

**All Saints & All Souls Celebration  
Perpetual Care  
October 30, 2022**



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

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 30, 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.*

*Why should I wish to see God better than this day?  
I see something of God each hour of the twenty-  
four, and each moment then,  
In the faces of [people] I see God, and in  
my own face in the glass,  
I find letters from God dropt in the street, and  
every one is sign'd by God's name,  
And I leave them where they are, for I know that  
wheresoe'er I go,  
Others will punctually come for ever and ever.  
~ Walt Whitman, from "Song of Myself, 48" in Leaves of Grass*

**PRELUDE**

*"Andante" from Violin Sonata no. 1  
by Sergei Prokofiev*

Judy Widrig &  
Grant Donnellan, Violin

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sharon Benton

**RINGING THE BELL**

**THE STORY**

Davi Weasley

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

author unknown

Janet Ott

One Voice: On our pilgrimage of faith, in a changing and uncertain world –  
All Voices: **we do not walk alone: the Eternal is with us.**  
One Voice: We remember all those who taught us faith –  
All Voices: **that cloud of witnesses whose example burns bright in our memory.**  
One Voice: God of grace, by whose love the world exists –  
All Voices: **show us your face once again and reveal to us your comfort**

**\*HYMN**

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID



1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain,



loud praise to Christ we bring;  
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
life shall not end the strain;



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
Christ is our guide and friend on whom we can de - pend:  
on heav-en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice.  
his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more,

Text: Christian H. Bateman (Scotland), *The Sacred Song Book for Children*, 1843

Music: Spanish traditional; arr. David Evans (Wales), 1927

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**CONNECTION REFLECTION**

Davi Weasley

*To go deeper into today's story, turn to others and reflect on the question;  
if you prefer to reflect on your own, use the open space in your bulletin to write or draw.  
If you need more space, use the "Room for Reflection" space on the last page.*

Who is someone who was the face of God for you in a particular moment—  
maybe they gave tangible help during a difficult time, coached you as you grew in skills,  
advocated for you, introduced you to an important movement or group,  
embodied values that inspire you, or prayed for you?



**SUNG INVITATION TO PRAYER**

"God Bless Every Step"



God bless ev-ery step that I am ta-king, and bless the earth be-neath my feet.

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**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Ted & Susan Huffman

*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. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on three staves in 12/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the lyrics to be filled in.

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee

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**RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE**

Sharon Benton

*Today we will begin by naming those members and friends of First Congregational Church who have died since our All Saints Celebration 2021. We will then invite any of you who wish to speak a loved one's name who has died this year to come forward to the microphone (please note you'll be on the video feed) or write in the Facebook comments a name we may read aloud.*

**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/](http://www.fccb.net/contact-us/) to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

**ANTHEM**

**“Tantum Ergo”**

**Chancel Choir**

**by Stephanie Martin**

*The words of this piece were written by St. Thomas Aquinas and are in Latin.  
Although Latin is no longer the native language of a living community of people,  
the music has an atmosphere and sense of ritual that has meaning beyond the words.*

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 40, selected verses**

**Janet Ott**

*Common English Bible*

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

**Janet Ott**

**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**

**“Perpetual Care”**

**Sharon Benton**

**HYMN 499** (seated)

“In All Our Living”  
English verses 1 & 2

PUES SI VIVIMOS

**INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP**

Nancy Fayram

*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.*

*If you haven't received a stewardship letter and pledge card, please let the office know. Our stewardship gratitude celebration will be **Sunday, November 13**. Please bring or send your pledge and join us (on Zoom or in person) for a Pledges & Possibilities Potluck following the service!*

**Offering Music**

“Melodia”  
by Grazyna Bacewicz

Judy Widrig &  
Grant Donnellan, Violin

**\*HYMN 299**

“For All the Saints”  
verses 1, 3, 5

SINE NOMINE

**\*BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

**POSTLUDE**

“Melody”  
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Judy Widrig &  
Grant Donnellan, Violin

After the postlude, we invite everyone to recess to the Memorial Garden to ritually dedicate it to this ministry. If you're able to walk down the stairs, please do so, allowing others to stand at the top of the stairs.

Bigger Balcony (Facebook) worshipers, the worship video will end, and a new feed will begin in the same place you found the worship service ([www.facebook.com/fccbucc](http://www.facebook.com/fccbucc)).

**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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**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**

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