Faces of Our Faith: Facing Ourselves — Ruth and Naomi August 27, 2023





timeless worship + modern faith

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost			
	August 27, 2023	10:00 am	
	"You can't be human all by your	rself." ~ Desmond Tutu	
Prelude			Judy Widrig
Welcome & Anno	DUNCEMENTS	S	haron Benton
front where they can	n worship—their noises and wiggles see the instruments and participal corner near the windows. Their m	ite fully, or the coloring, book,	and play area is
RINGING OF THE BI	ELL		
The Story			Page

*Rise in body or spirit

*Call to Worship

One: Just as the body is one and has many members,

All: We are many and one in Jesus.

One: Our callings and talents are rich and diverse.

All: We are many and one in the Spirit.

One: In trial and joy, in loneliness and belonging,

All: We are many and one in God.

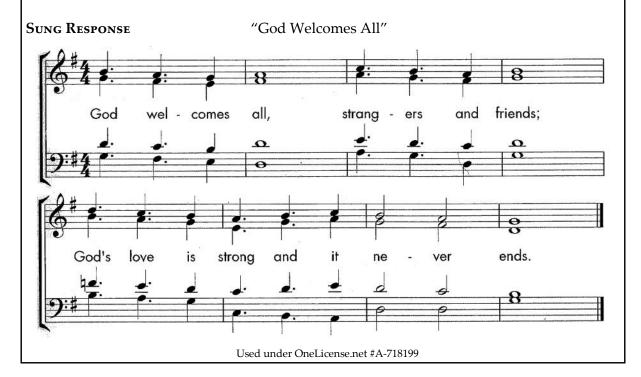
*Hymn 70 (black hymnal) "God Is Here! As We Your People Meet" Аввот's Leigh Words by Fred Pratt Green. Cyril V. Taylor

WE ARE A NURTURING BELOVED COMMUNITY

PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



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.

Anthem "Renewal" Tim & Doug Shepherd

We Are Growing Authentic Christian Faith

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:6-22

New Revised Standard Version

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Greene & Margie Scribner Greene

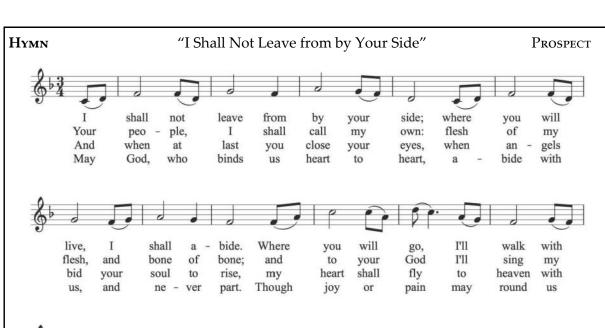


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SERMON

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We are Living Christ-Inspired Action

TESTIMONY Bill Liddicoet

*Hymn 314 (black hymnal)

"Community of Christ"

Leoni

*Benediction Sharon Benton

Postlude Judy Widrig

Offering plates are available near the doors as you leave; thank you for your gift helping to build justice and compassion.

There are several other 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.



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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@fccb.net

Davi: On Sabbatical

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

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