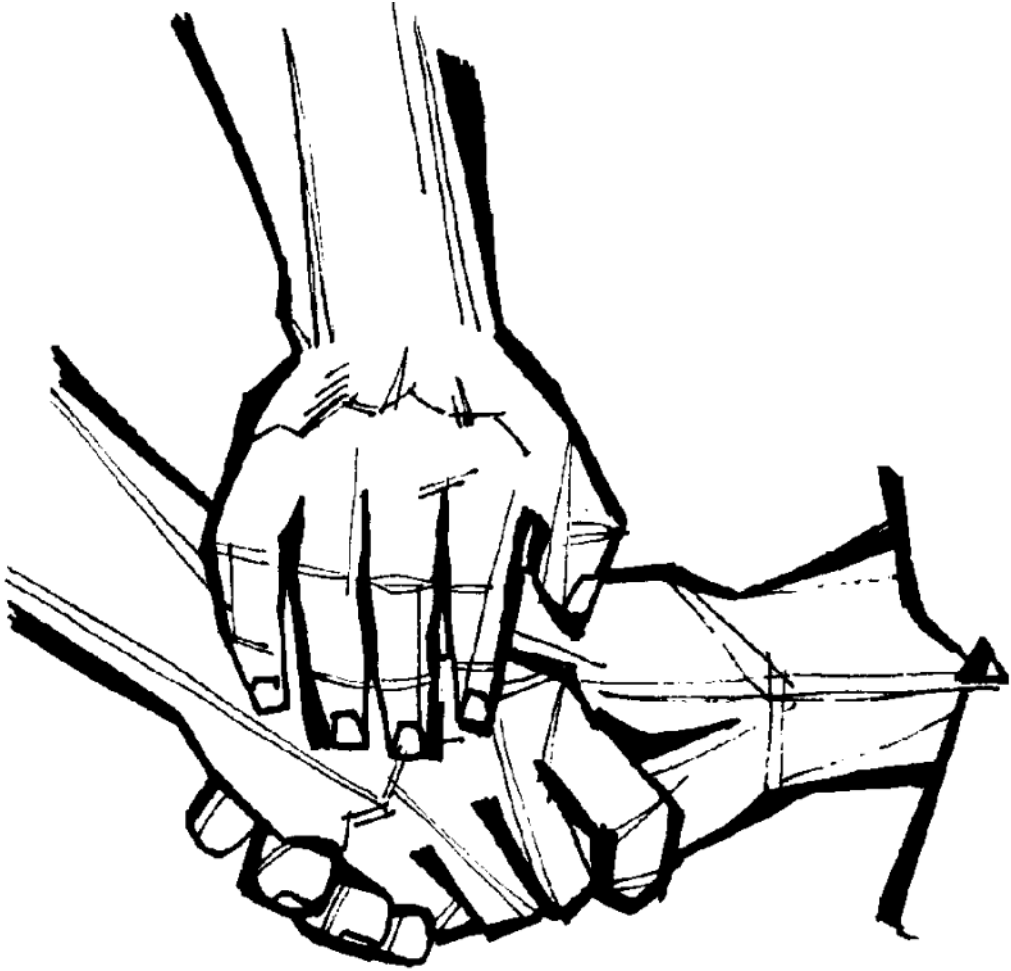


Sunday Worship
October 16, 2022



first  **congregational**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 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

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

THE STORY

Davi Weasley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

by Chris Shelton

Stacy Malone Miller

One Voice: God is calling us into Life:

**All Voices: the promise and the pain of it,
the wonder and the work of it,
the journey and the joy of it.**

One Voice: Other voices call us, too.

We've heard the call of violence,

All Voices: but God calls us to peace.

One Voice: We've heard the call of hate and cruelty,

All Voices: but God calls us to love and kindness.

One Voice: We've heard the call of greed and power,

All Voices: but God calls us to generosity and justice.

One Voice: God is calling us into Life.

All Voices: Let us worship God, and God alone.

"Draw the Circle Wide"



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

D.C.



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. _____

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After Time with Children, preschool & elementary children are invited to attend Church School.

SONG

“Open Our Hearts”

O - pen our hearts, _____ o - pen our minds. _____
_____ O - pen our lives to you, O lov - ing
God. _____ O - pen our hearts. _____

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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.*

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-26

Common English Bible

Stacy Malone Miller

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Stacy Malone Miller

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

Sharon Benton

HYMN 25

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
verses 1,3,4,6

ST. ANNE

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

by Quin Caldwell

Stewardship Speakers

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 Breeze app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give!

4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to (360) 205-1297, and set up your account.

Offering Music

Judy Widrig

***HYMN 472**

“What a Covenant”

LEANING

***BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

ROOM FOR REFLECTION

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.

Sharon **sharon@fccb.net**

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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& MISSION: Davi Weasley

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ORGANIST: Judy Widrig

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