

What Time Is It? February 2, 2025



first congregational
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

Vision Statement:

We Are a Nurturing, Beloved Community.
We Are Growing Authentic Christian Faith.
We Are Living Christ-Inspired Action.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 2, 2025 10:00 am

"We don't have to wait for anything at all. What we have to do is start." ~ Octavia Butler

"If they ask you if you can ride a horse, say yes." ~ Apocryphal acting advice

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig & Grant Donnellan

WELCOME

Davi Weasley

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

WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY

WELCOME SONG

"You Are Welcome Here"
by Gerard DeMan

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive. Above the notes are guitar chord symbols: G, D, G, A, D, G/D, D, G, A on the first line, and G, D, D, G, D, C, G, A, D on the second line. The lyrics are: "You are wel - come here, no mat-ter who you are, no mat-ter where you are, on life's jour - ney, you are wel-come here." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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**Rise in body or spirit*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

After Time with Children, children may go with Josh to church school in the social hall or remain in the sanctuary as they choose.

*HYMN 306 (black hymnal)

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM

COMMUNITY PRAYER:

Liz Hjelmseth

One Voice: God who disregards our assumptions,

All Voices: Give us Grace.

One Voice: God whose passion overcomes our fear,

All Voices: Give us healing.

One Voice: God who is more relentless than all of our despair,

All Voices: Give us foolish hope.

One Voice: God of many names,

All Voices: Call each of us, today. Amen.

SUNG PRAYER

“Gather Us, O God”

by Monica Brown

Musical notation for the song "Gather Us, O God" by Monica Brown. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, Em, A, D, Em, G, and D. The lyrics are: "Gath-er us, O God, Bod-y, spir - it, soul and mind. Gath-er us, O God one in un - ion now with".

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Davi Weasley

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

Luke 6:1-16

Liz Hjelmseth

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Liz Hjelmseth

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.

SERMON

“What Time Is It?”

Davi Weasley

A GIFT OF MUSIC

“I Won’t Back Down”
by Tom Petty & Jeff Lynne

Dallas Geil & Davi Weasley

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

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.*

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

Communion Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Davi Weasley

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 on the back cover of the bulletin.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Judy Widrig & Grant Donnellan

HYMN*"Jesus Christ Is Waiting**

NOEL NOUVELET



1. Je - sus Christ is wait - ing, wait - ing in the streets, no one is his
 2. Je - sus Christ is rag - ing, rag - ing in the streets, where in - jus - tice
 3. Je - sus Christ is heal - ing, heal - ing in the streets, cur - ing those who
 4. Je - sus Christ is danc - ing, danc - ing in the streets, where each sign of
 5. Je - sus Christ is call - ing, call - ing in the streets, "Who will join my



neigh - bor, all a - lone he eats. Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am
 spi - rals and real hope re - treats. Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am
 suf - fer, heal - ing those he greets. Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I have
 ha - tred he, with love, de - feats. Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I should
 jour - ney? I will guide your feet." Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, let my



lone - ly too; make me, friend or stran - ger, fit to wait on you.
 an - gry too; in the King - dom's caus - es let me rage with you.
 pit - y too; let my care be ac - tive, heal - ing just like you.
 tri - umph too: where good con - quers e - vil let me dance with you.
 fears be few; walk one step be - fore me, I will fol - low you.

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig & Grant Donnellan

From the Arts in Worship Board:

We wanted to share with you some information about the new hangings in the sanctuary. The art flows through a beginning, the present, and the future in a visual continuum using the basic colors of the rainbow. The stream flowing through each panel suggests the importance of water to our earthly existence and Christian life. Each panel has a scripture verse for it, printed below.

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void, and darkness covered the face of the deep ... then God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good ...
Genesis 1:1-2a, 3-4a*

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was, and who is to come. – the Almighty
Revelation 1:8*

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's office hours will be on
Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday

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

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