

Seeking Wisdom

June 14, 2026



Vision Statement:

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 14, 2026 10:00 am

If you're willing, please sit around a table this morning.

PRELUDE

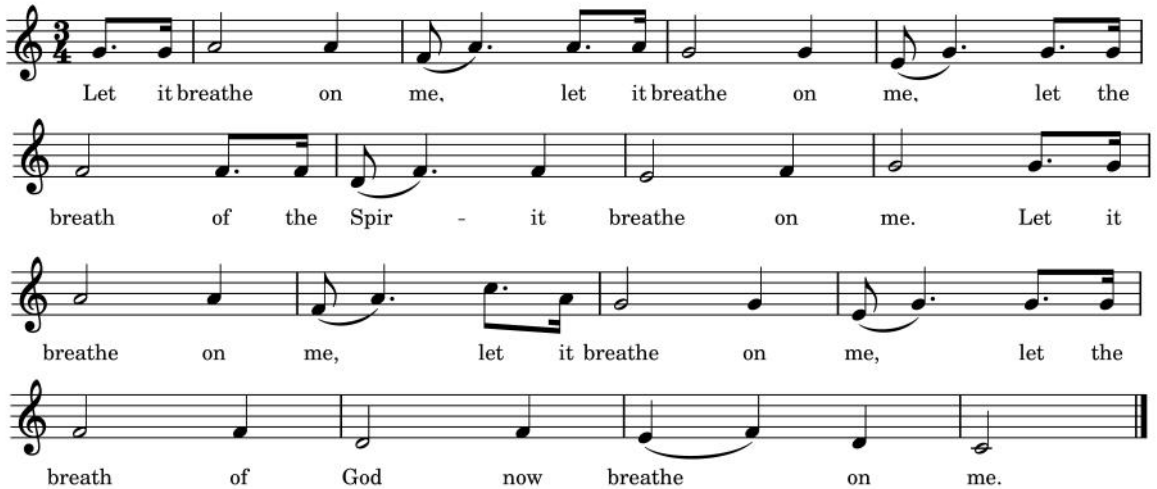
Judy Widrig

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

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 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

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

*Rise in body or spirit



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here



with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we



lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930–1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain
Doris Akers, 1962

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Janet Ott

One Voice: There are many voices telling us their truths.

**All Voices: Honesty is the best policy,
but don't bite the hand that feeds you.**

One Voice: So many competing messages from so many different places.

**All Voices: Learn to walk before you run,
even if actions speak louder than words.**

One Voice: How do we discern what is wisdom versus what is all hot air?

All Voices: The forbidden fruit is always the sweetest.

One Voice: Help us, O God, to learn from proverbs lightly.

All Voices: It's better to be safe than sorry.

One Voice: Give us wisdom to find our best paths to you.

All Voices: 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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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 7:1-12, 29

Janet Ott

The Message

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Janet Ott

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.

REFLECTION & SHARING

“Seeking Wisdom”

Sharon Benton

HYMN

“Stillness”



Meet me in the still-ness, God, be the
air I breathe; meet me in the still-ness,
God, free me to re-ceive.

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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 on the back cover of this bulletin.

6) Place cash or check in the offering plate.

Thank you!

MUSICAL OFFERING

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”
by Bill Ingram

Handbell Choir

HYMN

“Draw the Circle Wide”
see opposite page

MORECAMBE

***BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE**

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

Draw the Circle Wide

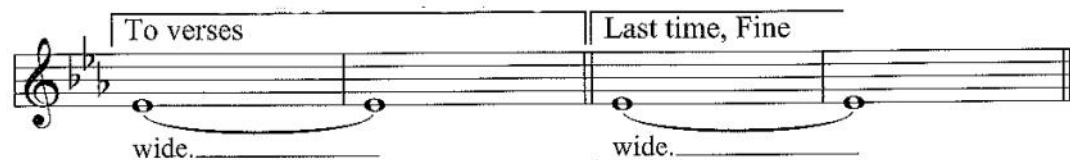
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Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our_



song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_



wide._____

wide._____



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
 3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er



- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
 great and small; let our lov - ing
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

D.C.



held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms._____
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call._____
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door._____

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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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