

The Hope of Resurrection

May 21, 2023



Walk
in the
newness
of life.

ROMANS 6:4, NRSV

Today's flowers
were provided by
Scout and Kathleen
McGuinness.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

10:00 am

*"The only way to beat [the body shame] system is by giving ourselves
something the system never will: compassion."
~ Sonya Renee Taylor, The Body is Not an Apology*

*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.*

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE STORY

Davi Weasley

Scan the code below
for easy giving.



*Rise in body or spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tammi Laninga

One: We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus

All: **But maybe not so much that we end up drawn into it**

One: We proclaim new life and a body wounded but renewed

All: **But we keep our distance from our own bodies—
renewed, wounded, and otherwise**

One: Lead us, Risen One, in the practice of Resurrection

All: **Teach us what it means to live out new life!**

*HYMN 238

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

NOEL NOUVELET

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited to Church School.

SUNG RESPONSE

"May the Love of God Fill You"

by Tom Hunter

May the love of God fill you from your head down to your toes. May it wig - gle through your fin - gers and dance up - on your nose. May the peo - ple all a - round you help you live so lov - ing grows. May the love of God fill you up un - til it ov - er flows.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '3'. The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '5'. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest marked '7'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

SHARING OUR STORIES

Davi Weasley

How does Resurrection affect our lives? What does it challenge?

Have you ever brought some trouble for bringing new life?

We invite you to turn to a neighbor (or get up to find someone new) and share your response to today's prompt. Please feel free to ponder silently on your own, if you prefer.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two phrases: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The second staff contains the next two phrases: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.' The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes.

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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.*

ANTHEM	“Be Thou My Vision” arr. by Jason W. Krug	Handbell Choir
A READING FROM SCRIPTURE	Romans 6:1-14 <i>New Revised Standard Version</i>	Tammi Laninga
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE	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.	Tammi Laninga
SERMON	“The Hope of Resurrection”	Davi Weasley
HYMN 247 (seated)	“My Shepherd Is the Living God”	CONSOLATION
INVITATION TO OFFERING	<p><i>There are several options for giving: 1) Give at our website, https://fccb.net/giving/.</i></p> <p><i>2) Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225.</i></p> <p><i>3) Use the Breeze app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give!</i></p> <p><i>4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to (360) 205-1297, and set up your account.</i></p> <p><i>5) Scan the QR code on the back cover of the bulletin.</i></p>	Tammi Laninga
Offering Music		Judy Widrig

HYMN 253

“Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One”
English verses 1, 2, 3

JUDAS MACCABEUS

***BENEDICTION**

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

After worship, join us in the Social Hall for refreshments.

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

Walking Group, **10:30 am**, Barkley Pond
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**
Pilgrim Circle—Second Tuesday of the month, **12:00 noon**

Wednesday

Meet Me in the Middle—**12:00 noon**
Committee for Gun Responsibility—**3:30 pm**
Glee Club—**5:00 pm**
Adult Forum—**7:00 pm**

Thursday

Evening Book Study—**5:00 pm**

Friday

Knitting Group: weekly, **10:00 am**
Quilters: weekly, **12:00 noon**, off-site
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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