

Pentecost

June 8, 2025



Vision Statement:

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8, 2025

10:00 am

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME

Sharon Benton

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

“Fire of God, Undying Flame” NUM KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND



1 Fire of God, un - dy - ing Flame, Spir - it who in splen-dor came,
2 Breath of God, that swept in power in the Pen - te - cos - tal hour,



Let your heat my soul re - fine, till it glows with love di - vine.
Ho - ly Breath, be now in me source of vi - tal en - er - gy.

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THE STORY

Sharon Benton

**Rise in body or spirit*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Joyce Sweeney

*After Time with Children, children may remain on the pillows, sit with their adults,
or use the coloring tables in the front or by the windows.*

***HYMN 272** (black hymnal) “On Pentecost They Gathered”

MUNICH

COMMUNITY PRAYER

by Rev. Teri Peterson

One Voice: We are resurrection people by your power, Living God,
and we have been wondering just what that means in this life.

All Voices: **In awe and praise and hope and a little uncertainty
we have looked for your living word,
we have waited for your promise,
we have counted the days wondering what you will do next.**

One Voice: Move among us again this day and do a new thing.

All Voices: **Come rushing in with gifts we can't miss,
with a calling we can't ignore,
with new life re-creating not just us, not just your church,
but the world. Amen.**

SUNG INVITATION TO PRAYER

“As Colors in the Sky”

Unison



3 Cre - at - ing God, you dance, you move as one in three. Come
show us, by your rain-bow light, our shared hu - man - i - ty. The
heav - ens and the earth are made new ev - ery day, help
us dis - cov - er by your grace, new truth, new life, new ways.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Benton

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.*

A GIFT OF MUSIC

"Birds Flew Over the Spire"
by Gary Ryan

Scout Mitchell

WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4

Common English Bible

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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.

A GIFT OF MUSIC

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Handbell Choir

Arr. by Jason W. Krug

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Claire Miller, Ian Klise, Oscar Hayes-Fegley, Robbie Henkel, Rylan Neem, Skyler Gillham

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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 on the back cover of the bulletin.



***HYMN**

"Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow"

ABERYSTWITH



1 Wind who makes all winds that blow—gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn—suns a-round which plan-ets turn,
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with - in our mor - tal frame.



gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—
bea-cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, shin-ing truth to guide our souls—
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin - dle them with your own fire.



aim your breath with stead - y power on your church this day, this hour.
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds, and ways



Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

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ABERYSTWYTH

***BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE**

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig



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

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

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chaplain@fccb.net.

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Cydne at **office@fccb.net**
and she'll pass your message on.

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