

Service Sunday

March 22, 2026



Vision Statement:

We Are a Nurturing, Beloved Community.
We Are Growing Authentic Christian Faith.
We Are Living Christ-Inspired Action.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2026

10:00 am

10:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME SONG

"Gathered Here"

GATHERED HERE IN THE MYSTERY

Canon

1
Gath - ered here in the mys - t'ry of this hour, gath - ered

2
here in one strong bod - y, gath - ered here in the

3
strug - gle and the pow'r, Spir - it, draw near.

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Music: Phil Porter
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*Rise in body or spirit

WELCOME

Sharon Benton

We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows and a coloring, book, and play area in the front and in the corner near the windows. Younger kids may enjoy the Narthex play area. Their movements back and forth are a joy for us as they participate fully.

STORY

Sharon Benton

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Kris Johnson

Offering Music

Judy Widrig

COMMISSIONING

Kris Johnson

One Voice: This Lent we've been finding ways to follow Jesus:
as a shepherd, as a servant, as a healer, as a king, as a prophet...

All Voices: **We recognize that we sometimes do this well,
and we sometimes forget to follow.**

One Voice: We go out with courage and grace,
living Jesus' message of love with all we encounter,
then returning to share the bounty of this community.

All Voices: **Send us, Holy One! And bring us back rejoicing! Amen.**

ACTS OF SERVICE OPTIONS

Scott Ward

Service will go through **11:30 am**, then we'll reconvene in the Social Hall at **11:45 am** for a potluck lunch and sharing about our experiences of service worship

- **Neighborhood Trash Pick-up:** Kendra Wagner/Gabe Araujo- Narthex North Entry
- **Handing Out Snacks and Water Downtown:** Briana Mihelich - Narthex South Entry
- **Letter Writing to Our Representatives:** David Fayram - Room 11
- **Knitting of Prayer Shawls:** Cheryl Smith - Fireplace Room
- **Prepare Lunch for Garden View Tiny Village:** Kate Eifrig - Kitchen - 12 person limit
- **Prepare Coping Skills bags for Grief Support:** Emily Hagan - Mount Baker Room, 10 person limit
- **"No Kings" Rally Sign Making:** Diane Cooper-Schick, Julia Ritchie - Room 12/14

DEPARTING SERVICE SONG

"God Is There"

Text by Dallas Geil Arr. By Dallas Geil

Where love lives, God is there.

Where we serve, God is _____ there.

11:45 AM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

BRUNCH

Fill your plate and find a seat. We will begin our sharing shortly.

REGATHERING SERVICE SONG

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SHARING OUR EXPERIENCES

Each service group will have a chance to share what this experience was like for you as worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION & CLEAN-UP**



Lent & Easter Worship

Sunday Worship, 10:00 am:

Sunday, March 22:	Service Sunday — Being Christ's Hands & Feet
Palm Sunday, March 29:	The Celebrated in Us
Easter Sunday, April 5:	The Resurrected in Us

Special Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 pm with Garden Street UMC, Chapel

Good Friday, April 3. 6:00 pm: The Crucified in Us, Chapel

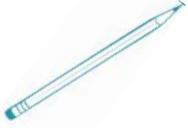
Easter Sunrise Service, April 5, 6:30 am., Little Squalicum Pier — give yourself about 10-15 minutes to walk to the end of the pier. If you need mobility support please contact Scott Ward.



REFLECTIONS FOR SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE



REACTIONS TO THE SHARING OF OTHERS EXPERIENCES



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

Our pastor is available by appointment virtually or in person. Contact her by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255.

Sharon sharon@fccb.net

Our Chaplain is also available at chaplain@fccb.net.

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

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