

All Saints & All Souls Service

October 29, 2023



first  **congregational**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

ALL SAINT & ALL SOULS DAY

October 29, 2023

10:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:50 am)

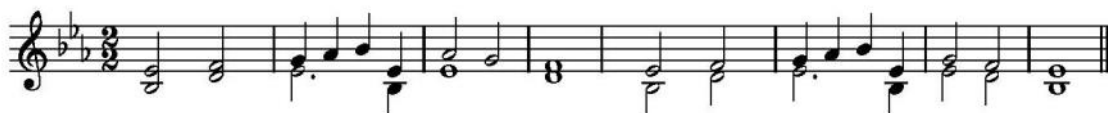
RINGING OF THE BELL (10:00 am)

WELCOME

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“What We Need Is Here”

Text by Wendell Berry. Tune by Amy McCreath.



What we need is here. What we need is here.

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THE STORY

Sharon Benton

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Benton

*Children may go with Josh to church school in the social hall
or remain in the sanctuary as they choose.*

What, if anything, do you believe about life after death?

*COMMUNAL PRAYER

Scout Mitchell

One: In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree...

All: Today, O God, we remember the lives that have been part of us, people who planted and sowed with faith that they shared with us.

One: From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery...

All: We remember hands that built this building, hearts that built community, lives that built God's shalom in this world.

One: In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity...

All: We may not know for sure what happens after death, but we claim all remain one with you, Holy One, and one with us.

One: ...unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

All: So grant us comfort in our loss, and joy in having known so many blessed spirits. Amen.

*HYMN 299 (black hymnal)

"For All the Saints"
verses 1, 2, 4

SINE NOMINE

WE ARE A NURTURING BELOVED COMMUNITY

SILENT PRAYER

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.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“With Sighs Too Deep for Words”

Judy Widrig

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WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

Scout Mitchell

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Scout Mitchell

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

“In Our End is Our Beginning”

Sharon Benton

ANTHEM

“Enough”

Chancel Choir

by Stephen O’Bent. Used with permission.
Scott Ward, solo

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

*This is when we will name those who’ve been a part of this faith community
and have died since our All Saints & All Souls service last year—
if you have others to name, listen for that opportunity.*

*SENDING SONG

“Where I Go in the World”

by Ana Hernández



Where I go in the world, what I plant in the world,



what I grow in the world, in the name of Christ.
Love.
God.

POSTLUDE & SHARING

After the postlude we encourage you to join us in planting bulbs around the church property and share your thoughts on today's question: What, if anything, do you believe about life after death?

Please leave your offering gift in the plates as you leave the sanctuary.

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 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 above or on the back cover of the bulletin.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Trunk or Treat Today! October 29, 12:00 noon-2:00 pm

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Hybrid worship in person, and on Facebook or on Zoom, our #BiggerBalcony.
- Today's flowers are from Barbara Green, in memory of Eva Couchman & Grace Botts.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday

Walking Group: weekly, **10:00 am**, Barkley Pond

Board Meetings: **2nd Mondays, 6:30 pm**

Church Council: **4th Mondays, 7:00 pm**

Poetry Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays 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

Glee Club: weekly, **5:00 pm**

Adult Forum: weekly, **7:00 pm**

SPIRIT Group: **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Thursday

Grandparent Group: **2nd Thursdays, 10:30 am**, Fireplace Room

Evening Book Study: **2nd & 4th Thursdays, 5:00 pm**

Young Adult Peer Philosophy Group: weekly, **7:00 pm**, Fireplace Room

Friday

Quilters: weekly, **12:00 noon**, off-site

Game Night: **3rd Fridays, 6:00-9:00 pm**

Sunday

Chancel Choir: weekly, **8:30 am**

Children's Church: weekly, **during worship**

Going Deeper: weekly, **11:30 am**

Handbells: weekly, **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: 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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SABBATICAL PASTOR: L Page, she/they

CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR:

Josh Marchand, they/them

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