

“Don’t Sit There!”
August 28, 2022



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 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.*

*“God’s realm is built not on displays of wealth, prestige, or political influence,
but on love of the neighbor, even in conditions of conflict” ~ Carolyn J. Sharp*

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

by @enfleshed

Janet Ott

One Voice: The Living Christ has shown us this example:

All Voices: In mutuality, we find freedom.

One Voice: In sharing, we find abundance.

All Voices: In welcoming, we find our own belonging.

One Voice: And so we join together in worship and pray:

**All Voices: Creating One, you welcome us to the path of healing and invite us
to the ways of radical love. We desire to mirror your compassion
while at the same time honoring our own wellbeing. Grant us wisdom
to hold boundaries that support our thriving, that we may be hemmed
in from relationship dynamics that cause us harm. May we feel the
balance of what is ours to do and what is ours to release into your
Mysterious Peace. Amen.**



Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow,
 As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur - rows rise
 May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed,

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plant-ing fields of jus - tice, watch-ing mer - cy grow! In an ar - id
 stems of fresh be - gin - ings, stretch-ing toward the skies! Gra - cious - ness, our
 may God bless our ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed! Serv - ing Christ each

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waste - land, spread a ver - dant heath! In a land of tu - mult,
 mead - ow, joy - ful - ness, our root, u - ni - ty, our fo - li - age,
 sea - son, with God's di - a - gram, chart-ed by the spir - it,

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cul - ti - vate God's peace! Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to
 righ-teous-ness, our fruit! As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur-rows
 for the task at hand! May God's gar - den flour-ish, may our toil suc -

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sow, plant - ing fields of jus - tice, watch - ing mer - cy grow!
 rise, stems of fresh be - gin - ings, stretch - ing toward the skies!
 ceed, may God bless our ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed!

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*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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The second line starts with a measure rest, then G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The third line starts with a measure rest, then G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The fourth line starts with a measure rest, then G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Creation Care Camp

SONG

“The Garden Song”
by David Brian Mallett

David Fayram &
Creation Care Camp Singers

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 G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. 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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A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1, 7-15
 Common English Bible

Janet Ott

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 consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "This lit - tlelight of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine." The score is divided into four lines of music, with measure numbers 1, 5, 9, and 12 indicated at the start of each line. The final line ends with a double bar line.

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

SERMON

“Being Christian in a Quid Pro Quo Culture”
or “Don’t Sit There!”

Sharon Benton

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“For the Healing of the Nation”

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Cynthia St. Clair, & Larry Menninga

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/fccbucc](https://www.paypal.com/mefccb).*

Offering Music

Judy Widrig

***HYMN 332**

“As We Gather At Your Table”

BEACH SPRING

***BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

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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.

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You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at **office@fccb.net** and she'll pass your message on.

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