

What I Didn't Know: Pride Sunday
July 11, 2021
#BiggerBalcony



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021

10:00 am

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PRELUDE

“Violin Concerto, Op.47, first movement”
by Jean Sibelius

Clara Kelly

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

by enfleshed (enfleshed.com)

Tina Anderson

One Voice: Listen! Listen for the voice of God, naming us all: Holy. Beloved.
Cherished. Valued.

All Voices: We believe you delight in us!

One Voice: Make us people who recognize and proclaim your beauty and
goodness in unexpected places.

All Voices: Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

One Voice: We trust in you, Holy One, to reveal to us the sacredness of every life,
of every way of being, of every physical manifestation of your Spirit.

All Voices: May it be so!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Davi Weasley

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Judy Widrig

THE SPARKLE CREED

by Rachel Small Stokes

Tina Anderson

I believe in the non-binary God whose pronouns are plural.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic and had two dads,
and who saw everyone as a sibling child of God.**

**I believe in the rainbow Spirit, who shatters our image of one white light and
refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity.**

**I believe in the church of everyday saints, as numerous, creative, and resilient as
patches on the AIDS quilt, whose feet are grounded in mud and whose eyes gaze at
the stars in Wonder.**

I believe in the calling to each of us, that love is love is love, so beloved, let us love.

I believe, glorious God. Help my unbelief.

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.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Judy Widrig

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:8-13; Mark 7:24-29
Common English Bible

Tina Anderson

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Tina Anderson

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 I Didn’t Know”

Sharon Benton

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Judy Widrig

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Tina Anderson

There are several options for giving: 1) Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. 2) Give at our website, <https://fccb.net/giving/>. 3) Use the GivePlus app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give! 4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to 208-516-2657, and set up your account. You’re ready for easy giving by text! 5) Give by PayPal. Our easy link is [PayPal.Me/fccbucc](https://www.paypal.com/mec/fccb).

BENEDICTION

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

*Go to Worship Connect to let us know you’re here!
<http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect>*



Share your finished product with us on social media! Tag @primarydotcom for a chance to be reposted!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CONTACT: As Cydne is spending more time in the office, the office mobile phone is being retired and the office phone number, 360-734-3720, is the best contact number. Email, of course, is still a good option, office@fcb.net.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live. #BiggerBalcony

WAYS TO CONNECT: For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact office@fcb.net.

- **Monday**
 - ◆ Poetry Writing Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Prayer Series, **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - ◆ Creative Connections, **First of the month Saturday, 10:00 am**

To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fcb.net/blog/>.

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.

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

Davi: davi@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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LEAD PASTOR: Sharon Benton

PASTOR FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS,

& MISSION: Davi Weasley

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

LIMITED TERM CHAPLAIN Stevi Hamill

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Lisa Harbine

ORGANIST: Judy Widrig

ACCOUNTAND: Erin Kennedy

OFFICE MANAGER: Cydne Cochran

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE: Kurt Aagard

CARE ADMIN. SUPPORT: Laura Norton

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:

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HEALTH MINISTER: Carol Nicolay

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