

Heart Songs

May 29, 2022



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 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.*

“A hero is no braver than an ordinary person, but they are brave five minutes longer.” ~ Anon.

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley & Phiwa Langeni

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Amelia Bacon

One Voice: Giver of Songs, remind us of forgotten verses

Many Voices: Make a way for us, be now our vision

One Voice: You who dance to the music of the comets and the quetzals

Many Voices: Draw us into your sacred rhythms

One Voice: You who laugh in delight at a child's first cry, at the new melody that rises up in the heart of an old person

Many Voices: Teach us again how to lift every voice

One Voice: You whose Love is the song of our hearts,

Many Voices: Take the lead in this harmony that has no leader

All Voices: Give us the courage to enter the Song.

** Rise in body or spirit*

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Not in some heav - en, light-years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Now is the Kin - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
 Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
 Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***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

Phiwa Langeni

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 765

"Alleluia"

ALLELUIA

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Phiwa Langeni

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.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34

Amelia Bacon

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

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.**

SERMON

“Heart Songs”

Phiwa Langeni

***HYMN 476**

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

ENDLESS SONG

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.Melfccbucc](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.fccbucc.org).*

Offering Music

“The Times They Are a changin”
by Bob Dylan

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for Sunday Worship: Sign up to participate in worship by sharing the beauty of your garden with us! [Sign up online.](#)

Community Open Hours: Pastor Phiwa wants to know what matters to you. There are several different listening 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**

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

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