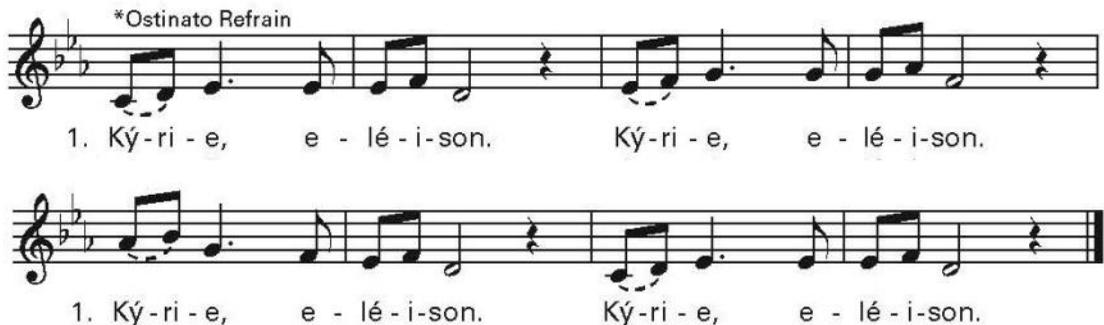
One Voice: Family of faith, we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest. So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen. Let us confess our sins together. . .

All Voices: **When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,
"I will keep on."
I will keep on healing.
I will keep on teaching.
I will keep on preaching.
I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.
I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.
I will keep on believing that this world can change.
I will keep on
and keep on
and keep on until God's promised day.
Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.**

KYRIE

Luke D. Rosen

*Ostinato Refrain



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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

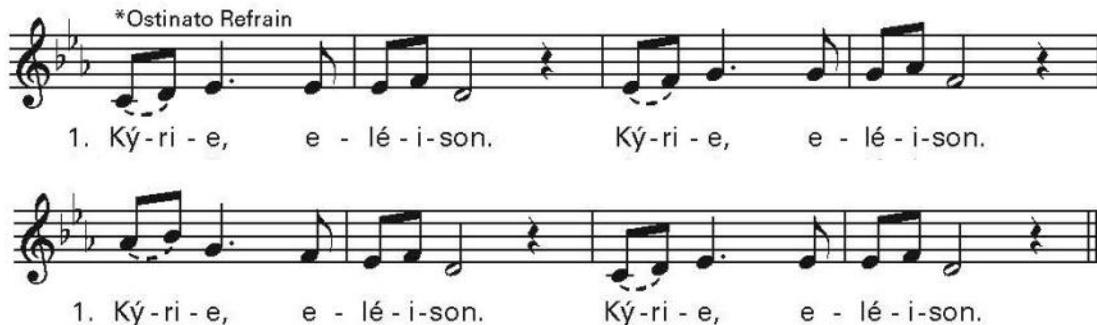
Davi Weasley

Keep humming the Kyrie as we receive these words...

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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.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

by John Bell



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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A READING FROM THE POETS

by Sarah Speed

Jennifer Green

*“I will keep on.”
That’s what I heard him say.
I will keep on
driving out demons
and healing people,
speaking the truth
and loving endlessly,
searching for the lost sheep
and crying for the brokenhearted,
feeding the hungry
and welcoming the outcast.*

*“I will keep on.”
That’s what he said, right
after he said my name, right
after he called me beloved, right after he
welcomed me home
and saved me a seat.
And I knew,
there was no stopping him.
I was under his wing.
Come rain or come shine,
today and tomorrow,
this love keeps on.*

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

Jennifer Green

Common English Bible

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Jennifer Green

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

Ted Huffman

SUNG RESPONSE

“May the Love of God Fill You”

by Tom Hunter

We invite people worshipping in person to hum this tune.

May the love of God fill you from your
head town to your toes. May it wa - ale through your fina - ers and
dance up - on your nose. May the peo - ple all a - round you help you
live so lov - ing grows. May the love of God fill you up un -
til it o - ver flows.

The image shows a musical score for the song "May the Love of God Fill You" by Tom Hunter. It consists of five staves of music in a single treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for a sung response. The lyrics are: "May the love of God fill you from your head town to your toes. May it wa - ale through your fina - ers and dance up - on your nose. May the peo - ple all a - round you help you live so lov - ing grows. May the love of God fill you up un - til it o - ver flows." The word "wa" is written with a tilde (~) over it, and "ale" is written with a dash (-) over it. The word "un" is written with a dash (-) over it. The word "flows" is written with a period (.) at the end.

SERMON

"Full to the Brim { Under God's Wing"

Sharon Benton

HYMN 485

"Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

Text by George Matheson. Tune by Albert L. Peace.
Lucy Bledig, Kay Marsh, Larry Menninga, Leslee Probasco

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jennifer Green

*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/donate/?url=https://www.fccb.net).*

Offertory**BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



Cover Image Artist's Statement: *Enough* by Rev. T. Denise Anderson. Inspired by Luke 13:31-35. Wood and acrylic inlay. Artist statement: *Jesus' lament over Jerusalem's intransigence is powerful because you can hear a righteous indignation and a deep anguish. He foreshadows his own execution, but his pain is for the waywardness of his people. This is one of a handful of times scripture uses feminine, specifically maternal, imagery in connection to God: "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings..." (Luke 13:34b, NRSV) That, for me, is significant. As a mother, I know what it feels like to watch from a relative distance as a child makes heartbreaking decisions. I didn't want to illustrate the details of the scene with my piece; I wanted to depict the emotions in it, to somehow capture the heartache of a parent whose children have chosen a destructive path.*

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,
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Davi: davi@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager
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and she'll pass your message on.

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