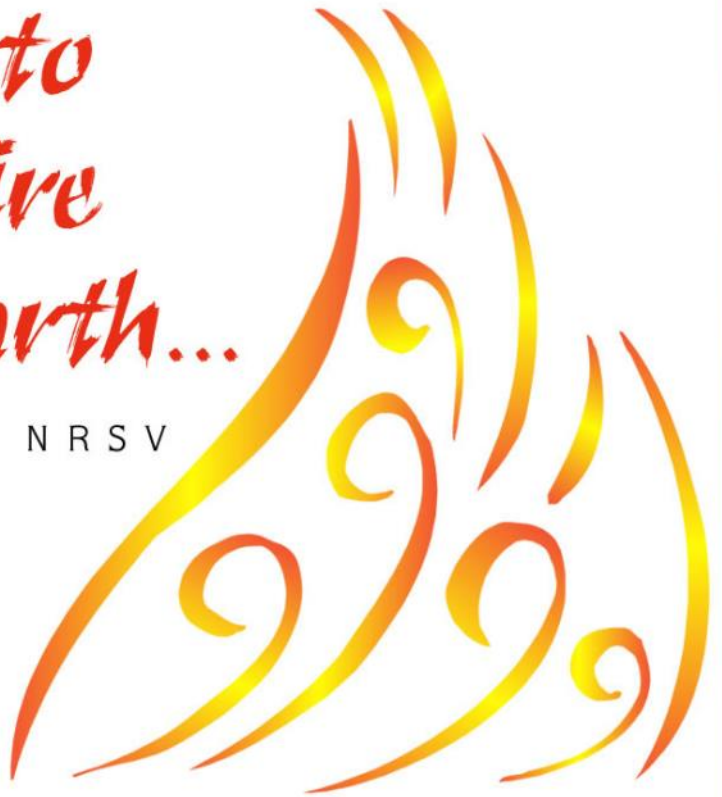


“Not Peace, But Division: A Love Story”
August 14, 2022

*I came to
bring fire
to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 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.*

“So much of the work of oppression is about policing the imagination.” ~ Saidiya V. Hartman

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Amelia Bacon

One Voice: They say we better go along to get along.

Many Voices: They say we better play along if we want to get by.

One Voice: They say even our dreams should fit into the appropriate categories.

Many Voices: They say we have to stick together and it's safer to agree.

One Voice: You, Risen Jesus, speak a different word.

Many Voices: What if it's sacred to speak out in the crowd?

One Voice: Teach us, o God, to be brave enough to risk disagreement.

Many Voices: Teach us, Spirit, to be agents of Sacred Division.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Davi Weasley

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

“God, We Thank You for Our People”

HOLY MANNA

God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,

5 hard-dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.

9 Faith-ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:

13 Here in hope as we re - mem-ber may our song to you be raised.

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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

“In Solitude”

LAND OF REST

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final measure containing a whole note. The lyrics are: "In sol - i-tude, in gath - er-ing, I come to God in prayer. In si - lence and sim - pli - ci - ty, my spir - it blos - soms there."

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 Tune, traditional United States melody, harm by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938.
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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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ted & Susan Huffman

SUNG RESPONSE

“This Little Light of Mine”

THIS JOY

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into four lines of music, with measure numbers 5, 9, and 12 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The lyrics are: 'This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine.' repeated three times, with the final line ending in 'let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.'

“This Little Light of Mine” Traditional Negro Spiritual.
Tune: THIS JOY, Traditional Negro Spiritual.

HYMN

"God Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

NETTLETON



God whose pur - pose is to kin - dle, Now ig - nite us with your
 God, who still a sword de - liv - ers Rath - er than a plac - id
 God, who in your ho - ly gos - pel Wills that all should tru - ly



4
 fire. While the earth a - waits your burn - ing, With your pas - sion us in -
 peace, With your sharp - ened sword dis - turb us, From com - pla - cen - cy re -
 live, Make us sense our share of fail - ure, Our tran - quil - i - ty for -



8
 spire. O - ver - come our sin - ful calm - ness, Stir us with your sav - ing name. Bap - tize
 lease! Save us now from sat - is - fac - tion, When we pri - vate - ly are free, Yet are
 give. Teach us cour - age as we strug - gle in all lib - er - at - ing strife. Lift the



13
 with your fier - y Spir - it, Crown our lives with tongues of flame.
 un - dis - turbed in spir - it. By our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.
 small - ness of our vi - sion by your own a - bun - dant life.

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

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 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

"Blackbird"

David & Nancy Fayram

by Paul McCartney

Craig Jennings

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*BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



**Creation Care Camp Begins Tomorrow!
Contact Susan to participate!**

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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