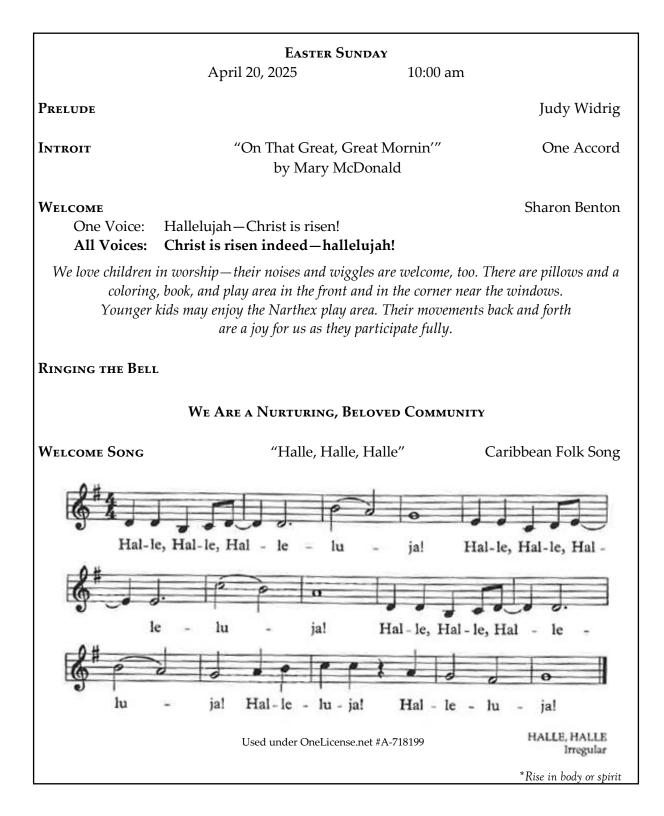
It's Easter! What Now?! April 20, 2025





Vision Statement:

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



| The Story | TT (1 | by Iona Community | The Women at the Tomb | |
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| Time with Child | | her Anderson, Scout Mitchell, Beth | Sharon Benton | |
| After T | ïme with Cl | hildren, children may remain on the pil or back and forth as they choose. | lows or at the table | |
| * Нүмм 233 (black | hymnal) | "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" | Easter Hymn | |
| Community Pray | | by Iona Community, alt. | Scout Mitchell | |
| One Voice: | In life, in | | | |
| All Voices: | • | yond death, | | |
| One Voice: | | rist is Sovereign. vers and principalities, | | |
| One voice. | - | vho determine, control, | | |
| | | r finance the affairs of humankind, | | |
| All Voices: | Jesus Christ is Sovereign. | | | |
| One Voice: | | por, of the broken, | | |
| | 1 | ned against and the sinner | | |
| All Voices: | Jesus Christ is Sovereign. | | | |
| One Voice: | | e Church, | | |
| | beyond o | our most excellent theologies | | |
| | and in th | e quiet corners of our hearts, | | |
| All Voices: | Jesus Christ is Sovereign. | | | |
| One Voice: | Thanks be to God. | | | |
| All Voices: | Alleluia! Amen. | | | |
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A GIFT OF MUSIC

IC "Happy Day" by Tim Hughes Lucas Wagner, Amber Wagner, Josh Marchand, Dallas Geil

| The greatest day in history | When I stand, in that place | Oh what a glorious day |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Death is beaten, You have rescued me | Free at last, meeting face to face | What a glorious way That you have saved me! |
| Sing it out Jesus is alive | I am Yours Jesus, You are mine | And oh what a glorious day What a glorious name |
| The empty cross, the empty grave | Endless joy, perfect peace Earthly pain finally will cease | And oh happy day, happy day |
| Life eternal You have won the day | <i>Celebrate, Jesus is alive</i> <i>He's alive!</i> | You washed my sin away Oh happy day, happy day |
| Shout it out, Jesus is alive | 110 0 <i>mille</i> . | I'll never be the same, oh |
| He's alive | And oh happy day, happy day You washed my sin away | Forever I am changed What a glorious, glorious day |
| And oh happy day, happy day | Oh happy day, happy day | I'll never be the same |
| You washed my sin away | I'll never be the same | |
| Oh happy day, happy day | | |
| I'll never be the same | | |

WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.

A Reading From Scripture

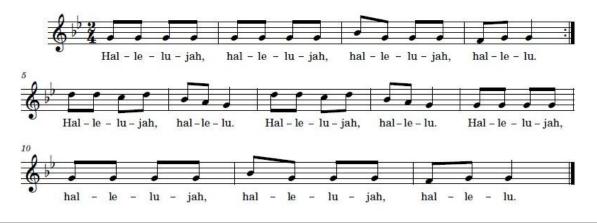
Luke 24:1-12 Common English Bible Scout Mitchell

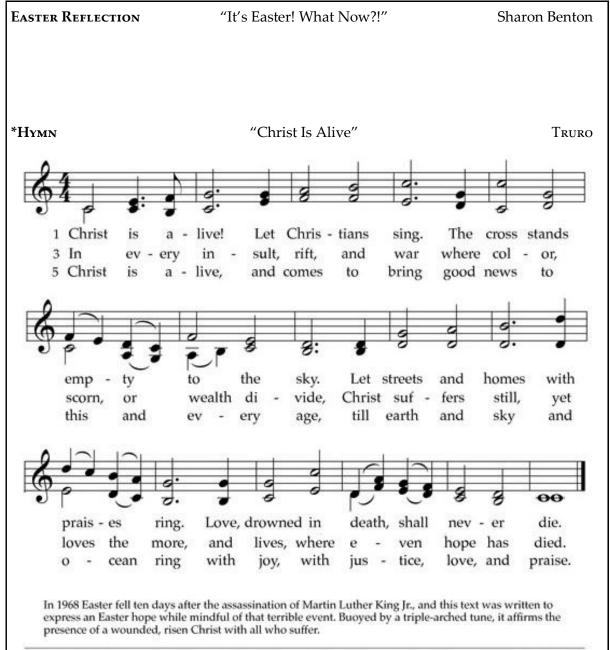


Forever I am changed

"Hallelujah"

Palestinian Traditional





TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1995 MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778 Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.

Announcements & Offering

Sharon Benton

You may make an offering either in the plates 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 below or on the back cover of the bulletin.



 MUSICAL OFFERING
 Vivaldi Trumpet Duet Oscar Fegley, EJ Lin, Judy Widrig

 *HYMN 245 (black hymnal)
 "The Day of Resurrection"
 LANCASHIRE

 *BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE
 Sharon Benton

 POSTLUDE
 Judy Widrig



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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

Our pastor is available by appointment virtually or in person. Contact her by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255.

Sharon **sharon@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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