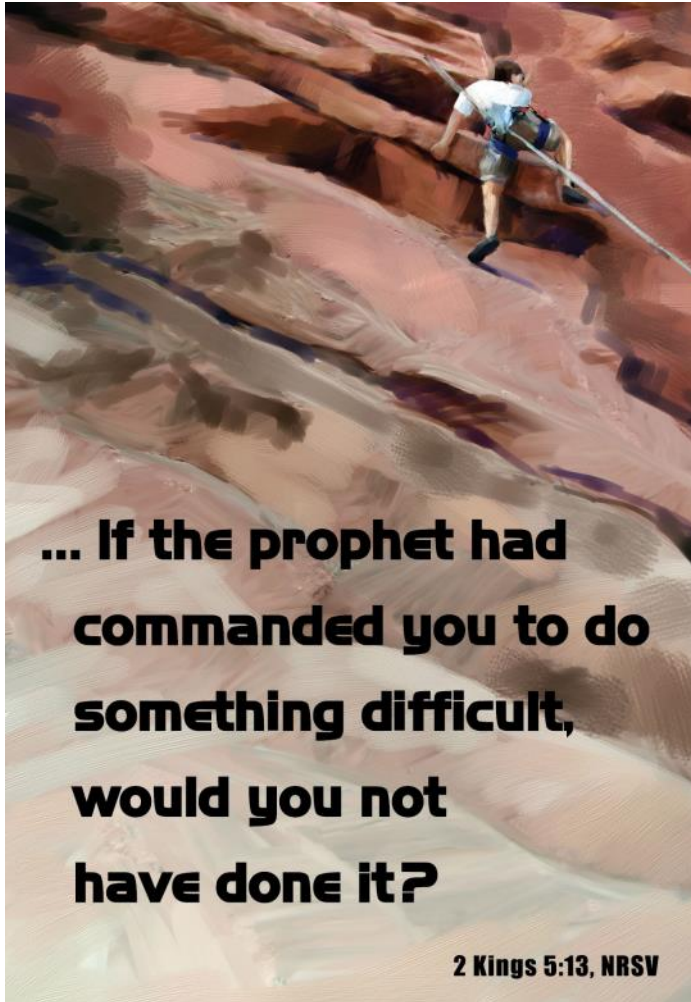


All Questions Considered July 3, 2022



**... If the prophet had
commanded you to do
something difficult,
would you not
have done it?**

2 Kings 5:13, NRSV

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 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

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lyz Staman

One Voice: What are we doing here?

**Many Voices: Is there some magic in gathering, in praying and singing
and wondering together?**

One Voice: Isn't there something better we could be doing with our time?

Many Voices: How will this hour change us?

One Voice: Is any of this going to last?

**Many Voices: What will stay with us? What will give us a little more courage
in a scary time?**

One Voice: What's going to happen next?

Many Voices: Can we find out together?



Ho - ly Pres - ence, Ho - ly Teach - er, Ligh - il - lu - min - ing our lives, in the
By our nur - ture and by cul - ture ev - 'ry life is shaped to grow, fed by
God, we pray for un - der - stand - ing in our stu - dy, in our goals, con - cepts



com - pass of your wis - dom all our work and wor - ship thrives: lead us
long tra - di - tion's learn - ing, formed by men - tors as we go; tune our
that will change and chal - lenge, vi - sion to in - spire our souls, that this



when we sense your call - ing till we find our chos - en field, fol - low -
ears to hear the gos - pel ques - tion - ing ac - cept - ed thought, read - y
place for mind's re - flec - tion, faith ex - am - in - eed, Word ad - dressed, be a



ing your hand's di - rec - tion, hon - or - ing your truth re - vealed.
to re - spect each oth - er, see the gifts that each has brought.
wit - ness to your teach - ing and our faith - ful search be blessed.

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*PASSING THE PEACE

If you're willing, please come to the microphone to offer "peace" to those worshiping 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 - al



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

A TIME FOR QUESTIONS

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 My Vision” alt.

SLANE

Be now my vi - sion, O God of each day, Gift us with
won - der and teach us to pray. Turn us and change us with
each pass - ing hour, Fill us with ques - tions, re - veal - ing your
power.

SUNG RESPONSE

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "I'm gon-na sing* when the Spir-it says sing, ___ I'm gon-na". The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '3' above it, indicating a triplet. The lyrics are: "sing when the Spir-it says sing, _____ I'm gon-na sing when the". The third staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '5' above it, indicating a quintuplet. The lyrics are: "Spir-it says sing, ___ Oh - sing for the Spir-it of our God. ___".

I'm gon-na sing* when the Spir-it says sing, ___ I'm gon-na

3
sing when the Spir-it says sing, _____ I'm gon-na sing when the

5
Spir-it says sing, ___ Oh - sing for the Spir-it of our God. ___

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A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 5:1-14

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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.**

A TIME FOR QUESTIONS

HYMN**“Ask the Complicated Questions”**

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions; do not
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers; fol - low
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as, test as -
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er truth both



fear to be found out, for our God makes strong our
 where the Spir - it blows, test com - pet - ing truths for
 sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from shores of
 sim - ple and pro - found: in the knock - ing, ask - ing,



weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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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.*

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

Offering Music

"Blowin' in the Wind"

by Bob Dylan

David Fayram, Guitar & Vocals; Nancy Fayram, Vocals; Darlene Mathias, Vocals & Cello

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A TIME FOR QUESTIONS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

COMMUNION ELEMENT INGREDIENTS:

Communion loaf— whole wheat flour, molasses, yeast, salt.

Gluten free wafers—Rice flour, safflower oil, salt. Juice— grape juice, vitamin C

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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