

Your Loss Is Your Gain

June 26, 2022



first  **congregational**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 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.*

PRELUDE

“Alleluia”
by Scott Ward

One Accord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One Voice: The things we believe can keep us in one place.

Many Voices: The things we believe can set us free.

One Voice: The things we believe can divide us and make us bitter.

Many Voices: The things we believe can draw us to kindness and community.

One Voice: The things we believe can get in the way of God’s Good News.

Many Voices: The things we believe can transform the world.

One Voice: Hear us o God, and shape our believing:

Many Voices: Draw us to worship, draw us to imagining, draw us to what is coming!

***HYMN 73**

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

ENTER, REJOICE

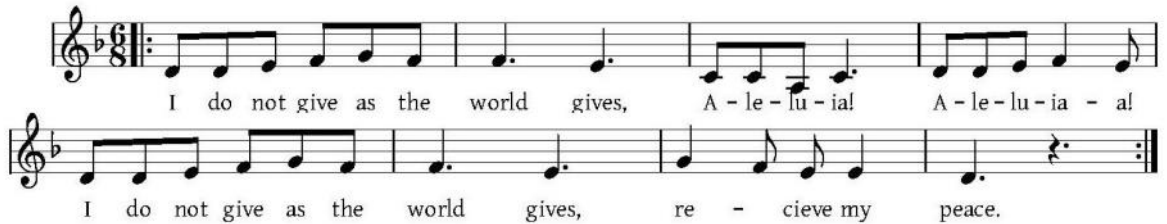
* Rise in body or spirit

*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

"Receive My Peace"
by Rachael Weasley



I do not give as the world gives, A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia - a!

I do not give as the world gives, re - cieve my peace.

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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

“Be Now My Vision” alt.

SLANE

Be now my vi - sion, O God of our hearts; In - cite ex - plor -
a - tion right off of the charts. Stir us and stretch us, O
God of new days, Lead us in ten - der - ness, God, now and al - ways.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ted & Susan Huffman

SUNG RESPONSE

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

I'm gon-na sing* when the Spir - it says sing, ___ I'm gon-na
sing when the Spir - it says sing, ___ I'm gon-na sing when the
Spir - it says sing, ___ Oh - sing for the Spir - it of our God. ___

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A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:21-28

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.

SERMON

“Your Loss Is Your Gain”

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HYMN 360

“Thuma Mina” (Send Me, God)

THUMA Mina



1. Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,
2. Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,
3. Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,
4. Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma

Last time D. C.

The second line of musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a repeat sign (two dots) and a double bar line. After the double bar line, there are three notes: a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The notes B4 and A4 are connected by a slur, and there is a fermata over the A4 note. The G4 note is also connected by a slur. The notes B4 and A4 are connected by a slur, and there is a fermata over the A4 note. The G4 note is also connected by a slur.

1. Je - sus, send me, Lord.
2. Je - sus, lead me, Lord.
3. Je - sus, fill me, Lord.
4. mi - na, so - man - dla

Lead _____ me, _____ Lord.
Fill _____ me, _____ Lord.
Thu - ma mi - na.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

Offering Music

"Seize the Day"

One Accord

by Alan Menken & Jack Feldman, arr. by Kirby Shaw

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

"The Blessing"

One Accord

by Brendan Graham & David Downes, arr. by Audrey Snyder

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for Sunday Worship: Sign up to participate in worship by sharing the beauty of your garden with us! [Sign up online](#). Today's flowers were provided by **Larry & Mary Jo Menninga** in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Sabbath Starters! 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**
- **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/>.

**Mid Year Meeting Today! 11:15 am
Hybrid—In the Sanctuary or on Zoom.**

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:

Ted & Susan Huffman

MINISTER OF MUSIC: **Lucy Bledig**

ORGANIST: **Judy Widrig**

ACCOUNTANT: **Erin Kennedy**

OFFICE MANAGER: **Cydne Cochran**

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE: **Kurt Aagard**

WORSHIP MEDIA COORDINATOR:

Georgia Drost

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:

Alanna Steele

MODERATOR: **Beth Tyne**

VICE MODERATOR: **Mark Schofield**

PAST MODERATOR: **Bill Henkel**

CLERK: **Janet Malley**

TREASURER: **Jen Sandoval**

HISTORIAN: **Stacy Miller**

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