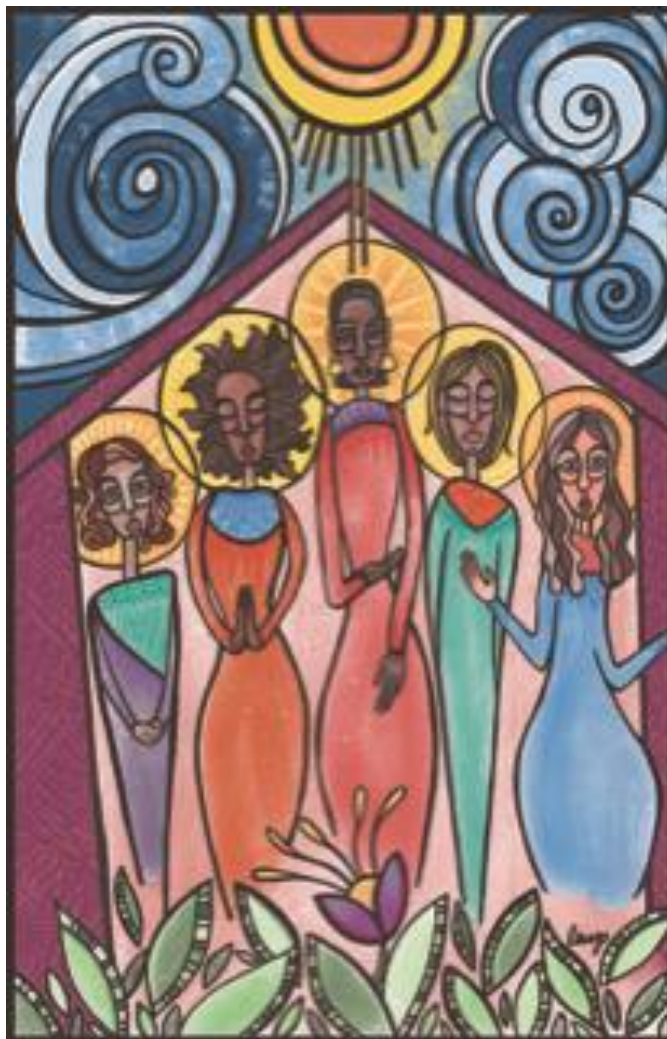


Faces of Our Faith

Facing Tradition - The Daughters of Zelophehad

July 2, 2023



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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2, 2023

10:00 am

*Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

~St Francis of Assisi

People say, what is the sense of our small effort? They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions.

Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do.

~Dorothy Day

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

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**

Teri Peterson, BibleWorm

Gail Warren

One: One by one, taking a stand,

All: moment by moment taking opportunities,

One: being the one to ask the question,

All: speaking out for yourself and those who come after,

One: all those small efforts add up.

All: The people of God are to try.

One: The people of God are to work.

All: And little by little, the kin-dom of God will be visible.

**Rise in body or spirit*

*HYMN 181

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

BRING FORTH

WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY

PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SUNG RESPONSE 377

"Forward through the Ages"
verse 1

ST. GERTRUDE

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

"Malala Yousafzai"

Gail Warren

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 INTERLUDE

Judy Widrig

WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC, CHRISTIAN FAITH

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Numbers 27:1-11

Gail Warren

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Gail Warren

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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody. The second staff starts at measure 5 and contains the next four measures. The third staff starts at measure 9 and contains the next four measures. The fourth staff starts at measure 13 and contains the final four measures, ending with a double bar line.

*HYMN

"God of the Women"

SLANE

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

Slane
ancient Irish ballad

1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,
 Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
 Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
 Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—
 Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—
 Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—
 Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
 May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
 In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
 May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.

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WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gail Warren

- 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

Judy Widrig

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sharon Benton

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 worshiping at home, gather something to eat and drink:
the risen Christ will meet you right where you are.*

If you're worshipping in person today, you may come forward to receive communion. 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.

*If you're worshipping at home, gather something to eat and drink:
the risen Christ will meet you right where you are.*

Communion Music

Judy Widrig

***HYMN 527**

"We Offer Christ"

CHARTERHOUSE

***BENEDICTION**

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



Cover image is "They Stood" by Lauren Wright Pittman. She writes, "Though the laws were probably carved into stone, God shows us in this text that the law is living, breathing, adaptable, and changing. This text invites us to come forward, to stand, to speak, to question, and to demand change when we experience injustice. When the powers in place don't budge, that is not the end of the story...In this image, the winds of change, the breath of God, surrounds the tent of meeting

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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