

Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

10:00 am

*We love children in
worship—their
noises and wiggles
are welcome, too.
There are pillows in
the front where they
can see the
instruments and
participate fully, or
the coloring, book,
and play area is
available in the
corner near the
windows. Their
movements back and
forth are a joy for us.*

*Scan the code below
for easy giving.*



*"A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for"
~ John Shedd*

PRELUDE

Penelope Keep

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE STORY

from Acts 2

Davi Weasley

**Rise in body or spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Ott

One: The Spirit moves and we are inspired.

All: She breathes with us, She renews us, She sustains us.

One: The Spirit moves and we are stunned.

All: She dances with us, She knocks us down, She gently lifts us up again.

One: The Spirit moves us and we are afraid.

All: She reveals to us, She agitates us, She pushes us farther than we might like.

One: The Spirit moves us, and we are ignited

All: She kindles us, She blazes within us, She is a flare to light our journey

One: Join us together, Spirit, in this hour, and in this journey

All: Thanks be to God, who inspires, who stuns, who awes, who ignites. Amen.

*HYMN 270

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

BRIDEGROOM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited to Church School.

SUNG RESPONSE

"May the Love of God Fill You"

by Tom Hunter

May the love of God fill you from your head down to your toes. May it

3
wig - gle through your fin - gers and dance up - on your nose. May the

5
peo - ple all a - round you help you live so lov - ing grows. May the

7
love of God fill you up un - til it ov - er flows.

SHARING OUR STORIES

Davi Weasley

What images come to mind when you think of the Spirit?

What moments of church or community excite you? What language does God speak to you in?

We invite you to turn to a neighbor (or get up to find someone new) and share your response to today's prompt. Please feel free to ponder silently on your own, if you prefer.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Halle, Halle, Halle"



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.fcb.net/contact-us/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

ANTHEM

“The Call”
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 14-39
New Revised Standard Version

Janet Ott

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.

SERMON

“Hope in the Spirit”

Davi Weasley

HYMN 292 (seated)

“Breathe on me Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Janet Ott

- There are several options for giving: 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.*

Offering Music

Penelope Keep

***BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Penelope Keep

After worship, join us in the Social Hall for refreshments.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you receive our Friday Announcements email? Contact office@fccb.net to sign up!

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Hybrid worship in person, on Facebook Live, and now on Zoom, our #BiggerBalcony.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For details, see our Connection Calendar in the Friday email or contact office@fccb.net.

Monday

Walking Group, **10:30 am**, Barkley Pond
Board Meetings—**2nd Mondays, 6:30 pm**
Church Council—**4th Mondays, 7:00 pm**
Poetry Group—**7:00 pm**

Tuesday

Book Club—**1st Tuesdays, 9:30 am**
Pilgrim Circle—**2nd Tuesdays, 12:00 noon**
Green Team—**2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 pm**

Wednesday

Meet Me in the Middle—**12:00 noon**
Committee for Gun Responsibility—**3:30 pm**
Glee Club—**5:00 pm**
Adult Forum—**7:00 pm**

Thursday

Evening Book Study—**5:00 pm**

Friday

Knitting Group: weekly, **10:00 am**
Quilters: weekly, **12:00 noon**, off-site
SPIRIT Group, **2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:15 welcome, 6:30 pm**
Game Night—**3rd Fridays, 6:00-9:00 pm**

Saturday

Creative Connections—**1st Saturdays at 10:00 am**

Sunday

Chancel Choir—**8:30 am**
Worship—**10:00 am**. Children's Church during worship
Youth Group—**11:30 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.fccb.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.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral staff are available by appointment virtually, or in person with masks. 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, she/her

PASTOR: Davi Weasley, they/them

INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

Ted, he/him & Susan Huffman, she/her

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig, she/her

ORGANIST: Judy Widrig, she/her

ACCOUNTANT: Erin Kennedy, she/her

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