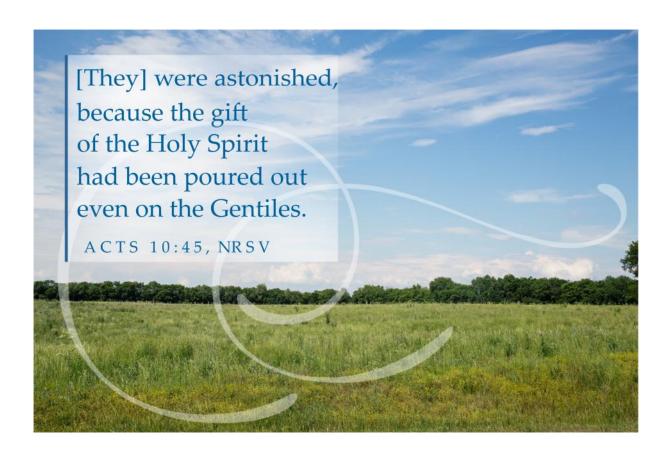
Faces of Our Faith: Facing Ourselves — Peter September 3, 2023





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THE STORY

*Rise in body or spirit

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*Call to Worship from Enfleshed Lyz Staman

One: Listen! Listen for the voice of God, name us all: Holy. Beloved.

Cherished. Valued.

All: Make us a people who recognize and proclaim your beauty and goodness in unexpected places.

One: Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

All: 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.

One: May it be so!

***Hymn 73 (black hymnal)** "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

ENTER REJOICE

WE ARE A NURTURING BELOVED COMMUNITY.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Scott Ward



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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

"You Do No Walk Alone" by Elaine Hagenberg One Accord

We Are Growing Authentic Christian Faith

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:9-36 Common English Bible Lyz Staman

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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One: For the Word of God in scripture,

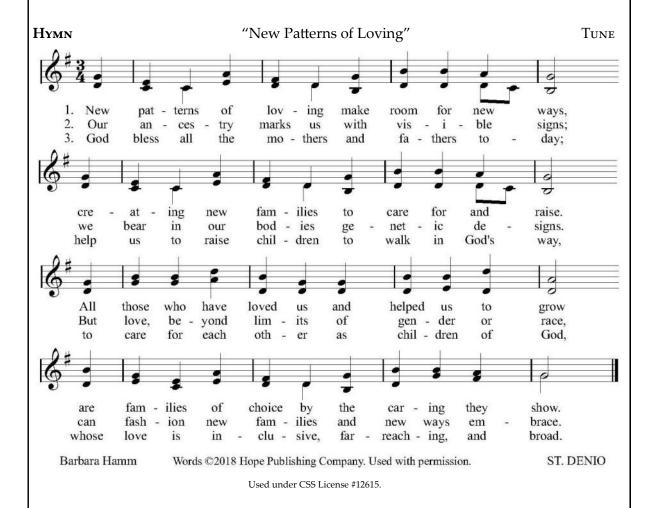
for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Facing Ourselves: Peter's Vision"

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WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Sung Invitation

Come, Let Us Bring

By Billema Kwillia & Marty Haugen Come let us bring our gifts to God in praise, So that we might minister in countless ways.

Come, let us bring the warm and fragrant bread, Broken here so all God's people might be fed.

Come, let us bring the sweet, abundant wine. In this cup, we taste the joy of grace divine.

If you're worshiping at home, gather something to eat and drink: the risen Christ will meet you right where you are.

If you're worshiping in person today, you may come forward to receive communion. If you wish to remain seated, someone will come around to you in your seat. Raise a hand or indicate that you would like communion as they come around. If you come forward you will be on the video stream.

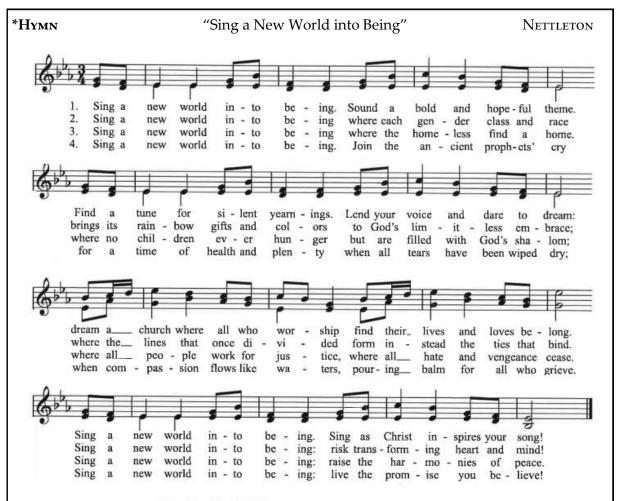
You may also leave your offering in the plates.

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 to the right or on the back cover of the bulletin.



Communion Music

Judy Widrig



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*Benediction Page

POSTLUDE "We Praise You" One Accord

Matt Redman, Brandon Lake, Brian Johnson and Phil Wickman Arranged by Ross Rodgers **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

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

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