

That Was Me

July 7, 2024

What's Going
On?

Being Christian
in America
today ...

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 30, 2024

10:00 am

“The Bible does not invite us into some otherworldly journey or a mere praise party for a private society of me, myself, and I. No, we are called to be a movement for wholeness in a broken world and to stand for justice, so help us God.”~ Rev. Dr. William Barber

PRELUDE

*“Pachelbel’s Canon” for Two Flutes and Piano”
arr. by Arthur Ephross*

Flute Friends Quartet
Joy Brown, Piano

WELCOME

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We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows and a coloring, book, and play area in the front and in the corner near the windows. Younger kids may enjoy the Narthex play area. Their movements back and forth are a joy for us as they participate fully.

RINGING THE BELL

**Rise in body or spirit*

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! Win-dy
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!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first staff begins with a 2/2 time signature, which changes to 6/4 in the second measure and then to 3/2 for the remainder of the piece. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

Joyce Sweeney

During the summer, children are welcome to move about, sharing in the activities in the children’s corner or moving to the tables and pillows in the front.

*HYMN 403 (black hymnal)

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
vs. 1, 2, 4

SOLID ROCK

WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Lyz Staman

One Voice: Oh God, when we feel anxious about the future,

All Voices: Be our comforter.

One Voice: And God when we feel the need to speak your name,
to share your good news,

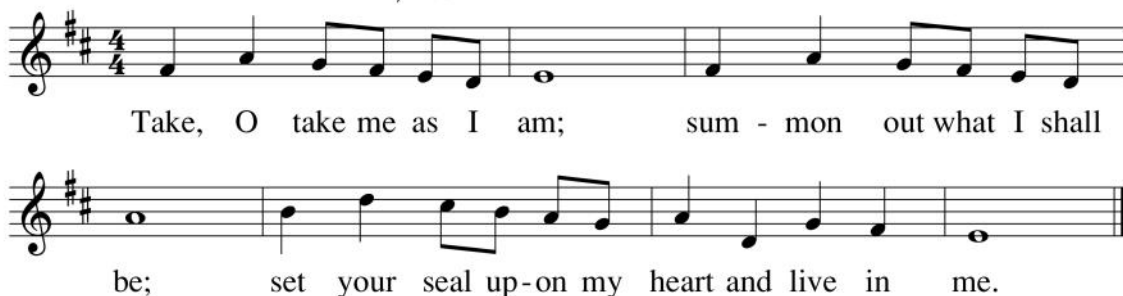
All Voices: Grant us your courage and your wisdom.

One Voice: When our sense of justice and righteousness is violated,

All Voices: Help us to feel that you are with us, that we are not alone. Amen.

SUNG PRAYER

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "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."

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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/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

Lyz Staman

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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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 "'Amazing Grace,' arranged for Four Flutes" Flute Friends Quartet
arr. by Larry Clark

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Sharing the Elements

You may come forward to receive communion or 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.

*You may either dip your bread in the communal cup
or take a single-serving of juice from the center server.*

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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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://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 to the right or on the back cover of the bulletin.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Judy Widrig

***HYMN 42** (black hymnal)

“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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***BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



COMMUNION ELEMENT INGREDIENTS:

Communion loaf— whole wheat flour, molasses, yeast, salt. Juice— grape juice, vitamin C.

Gluten free bread—sorghum, tapioca, millet & rice flours; sea salt, honey, canola oil, water, ginger ale, egg.

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.

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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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