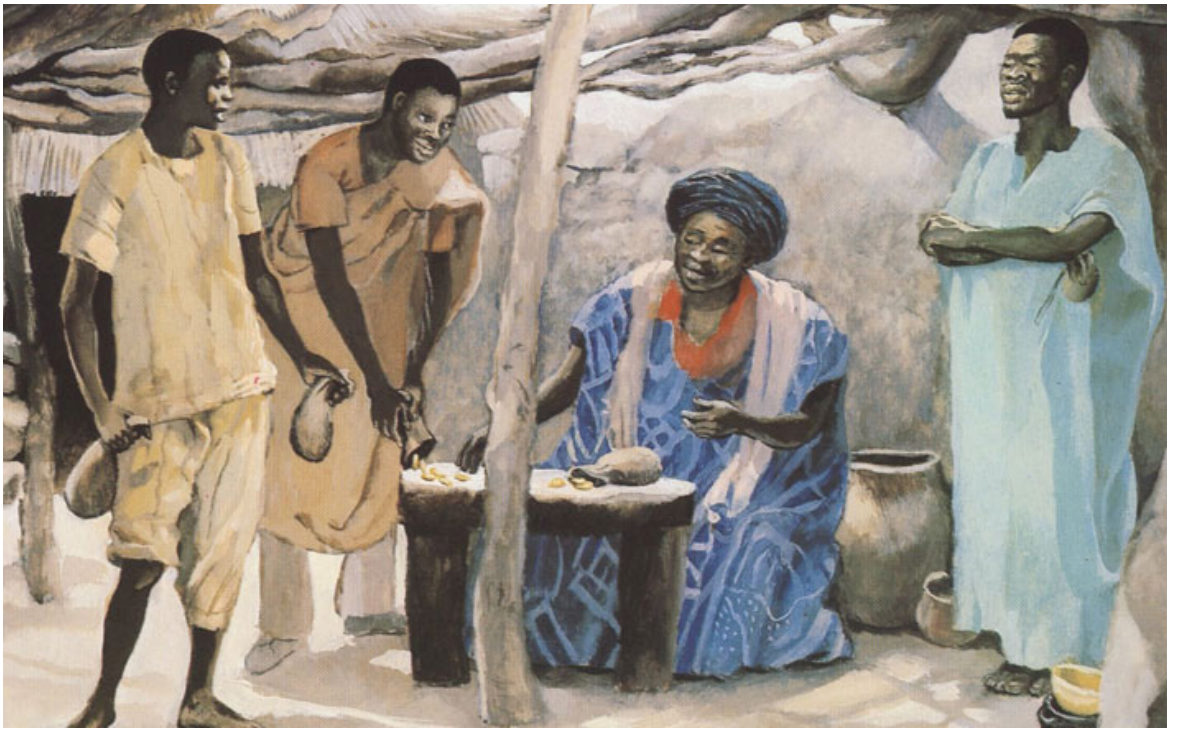
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November 15, 2026



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2026 at 10:00am

Welcome to Worship

"God's hands are never limited by what we have in ours."
- Lysa Terkeurst

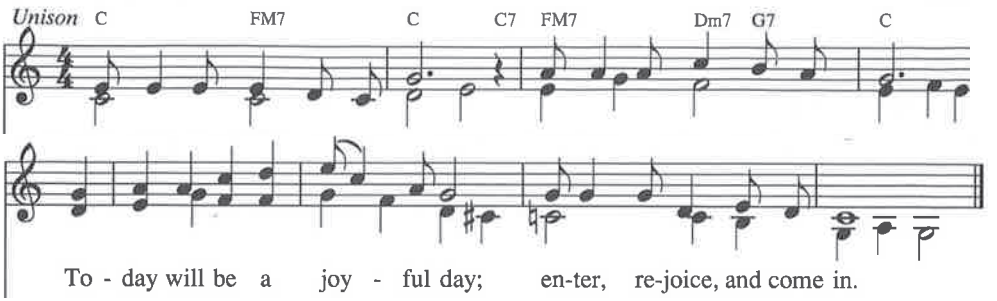
Prelude *"Way-faring Stranger"* Traditional, performed by Unbroken Circle

Ringing the Bell Children of the Church

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Welcome Song

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" Ruspini



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.

The Story Ted Huffman

Time with Children Amelia Bacon

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 #573** *"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"* Shurtleff

Community Prayer Deanna Murray

One: We gather today to grow in faith and give thanks to God.

Many: We come ready to learn, to be challenged, and to grow into a deeper life of faith.

One: We remember the wisdom and stories passed down through generations, stories of faith, hope, and God's presence through every season of life.

Many: And we commit ourselves to sharing the stories of God's love with those who come after us.

One: Those who came before us received the teachings of faith and passed them along to their children.

Many: Now it's our turn, and our joy, to share the wonderws of all God continues to do.

One: So we speak and sing, pray and gather, remembering that we never walk alone.

Many: Through every joy and every trial, God's love surrounds us and gives us strength to follow the way of Jesus.

Sung Prayer *"Spirit of the Living God"* Iverson



Prayers of the People Charlene Epp

The Prayer of Jesus - We invite you to use language for God that is most comforting for you: "Our Creator, "Our Father "or "Our Mother."

Our Creator
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kindom 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 kindom,
And the power,
And the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen

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A Reading from Scripture Judges 4:1-7, NRSV Deanna Murray

Scripture Response
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 *"Prophet, Judge, Strategist"* Ted Huffman

Gift of Music *"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"* Traditional, performed by Unbroken Circle

We Are Living Christ-Inspired Action

Announcements & Offering Scott Ward

Your generosity allows us together to nurture beloved community, grow authentic Christian faith, and live Christ-inspired action. Thank you!
You are welcome to put an offering in the basket during worship. Or, if you prefer, you may:

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 on the back cover of the bulletin.*

Gift of Music	*"Glory Bound"* *by the Wailin' Jennys*	Unbroken Circle
***Hymn #77**	*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*	
***Benediction & Passing the Peace**		Ted Huffman
Postlude		Judy Widrig



Sermon Notes, Reflections, Doodles

Open and Affirming (ONA):
As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, we welcome all people 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
While our pastor is on personal leave, our care line remains active, staffed by Chaplain Charlene Epp.

Contact Charlene by email: Chaplain@fccb.net.

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