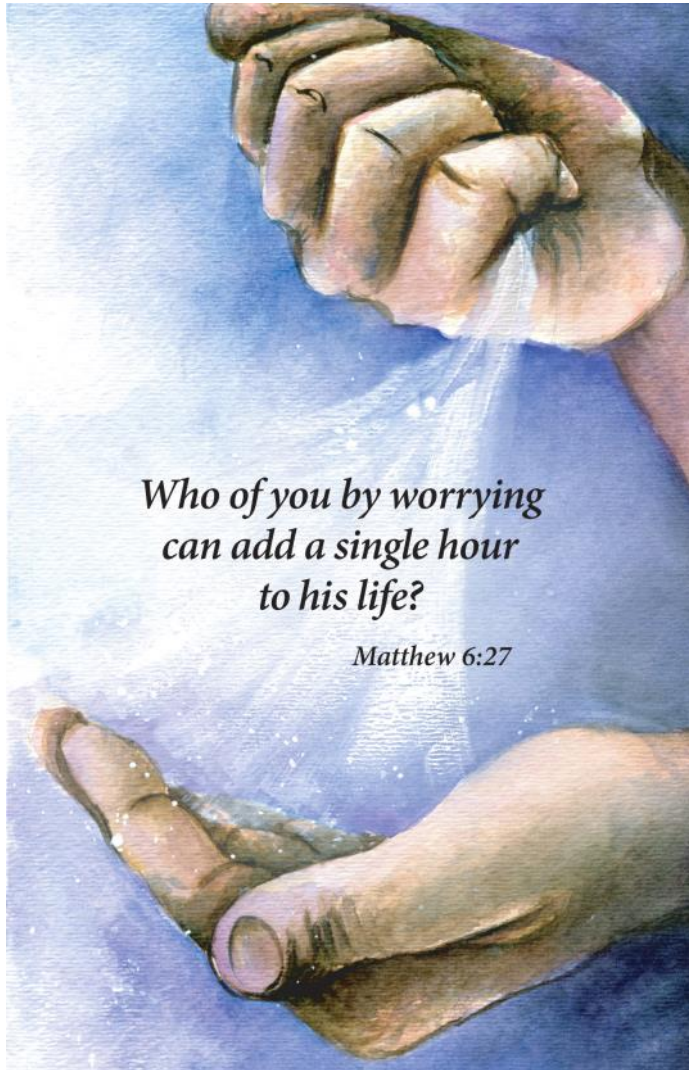


Do Not Worry

July 17, 2022



*Who of you by worrying
can add a single hour
to his life?*

Matthew 6:27

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 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**

Stacy Malone Miller

One Voice: We come with our worries, our doubts, our anxiety.

Many Voices: We come to gather these together and so experience some peace.

One Voice: We come embodying a huge range of what it means to be human:
straight and gay and cis and trans and many other things besides.

Many Voices: We come to gather these together and so experience some connection.

One Voice: We come as those who have survived a storm,
and those who are still in the midst.

Many Voices: We come to gather these together, and so experience solidarity.

One Voice: Let's join together in worship.

Many Voices: Let's see what we'll experience together.

***HYMN**

"Weary Seekers"

SERVANT SONG

by Gretchen Toler Debus. Used with permission.

Wear - ry seek - ers wan - 'dring seek - ers,
Doubt - ing seek - ers burned out seek - ers
We are seek - ers drawn to - geth - er,
Seek - ers hear God's in - vi - ta - tion,
in God's pre - sence loved and known. Lone - ly seek - ers
all are wel - come in this place. Wound - ed and re -
flawed yet touched by Spi - rit fire. We'll seek God in
for this pur - pose we are called. Act with just - ice
mis - fit seek - ers all be - long; we are God's own.
jec - ted seek - ers, come and find Christ's heal - ing grace.
one an - oth - er seek to love, seek God's de - sire.
and com - pass - ion, we pro - claim God's love for all!

***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.

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,

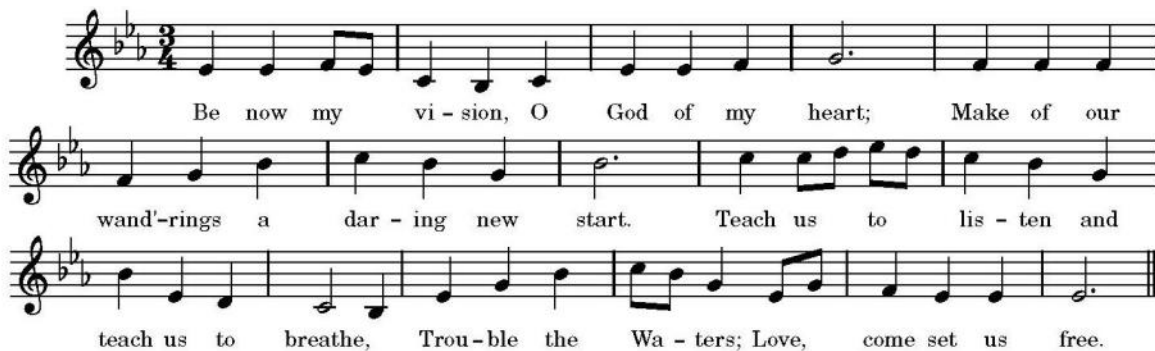
forever and ever. *Amen.*

*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 my heart; Make of our
 wand'-rings a dar - ing new start. Teach us to lis - ten and
 teach us to breathe, Trou - ble the Wa - ters; Love, come set us free.

SUNG RESPONSE

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "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. ___". The asterisk on "sing*" indicates a specific note value. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests.

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A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

Stacy Malone Miller

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

“Do Not Worry”

Phiwa Langeni

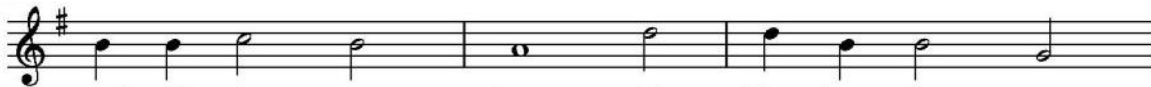
HYMN

“God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways”
by Edward Moran. Used with permission.

AZMON



God loves us in my - ster - ious ways be -
More light and truth have yet to break from
We take a chance on God, and fall to
"Come forth!" from deep, con - fin - ing tombs of
A place where friends are swell and true and



yond all sin or shame; rich bless - ings for our
God's e - ter - nal Word; sure - heart - ed and with
high - er depths of love; in faith and flesh we
gen - der, class, and race en - gen - dered here: wide
lives and loves in - creased; till all who come are



wear - y days as love dares speak its - name.
hope we take new leaps of faith un - blurred.
heed God's call to op - en doors a - bove.
o - pen rooms that of - fer pride of place.
wel - comed to the Lamb's own mar - riage feast.

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

Offering Music

Reilly A.

*BENEDICTION

Phiwa Langeni

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIDE PARADE TODAY at noon! Today's parade begins at Waypoint Park. Can't make today? There's also a parade **Saturday, July 30**, beginning at **noon** at Depot Market Square.

SACRED EARTH FAIR Sunday, July 31, 1:00-5:00 pm: This event is sponsored by the Multifaith Network for Climate Justice. Read more on our blog: <https://www.fccb.net/blog/sacred-earth-fair/>

CREATION CARE August 15-18: a summer program for kids ages 3-5 grade (completed). The times will be approximately 9:30 am-12:00 noon. Grandchildren, cousins and friends are welcome!

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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