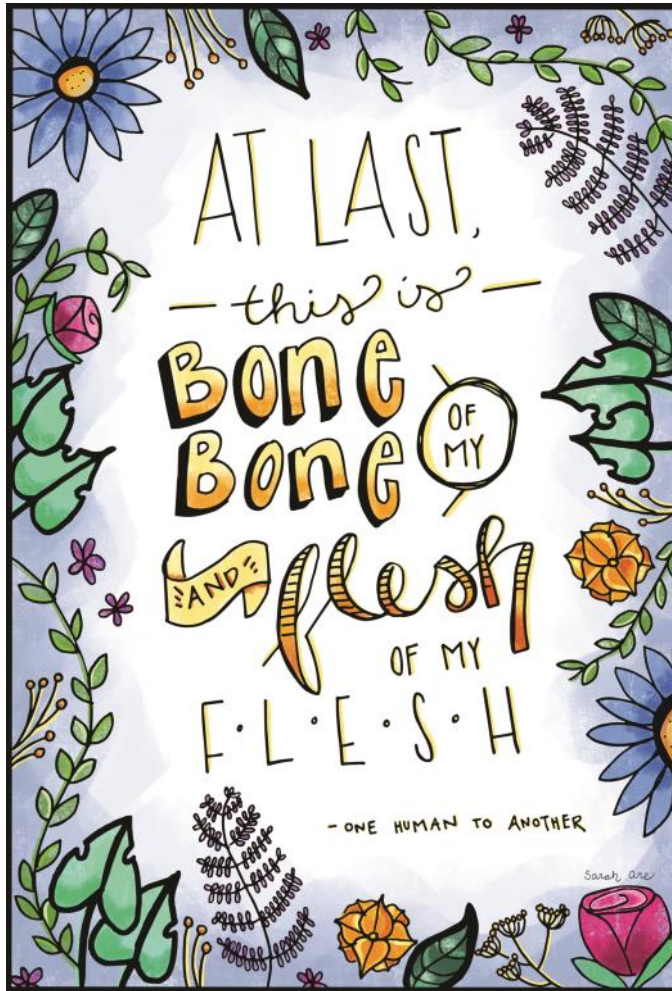


Faces of Our Faith
Facing Tradition — Adam & Eve
June 25, 2023



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2023

10:00 am

"There is no such thing as a solo dream."

~ adrienne maree brown

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton & Davi Weasley

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.

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE STORY

Sharon Benton

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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Jennifer Green

One: Who were we before we were humans?

All: Did God shape us in her tender hands?

Were we forged in the fires of a billion years of evolution?

One: Is humanity one thing or many things?

All: Are we created in community? Is it our separateness that makes us sacred?

One: What is our role in all of this?

All: Is the world a wild place to be wondered at? Is it a garden to be tended?

One: Come, oh God, and bless once again our questions

All: With your tender, evolving love, draw us once again together.

***HYMN 567**

"Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit"
verses 1-4

LAUDA ANIMA

**Rise in body or spirit*

WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY

PASSING THE PEACE

One: You were made from dust

All: And to dust you will return.

SUNG RESPONSE 377

**“Forward through the Ages”
verse 1**

ST. GERTRUDE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Theodore Arthur Davenport

Minister: And do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament make your covenant with Theo?

People: We joyfully welcome you, Theo, as you are baptized in our covenant community. We offer ourselves to be your siblings, uncles and aunts, grandparents, and cousins in Christ. We join in the covenant that your mother acknowledges this day on your behalf. We offer our understanding and support as you explore your faith life, and we enfold you in our love and the love of God as we know it.

A READING FROM *RIGHT NOW! REAL KIDS SPEAKING UP FOR CHANGE*

Jennifer Green

“Angela Zhang”

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

**“Where Peace Has Always Been”
by Michael John Trotta**

One Accord

WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC, CHRISTIAN FAITH

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2

Jennifer Green

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Jennifer Green

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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Storyteller

The regular Church School class has concluded for the year. During the summer, the children are welcome to move about, sharing in the activities in the children's corner or moving to the pillows in the front.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Light of Ages and of Nations"

HOLY MANNA

Light of a - ges and of na - tions ev - ery race and ev - ery time

5 has re - ceived thine in - spi - ra - tions, glimps - es of thy truth sub - lime.

9 That which came to an - cient sag - es, Greek, Bar - bar - ian, Ro - man, Jew,

13 writ - ten in the soul's deep pa - ges, shines to - day, for - ev - er new.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the first four measures, the second line (starting with a '5') contains the next four measures, the third line (starting with a '9') contains the next four measures, and the fourth line (starting with a '13') contains the final four measures, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

SERMON

"Facing Tradition: Adam & Eve —
All That We Can Name"

Davi Weasley

***HYMN 32**

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

ROEDER

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jennifer Green

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.

5) Scan the QR code below or on the back cover of the bulletin.

Offering Music

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
arr. by Bryan Sharpe

One Accord

*HYMN 402

“De Colores/Sing of Colors”

DE COLORES

*BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley & Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



Cover Image by Sarah Are, colored by Lauren Wright Pittman, ink on paper with graphic coloring, inspired by Genesis 2:4b-25. Artist statement; “For generations people have abused this story, trying to imply that women are less than men because Eve came second, but that is not the point of this story. The power of this story is not in the order. The power of this story is in a God that saw how humans need one another, and in Adam’s first testimony of belonging.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Hybrid worship in person, and on Facebook or 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—**1st Tuesdays, 9:30 am**
Pilgrim Circle—**2nd Tuesdays, 12:00 noon**
Green Team—**2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 pm**

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**
Youth Group—**11:30 am**

*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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