

Relentless Weariness

June 7, 2026



Vision Statement:

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 7, 2026 10:00 am

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived — that is to have succeeded.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.

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.

*Rise in body or spirit

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

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

BEACH SPRING



1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,
2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,



find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:



clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,



all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

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BEACH SPRING

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COMMUNITY PRAYER

by Cole Arthur Riley

Deanna Murray

One Voice: Please join me in praying this prayer by Cole Arthur Riley.

All Voices: **God of belief, when we take count of the tragedies of the world, it is difficult to believe there is a powerful and loving God with us. There is so much we wish you would intervene in to bring justice and healing now. We trust that you are a God who is patient with these doubts. A God who is not threatened by our unbelief but draws near to us in it.**

Help us toward an understanding of you that includes tension and mystery. Let us be empathetic with our souls, which have endured so much suffering, and incline us to ask deep questions of our maker. But as we do so, let us find an empathy for you – a God, who is no stranger to suffering but endures all things with us – that we might find full liberation. Let our doubts lead us into deeper intimacy with the Divine as we tell the truth of the questions that plague us. Amen.

SUNG PRAYER

"Spirit of Life"

The musical score is written on four staves of a single treble clef in 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kelsey Beebe

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 1:1-11
Common English Bible

Deanna Murray

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Deanna Murray

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

“Relentless Weariness”

Kelsey Beebe

HYMN 515 (black hymnal)

“O God, My God”

O GOD MY GOD

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Song

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.*

The Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

You may come forward to receive communion or 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 either dip your bread in the communal cup
or take a single-serving of juice from the center server.*

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

Communion Music

Judy Widrig

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: fccb.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 on the back cover of this bulletin.

6) Place cash or check in the offering plate.

Thank you!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Judy Widrig

***HYMN 336** (black hymnal) "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

MORECAMBE

***BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE**

Kelsey Beebe

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

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.

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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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