

# Call to Kindness

June 9, 2024

What's Going  
On?

What  
happened to  
kindness?

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 9, 2024

10:00 am

*"I really only love God as much as the person I love least." ~ Dorothy Day*

**PRELUDE**

Mia Kelly, Cello  
Judy Widrig, Piano

**WELCOME**

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*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 or in the Narthex.*

*Their movements back and forth are a joy for us.*

**RINGING THE BELL**

**WELCOME SONG**

**"Windy God"**  
by Rachael Weasley

Windy God, take the fi-re of my tongue and let it sing for you! Windy  
God, take the fi-re of my tongue and let it sing for you! Windy  
God, take the fi-re of my tongue, Windy God, take the fi-re of my tongue and Windy  
God, take the fi-re of my tongue and let it sing for you!

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Benton

*Children may go with Josh to church school in the social hall  
or remain in the sanctuary as they choose.*

## \*HYMN

## "What Does Our God Require of You"

MOON



What does our God re - quire of you?



What does our God re- quire of you? Ju - stice, Kind -



ness, Walk Hu - m - bly wi th your God To seek ju stice,



and love kind ness and walk hum bly with your God

## WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

Megan Crouse

**All Voices:** God of Love, we need you now.

One Voice: Teach us to love those we have learned to hate  
and to pray for our enemies.

**All Voices:** God of Peace, we need you now.

One Voice: Teach us how to stop the cycle of harm and embrace compassion.

**All Voices:** God of Joy, we need you now!

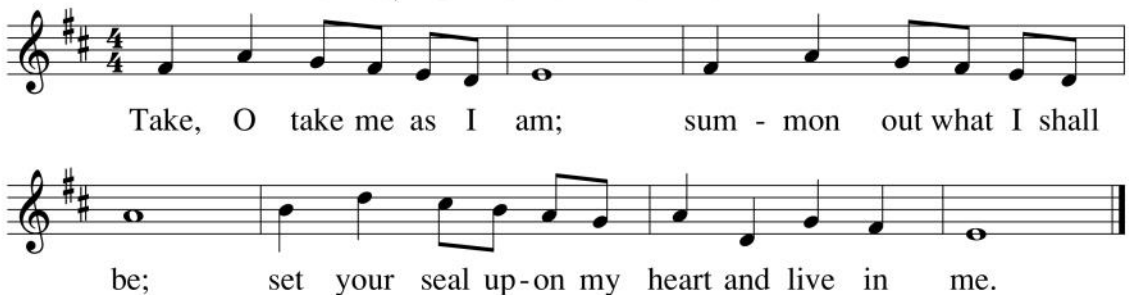
One Voice: Receive our burdens, they are many. Lift our spirits,  
they are weighed down.

**All Voices:** God of life, we need you now.

One Voice: Grant us grace where shame restricts us and life where pain takes hold,  
May we grow in wisdom and compassion,  
reflecting your love to the world. Amen.

### SUNG PRAYER

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949  
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949  
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**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/](http://www.fccb.net/contact-us/) to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

**WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.**

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5:38-48

Megan Crouse

*New Revised Standard Version*

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

Megan Crouse

**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.**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

“Song of Hope”  
arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir  
Oscar Fegley, trumpet

**WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.**

**CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Tanishia Bardsley-Taylor, Gavrie Brewer, Ava Lehn,  
Mia Kelly, Matti Malone Miller, Chloe Rapp

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

*You may make an offering either in the plates at the door or online.*

*Your generosity allows the work of this place nurture beloved community,  
grow authentic Christian faith, and live Christ-inspired action. Thank you!*

*There are several ways to give: 1) Give at our website, <https://fcb.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 on the back cover of the bulletin.*





1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,  
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

*An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.*

Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768–1836)  
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

\*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Mia Kelly, Cello  
Judy Widrig, Piano

**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.

Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line,  
360-733-4255.

Sharon     **sharon@fccb.net**

Davi:       **on parental leave**

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

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**PASTOR: Davi Weasley, they/them**

**(on parental leave)**

**INTERIM PASTOR: Page**

**CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR:**

**Josh Marchand, they/them**

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**ORGANIST: Judy Widrig, she/her**

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