

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

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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.*

PRELUDE

Rylan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley & Phiwa Langeni

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One Voice: The wind blows.

Many Voices: The spirit moves.

One Voice: A voice speaks.

Many Voices: People hear and understand.

One Voice: God, holy and mysterious, flows through our midst.

Many Voices: We gather to feel the refreshing wind.

One Voice: Open yourselves to hear God speaking to you in your own language.

Many Voices: We come to hear God's word.

One Voice: People of God, let us worship together.

All Voices: We gather to worship God in spirit and in truth.

***HYMN 261**

"Let Every Christian Pray"

LAUDES DOMINI

* Rise in body or spirit

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Sterling

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**

"Receive My Peace"
by Rachael Weasley

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems. The first system has a Voice part (treble clef) and a Baritone part (bass clef). The lyrics for the first system are: "I do not give as the world gives, A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia - al". The second system also has a Voice part (treble clef) and a Baritone part (bass clef). The lyrics for the second system are: "I do not give as the world gives, re - cieve my peace." Both systems end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Scott Slaba, Patti Williams, & Bill Liddicoet

Covenant of the Congregation:

Beth Tyne, Moderator

Moderator: Members of this faith community, you have heard promises of our sister and brothers in Christ who have answered God's call to service as Stephen Ministers. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

Congregation: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to support you, to honor your ministry among us, and to allow you to minister to us that we might more fully recognize the faithfulness of God in our midst.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Here I Am”

HERE I AM LORD

Refrain only, back cover of hymnal

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

Skyler, Rylan, and Sterling

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

John Green & Sterling

SUNG RESPONSE

“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing". The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with asterisks indicating where to sing. The first staff starts with the lyrics "I'm gon-na sing* when the Spir - it says sing, ___ I'm gon-na". The second staff starts with a measure rest (marked with a '3') and continues with "sing when the Spir - it says sing, ___ I'm gon-na sing when the". The third staff starts with a measure rest (marked with a '5') and continues with "Spir-it says sing, ___ Oh - sing for the Spir-it of our God. ___".

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Poor People's Campaign

Pat Gillham & Rylan

ANTHEM

"It Is Well With My Soul"
arr. by Jason W. Krug

Handbell Choir

STATEMENTS OF BELIEF

Skyler
Sterling

AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT WITH CHURCH

Skyler & Sterling

Questions of the Candidates

Congregational Response (unison)

We celebrate the talents and the gifts you bring to share with us. We celebrate that you have chosen to join with us in the study of God's Word; in discerning the Spirit's movement; in serving those within this church and within the wider community. Together may we deepen our faith and continue to learn, question and give thanks as we journey together.

Prayer

Davi Weasley

HYMN 286

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

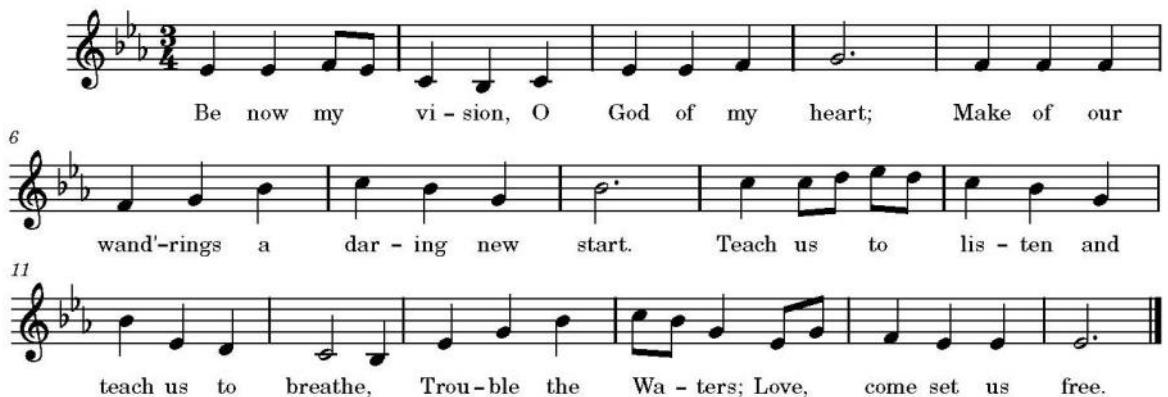
*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,
go to www.fccb.net/contact-us/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

SUNG RESPONSE

"Be Now Our Vision" alt.

ALLELUIA

Text by Davi Weasley



Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart; Make of our
6 wand'-rings a dar - ing new start. Teach us to lis - ten and
11 teach us to breathe, Trou - ble the Wa - ters; Love, come set us free.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Mark & Skyler

*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).*

Offering Music

"For All the Saints"
by Sondra K. Tucker

Handbell Choir

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*If you're joining us from home, gather something to eat and drink;
the risen Christ will meet us wherever we are.*

If you're worshiping in person today, you may come forward to receive communion. Stay distanced, please; and remove your mask briefly. If you wish to remain seated, someone will come around to you in your seat. Just raise a hand or indicate that you would like communion as they come around, remembering that if you come forward you will be on the video.

Communion Music. NCH 332 "As We Gather At Your Table" BEACH SPRING

***BENEDICTION**

Skyler, Sterling, Rylan

POSTLUDE

Skyler

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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