

Time

May 31, 2026



Vision Statement:

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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
May 31, 2026 10:00 am

*I've looked for more than twenty-four hours
In many a day and I've yet to find another second.
~ Matthew McConaughey in Poems & Prayers*

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

RINGING THE BELL

WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY

WELCOME SONG

"Let It Breathe on Me"
by Magnolia Lewis-Butts

Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me, let the
breath of the Spir - it breathe on me. Let it
breathe on me, let it breathe on me, let the
breath of God now breathe on me.

**Rise in body or spirit*

WELCOME

Scott Ward

We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows and a coloring, book, and play area 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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

John Mark Slagle

After Time with Children, children may go with Maya to church school in the social hall or remain in the sanctuary as they choose.

***HYMN 433** (black hymnal) “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

COMMUNITY PRAYER

by Susan J. Foster, alt.

Mac Bubb

One Voice: For everything, there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:

**All Voices: There are times when we are filled with joy and hope,
and other times when we are sad and scared.**

One Voice: There are times when we laugh, and times when we weep.

**All Voices: There are times when we are confident and strong,
and times when we are unsure and weak.**

One Voice: In every season, steadfast, God, you promise to be with us.

**All Voices: We wish that our lives would be filled only with times of joy and
laughter and peace, yet that’s not life. Help us to place our trust in
you, and help us to live in each moment. Amen.**

SUNG PRAYER

"Spirit of Life"

Spir - it of Life, come un - to me. Sing in my heart all the
stir - rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in my hand, giv - ing life the shape of jus - tice. Roots hold me close;
wings set me free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chaplain Charlene Epp

Anyone may share a brief joy or concern

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.*

WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
English Standard Version

Mac Bubb

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mac Bubb

One Voice: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All Voices: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Time"

John Mark Slagle

*We have several members who've taken a beginning class on preaching,
and we're pleased to have them periodically share their reflections with us.*

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Turn, Turn, Turn"
by Pete Seeger

Glee Club

Please sing along with the Glee Club!

Refrain:

To everything, turn, turn, turn.

There is a season, turn, turn, turn.

And a time for every purpose under Heaven.

A time of love, a time of hate,

A time of war, a time to peace,

A time you may embrace,

A time to refrain from embracing.

A time to be born, a time to die,

A time to plant, a time to reap,

A time to kill, a time to heal,

A time to laugh, a time to weep.

Refrain

A time to gain, a time to lose,

A time to rend, a time to sew,

A time to love, a time to hate,

A time for peace, I swear it's not too late.

Refrain

Refrain

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO OFFERING

Your generosity allows us to serve God in this place and beyond.

There are several ways to give: 1) Go to: fcb.net/giving. 2) Make a check out to FCCB.

3) Use the Breeze app, if you're connected. 4) Text a dollar amount to (360) 205-1297.

5) Scan the QR code below or on the back cover of this bulletin.

6) Place cash or check in the offering plate.

Thank you!



MUSICAL OFFERING

Judy Widrig

***HYMN 434** (black hymnal) “All Beautiful the March of Days”

FOREST GREEN

***BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE**

John Mark Slagle

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

ROOM FOR YOUR REFLECTIONS

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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