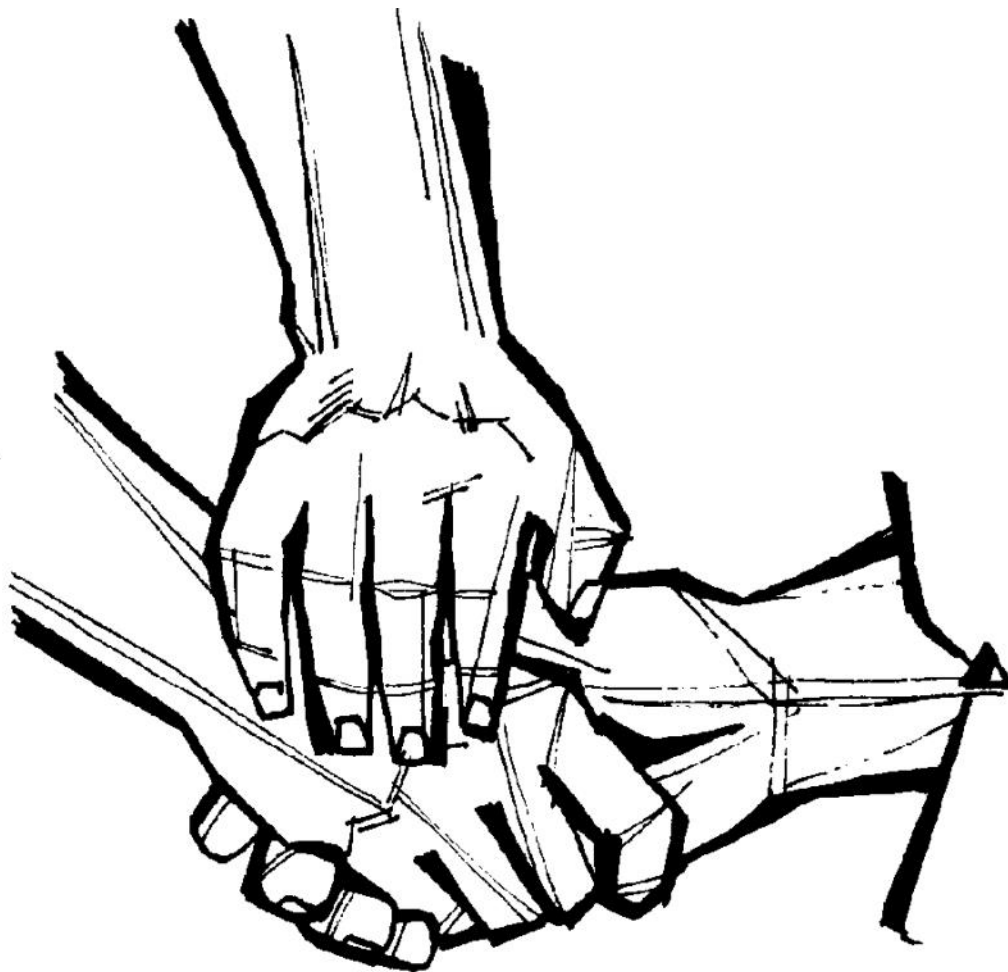


Tabitha's Legacy: Finding Hope in Community

February 19, 2023



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

We thank the following people for assisting with worship:

HEAD USHER:
Rudy Cortez

LITURGIST:
Kathleen McGuinness

SPECIAL MUSICIANS
Handbell Choir
Chancel Choir

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.

February 19, 2023

10:00 am

Rev. Lorraine Leist, MDiv, VCC-PCHAC is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She began ministry as a local church pastor in Colorado and now serves as Palliative Care Chaplain at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. She is pursuing her Doctor of Ministry Degree at Iliff School of Theology.

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

INTROIT 584

"I Am the Light of the World"
refrain only, 2x

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

please stay for the annual congregational meeting after worship on zoom or in the sanctuary

RINGING THE BELL

THE STORY

Davi Weasley

*Rise in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

by Beth Merrill Neel

Kathleen McGuinness

One Voice: We come to you, O Divine, to thank you for what is good.

All Voices: We come to you, O Divine, to cry out for what is wrong.

One Voice: We come to you, O Divine, to ask for help and restoration.

All Voices: We come to you, O Divine, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Let us worship the Divine.

***HYMN 433**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

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 RESPONSE 524

“This Little Light of Mine”
verse 1

THIS JOY

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ted & Susan Huffman

After Time with Children, children are invited to Church School.

SUNG RESPONSE 154

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”
refrain only

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

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.fcb.net/contact-us/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

ANTHEM

“Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring”

Chancel Choir

by J.S. Bach, arr. Wayne Howarth. Used under CCS License #12615.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-43

Rev. Lorraine Leist

as translated by Wilda Gafney in *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W*

SERMON

"Tabitha's Legacy: Finding Hope in Community"

Rev. Lorraine Leist

HYMN (seated) 297

"Give Thanks for Life"

ROBINSON

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Kathleen McGuinness

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

"O Sing to the Lord"

Handbell Choir

arr. Jason W. Krug

***HYMN 547**

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lorraine Leist

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

Following worship, join Rev. Leist as she guides us in "spiritual practices for times of lament" in the Fireplace Room (or Room 12/14, if we're a larger group).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you receive our Friday Announcements email? Contact office@fccb.net to sign up!

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Hybrid worship in person, on Facebook Live, and now on Zoom, our #BiggerBalcony.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For details, see our Connection Calendar in the Friday email or contact office@fccb.net.

Monday

Board Meetings—2nd Mondays, **6:30 pm**

Church Council—4th Mondays, **7:00 pm**

Poetry Group—**7:00 pm**

Tuesday

Book Club—First Tuesday of the month, **9:30 am**

Wednesday

Meet Me in the Middle—**12:00 noon**

Glee Club—**3:00 pm**

Adult Forum—**7:00 pm**

Chancel Choir—**7:00 pm**

Thursday

Evening Book Study—**5:00 pm**

Friday

Knitting Group: weekly, **10:00 am**

SPIRIT Group, 2nd & 4th Fridays, **6:15** welcome, **6:30 pm**

Game Night—3rd Fridays, **6:00-9:00 pm**

Saturday

Creative Connections—1st Saturdays at **10:00 am**

Sunday

Chancel Choir—**8:30 am**

Worship—**10:00 am**. Children's Church during worship

Youth Group—**11:30 am**

Going Deeper—after worship, hybrid

*To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email,
or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fccb.net/blog/>.*

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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LEAD PASTOR: Sharon Benton—

**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

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE: Kurt Aagard

WORSHIP MEDIA COORDINATOR:

Georgia Drost

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PAST MODERATOR: Bill Henkel

CLERK: Janet Malley

TREASURER: Jen Sandoval

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