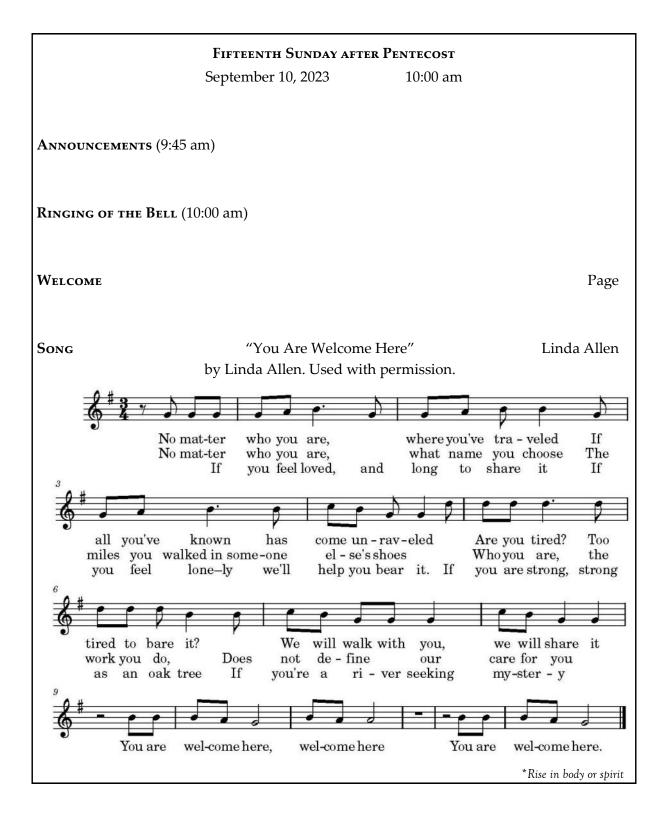
# Re-reading Our Origin Stories September 10, 2023







THE STORY	Page
When we read this story with our own eyes, what do we see?	
Time with Children	
Music for Contemplation	Judy Widrig
	Judy Hiding
*CALL TO WORSHIP from Hold Fast to What Is Good	Matthew Best
One: A love that never ceases	
All: A creativity that designed the universe	
One: A hope that cannot be quenched	
All: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost;	
One: These are the things that are of God,	
All: Then let us worship.	
*Нуми 556 (black hymnal) "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"	Ηοιν Μανινά
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# WE ARE A NURTURING BELOVED COMMUNITY.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Prayer of Jesus

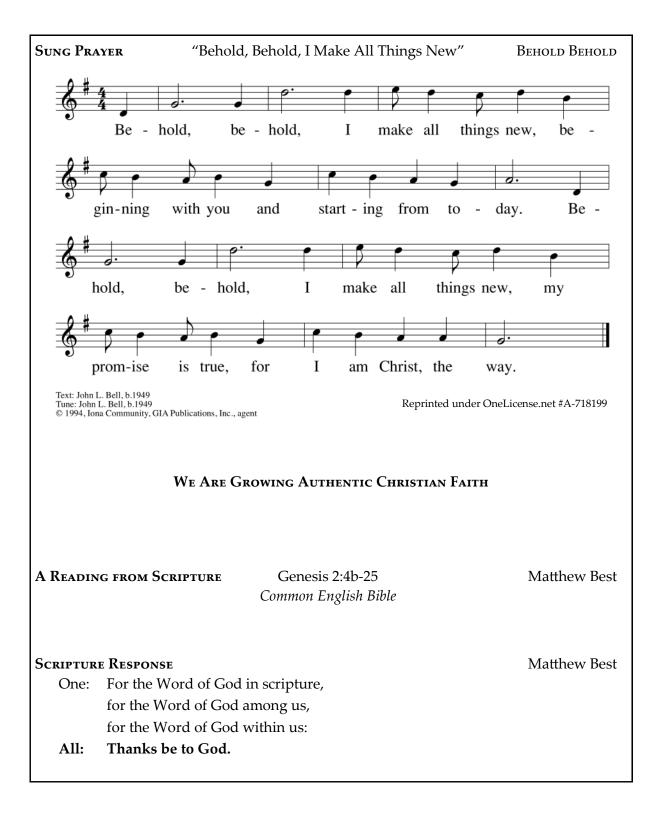
We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you: "Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."

Our Creator	And lead us not into temptation,
who art in heaven,	but deliver us from evil,
hallowed be thy name.	For thine is the kingdom,
Thy kingdom come,	and the power,
thy will be done on earth	and the glory,
as it is in heaven.	forever and ever. Amen.
Give us this day our daily bread,	
and forgive us our debts,	
as we forgive our debtors.	

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.

SILENT PRAYER

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#### MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Womanspirit" by Linda Allen Linda Allen

She is moving across the water She is moving out over the land She is moving through the darkness Holding the stars in her mighty hand Spirit's moving like a woman She is creation, she is the birth Spirit's moving, always reaching Head in the heavens, Heart in the earth

She is moving like a heartbeat She is moving in a lover's sigh She is moving like a whisper Hearing the world in a baby's cry

We are Living Christ-Inspired Action

Testimony

Meg Best

\*Нуми 32 (black hymnal)

"God of the Sparrow God of the Whale"

Roeder

Postlude & Sharing

Judy Widrig

After the postlude we encourage you to share with someone your response to today's question: When we read this story with our own eyes, what do we see?

Offering plates are available near the doors as you leave; thank you for your gift helping to build justice and compassion. There are several other ways to give: 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.



**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: On Sabbatical

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at **office@fccb.net** and she'll pass your message on.

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