

Sending an Advocate

May 22, 2022



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

10:00 am

Welcome! Please participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable.

*We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too.
There are pillows in the front where they can see the instruments and participate fully,
or the coloring, book, and play area is available in the corner near the windows.
Their movements back and forth are a joy for all of us.*

“History belongs to the intercessors, who believe a new world into being.” ~ Walter Wink

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley & Phiwa Langeni

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Darlene Mathias

One Voice: Come Holy Spirit.

All Voices: Strengthen our broken hearts.

One Voice: Come Holy Spirit.

All Voices: Heal our wounded ideas about what love can be like.

One Voice: Come Holy Spirit.

All Voices: Usher us into the community of God’s Heart.

One Voice: Come Holy Spirit.

All Voices: Lead us into worship

***HYMN 270**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

BRIDEGROOM

** Rise in body or spirit*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

If you're willing, please come to the microphone to offer "peace" to those worshipping online; or you might stay in your seat and type a message into your smartphone to someone at home; or you might wave, bump elbows, or show other signs of peace with others.

***SUNG RESPONSE 236**

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

HALLELUJAH

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 www.fccb.net/contact-us/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Receive My Peace"

by Rachael Weasley, harmony by Tom Ryberg

The musical score is written for four parts: Voice, Baritone, Voice (Vo.), and Baritone (Bar.). It is in the key of B-flat major (one flat) and 8/8 time. The first system shows the first two lines of the song. The lyrics are: "I do not give as the world gives, A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia - al". The second system shows the next two lines. The lyrics are: "I do not give as the world gives, re - cieve my peace." The score includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature of 8/8. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with lyrics placed below the notes.

SUNG RESPONSE

**“May the Love of God Fill You”
by Tom Hunter**

May the love of God fill you from your
head down 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 musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in common time (C). It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "May the love of God fill you from your head down 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 music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 14:23-29
New Revised Standard Version

Darlene Mathias

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.**

SERMON

“PEACE!”

Phiwa Langeni

***HYMN 294**

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”
verses 1, 2, 5, 6

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Darlene Mathias

*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/US/mcharity/fccb).*

Offering Music

“When We Are Singing”

Choir

Mexican hymn, arr./lyrics: Kevin Padworski, 2017. Used with permission.

***BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

Holy Spirit Word Search

M N X P E K E B G L X N N I G I K T T Z B T I K
 Y B V R W Y D U N A X N J M N F F N K Z T T N B
 O Z R O L E S N U O C R R C L T W R Z V M D D Q
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 D K R S F H R E T R O F M O C O I W E H F P V I
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 B F C U V O P T L B G C L Z I I K E U T W M R J
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 F N G P R F O D E K Y G A M N Q F K E A W K V S
 K E E S G W S V G R D W X E S I T J O J W B H G

witness
 spirit of god
 intercessor
 earnest
 convicter of sin
 comforter

Teacher
 spirit of truth
 indweller of believers
 seal
 advocate
 author of scripture

spirit of life
 revealer
 guide
 deposit
 counselor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for Sunday Worship: Today's flowers were provided by Kathleen & Scott McGuinness in celebration of Malcolm's second birthday. You can sign up too! [Sign up online.](#)

Community Open Hours: Here are some opportunities to share with Pastor Phiwa what matters to you. There are several different times and dates available. For more information visit our blog: <https://www.fccb.net/blog/sabbatical-experiences-with-pastor-phiwa/>

Coming Soon – Sabbath Starters! Beginning **June 12**, join us on Sundays at **9:00 am** for a brief discussion & meditation. This will be offered in person in the Mt. Baker Room and online via Zoom. For details, see our blog: <https://www.fccb.net/blog/sabbath-starters/>

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**
 - ◆ Adult Forum: **weekly, 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **5:00 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ 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.

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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VISITING PASTOR: **Phiwa Langeni**

LEAD PASTOR: **Sharon Benton** —
on sabbatical

PASTOR FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS,
& MISSION: **Davi Weasley**

INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

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MINISTER OF MUSIC: **Lucy Bledig**

ORGANIST: **Judy Widrig**

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