

**Creation Care
Living Into a New Story
November 6, 2022**



first congregational
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

We thank the following people for assisting with worship:

HEAD USHER
Lyz Staman

LITURGIST
David Fayram

COVER IMAGE
Emily Wagnitz-Tracy

SANCTUARY ART
The set of silk banners, Earth, Stars, and Leaves, were designed and painted by Kristen Gilje. May they inspire you to contemplate the magnificence of our earth as we explore ways to care for God's creation. These banners will be up until Advent.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 6, 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 us.

*Look! I'm doing a new thing;
now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?
I'm making a way in the desert,
paths in the wilderness. Isaiah 43:19*

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

THANKSGIVING INTROIT

KREMSER

We ga - ther to - get - ther to ask for God's bless - ing to
5 be in com - mun - i - ty through time and space. We
9 come now, as seek - ers and doubt - ters, ex - press - ing our
13 thanks for you, O God, for your love and your grace.

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* Rise in body or spirit

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ* David Fayram

One Voice: We walk in wonder beneath the sun and stars

All Voices: **Creation is God's masterpiece, and we are blessed to share it.**

One Voice: We give thanks for the air, the land, and the water

All Voices: **and for all the creatures joined together in the web of life**

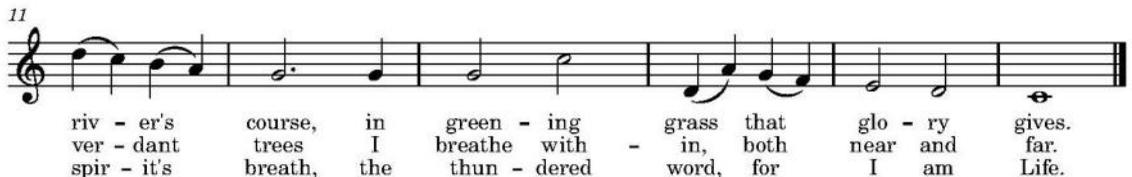
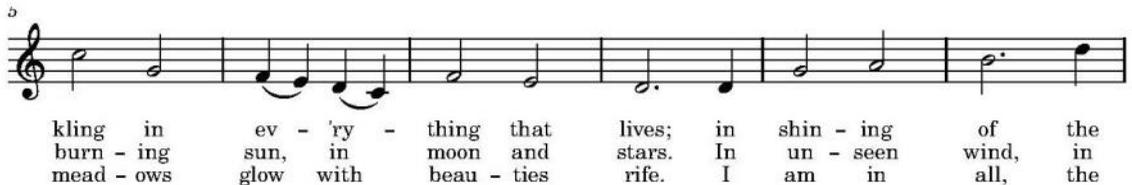
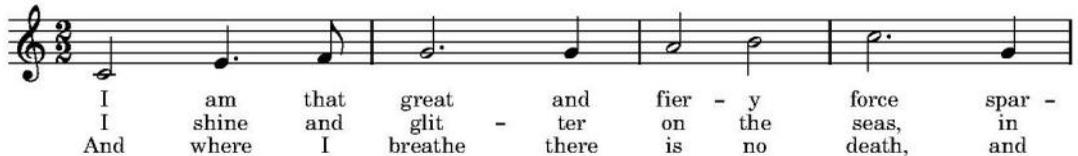
One Voice: Beauty is before us, around us, over us and beneath us

All Voices: **We join our hearts, minds, and spirits as one in thanks and awe.**

*HYMN

"I Am the Great & Fiery Force"

TRURO



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PASSING THE PEACE

Davi Weasley

If you're willing to come to the microphone and offer "The peace of Christ" or "May God's peace be with you" or some other words of grace, please note you are also sending your message to those worshipping on line.

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

“Grateful”



Grate-ful for the life you give us, thank-ful
Grate-ful for the Bread of Heav - en, thank-ful



for your Ho - ly Son, joy - ful in your
for your Ho - ly Word, joy - ful in your



Spir - it flow - ing o - ver all, O God of Love.
mer - cy flow - ing,



we will praise you. we will praise you.

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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

Isaiah 43:19 & Acts 22:6-16

Common English Bible

David Fayram

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

David Fayram

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

“Living Into a New Story”

Rev. Jim Antal

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

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**. Bring or send your pledge and join us (on Zoom or in person) for a Pledges & Possibilities Potluck following the service!*

Anthem

"Amazing Grace"

Chancel Choir

Arr. by John Carter

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sung Invitation

Come, Let Us Bring

By Billema Kwillia & Marty Haugen

***Come let us bring our gifts to God in praise,
So that we might minister in countless ways.***

***Come, let us bring the warm and fragrant bread,
Broken here so all God's people might be fed.***

***Come, let us bring the sweet, abundant wine.
In this cup, we taste the joy of grace divine.***

*If you're joining us from home, gather something to eat and drink;
the risen Christ will meet us wherever we are.*

If you're worshiping in person today, you may come forward to receive communion. Stay distanced, please; and remove your mask briefly. If you wish to remain seated, someone will come around to you in your seat. Raise a hand or indicate that you would like communion as they come around,

If you come forward you will be on the video stream

*HYMN 566

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

HOLY MANNA

*BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



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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