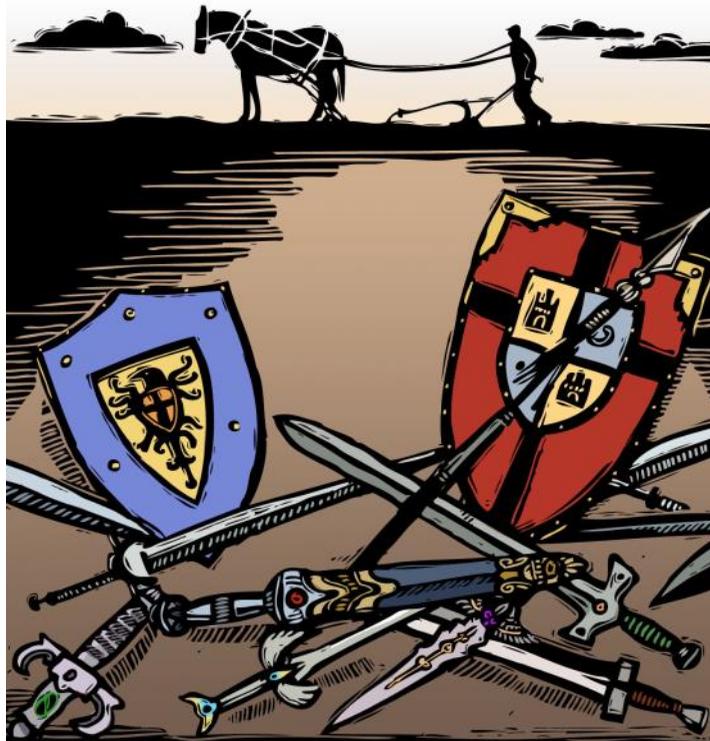


Swords into Plowshares November 20, 2022

... they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 2:4, NRSV



We thank the following people for assisting with worship:

HEAD USHER
Rudy Cortez

LITURGIST
Janet Ott

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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 20, 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.

"If two make peace with each other in this one house, they will say to the mountain 'move away' and it will move away." ~ Gospel of Thomas

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**

Janet Ott

One Voice: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established
as the highest of the mountains

All Voices: all the nations shall stream to it.

One Voice: Many peoples shall come and say, "come, let us go up to the mountain
of Holy One."

All Voices: God shall judge between the nations and arbitrate for many peoples.

One Voice: They will beat their swords into plowshares

All Voices: and their spears into pruning hooks .

One Voice: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation

All Voices: Neither shall they learn war any more,

***HYMN 382**

"Come, We Who Love God's Name"
verses 1, 2, 5

MARCHING TO ZION

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 worshiping on line.*

SONG

“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 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.

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MOMENT FOR MISSION

The Poor People's Campaign

Tara Villalba

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Benton

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.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"The Gift"

One Accord

by Russel Wallace

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A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2: 1-4

Janet Ott

New Revised Standard Version

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

“Swords into Plowshares”

Davi Weasley

HYMN 448 (seated)

“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”

VIENNA

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Janet Ott

Please place your 2023 pledge card and/or your morning offering in the plates; if you are visiting, you're welcome to write a prayer for this community's upcoming year and place it on the table.

Your financial pledges are how we determine which ministries we can serve next year.

Thank you for serving with us!

OFFERING MUSIC

“We Thank You, God”
by Ryan Nowlin

One Accord

***BENEDICTION**

Sharon Benton

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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