

Church Stories
July 10, 2022



**“See, I am setting
a plumb line in
the midst of
my people
Israel ...”**

Amos 7:8, NRSV

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 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.*

“To survive, know the past. Let it touch you. Then let the past go.” ~ Octavia Butler

PRELUDE

Penelope Keep

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Stacy Malone Miller

One Voice: Our history shapes us—

Many Voices: Those who came before, who we treasure in memory and in presence.

One Voice: Our story shapes us—

Many Voices: Tales of challenge and triumph, heartbreak and sudden hope.

One Voice: Our church shapes us—

**Many Voices: Those who gather, those who have gone on,
and those who made this community what it is**

One Voice: Help us, God, to hear the call of history,

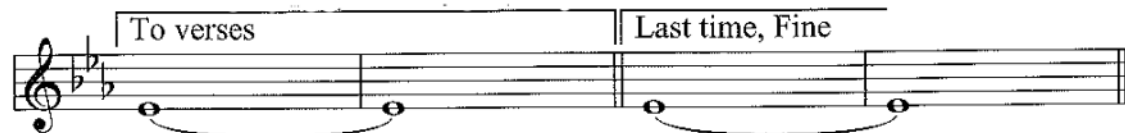
Many Voices: And to carry that call into the future.



Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our_



song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_



wide._____ wide._____



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er



- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
 great and small; let our lov - ing
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of



held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms. _____
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. _____
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. _____

D.C.

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*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

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in 6/8 time and begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "I do not give as the world gives, A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia - al". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: "I do not give as the world gives, re - ceive 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,

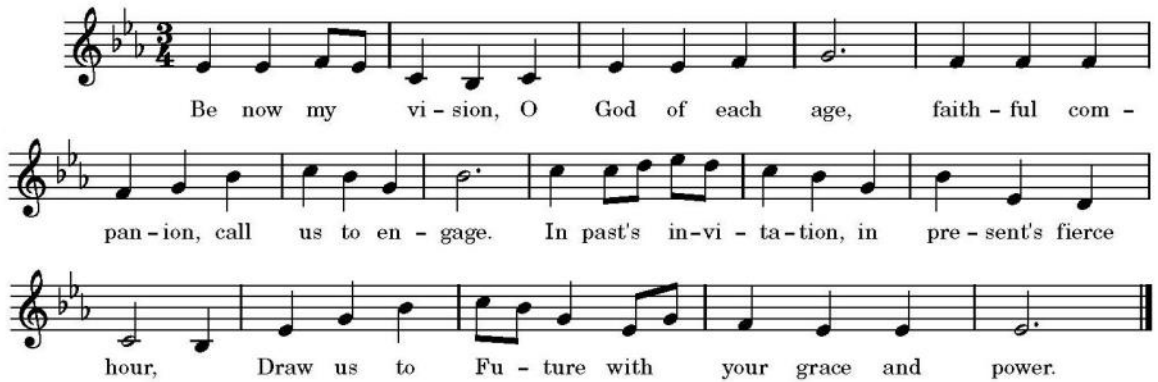
forever and ever. *Amen.*

*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 each age, faith - ful com -
pan - ion, call us to en - gage. In past's in - vi - ta - tion, in pre - sent's fierce
hour, Draw us to Fu - ture with your grace and power.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

Davi Weasley

GRADUATE BLESSING

Davi Weasley

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

Amos 7: 7-17
Common English Bible, alt.

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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.**

CHURCH STORIES PANEL

HYMN 588

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

ST. THOMAS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*There are several options for giving: 1) Give at our website, <https://fcb.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/fcbbucc](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.firstcongregational.org).*

Offering Music

Penelope Keep

***BENEDICTION**

Phiwa Langeni

POSTLUDE

Penelope Keep

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collaborative Visioning Experience Today! After today's worship service, we'll gather together to experiment and explore about what might be next! We'll spend about ninety minutes on a Collaborative Visioning Experience, trying to hear how the Spirit is calling First Congregational. You can join us in person in the Sanctuary, or you can join us by Zoom using the link in the Friday email and the Connection Calendar.

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

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: see the blog for the summer schedule—<https://www.fccb.net/blog/adult-forum-summer-2022/>
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Exploring Prayer, **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Sunday**
 - ◆ Youth Group, **Sundays, 11:30 am**—This month, youth group will meet only **July 24**.

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:

Ted & Susan Huffman

MINISTER OF MUSIC: **Lucy Bledig**

ORGANIST: **Judy Widrig**

ACCOUNTANT: **Erin Kennedy**

OFFICE MANAGER: **Cydne Cochran**

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE: **Kurt Aagard**

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Georgia Drost

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VICE MODERATOR: **Mark Schofield**

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