



First Presbyterian Church of Bellingham

Sharing a Living Faith Across Generations

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stay connected this week

Visit fpcbellingham.org/calendar for further information and links

MID-WEEK REFLECTION: Wednesdays at 7pm through June 23rd | Zoom
Join us for 30 minutes of scripture, music and meditation.

DEMENTIA 101 CLASS: Thursday, June 10th at 7pm | Zoom

FPC's Faith Community Nurses will host Leslie Jackson RN, Educational Coordinator for Dementia Support Northwest, for an informational session on dementia. She will discuss signs of dementia, various types of dementia and techniques for communication and coping with behaviors. She will also address the importance of self-care for family caregivers.

worship guide

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

John Freal—Already and Not Yet

Confession and Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

*Intergenerational Question & Memory Verse**
"What do you enjoy doing on or near water?"

Isaiah 43:2

Scripture Reading 1

Ezra 3:1-6a

Meditation

Memorable Moments—Video

Children's Sunday School Dismissal

Passing of the Peace

*Children through 5th grade are dismissed for
5th grade Sunday School and Godly Play*

Scripture Reading 2

Ezra 3:6b-11

Meditation

Special Music

Jocelyn Meyer

Scripture Reading 3

Ezra 12-13

Lament

Up Close & Personal

FPC Stephen Ministry Class

Commissioning of Linda Battle as a Stephen Minister

Offering

Communion | Dismiss to lawn | Receive communion

Worship in Song

Charge and Blessing

*Tammy Rutgers, Organist • Becca Niemeyer, Host
John Freal, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*



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Already and Not Yet

John Freal

With grateful hearts we return
though we come by way of grief and sorrow
hoping to end our laments
wanting to walk with you
What to clear away
to uncover your vision
of justice and peace
What way in the wilderness
to the rivers running in the desert

You created us one
You created a multitude

I went to the mountains
There I saw one standing
at the edge of the road
like Mary Magdalene
her feet in snow
her hands folded in prayer
her face turned toward a dying tree
I join my prayer with hers
Turn our fears to dancing
Set the shattered free
and break every yoke

You created us one
You created a multitude

I went to the sea –
You bade us come to the water –
and felt the chill of the gale
and stood by the sea stacks
called Shark’s Teeth
There I waited for your children
Some came

We heard your voice in the wind
and you wrote on our hearts
You write on all hearts
no matter who we are
no matter who we love

You created us one
You created a multitude

We are here to witness the light
the light of dawn
the light that Mary saw
in the garden / in angels / in Jesus
the resurrection light
the light of Christ
the light of the world
the light that shall be for all people
the light that shines in the darkness
the light that gives life
the Spirit that gives life
the light that turns to love
the love that overcomes
suffering and death and darkness

You create us today
– one and a multitude

Notes

Mary Magdalene shows up twice in this poem. I don’t think of her at all as the non-scriptural legend, as a reformed woman of the streets. She is an apostle of Jesus, a witness to his death, and, according to John’s gospel, the first witness to his resurrection.

I want give inspirational credit to the prophet Isaiah. I’ve spent a lot of time reflecting on his writing during the pandemic. I don’t think prophetic writing is primarily about some ancient future but about God’s call and promise for now. Eugene Peterson said that we don’t go to the prophets to get more information but to revive our hope and imagination.

welcome back!

Visit fpcbellingham.org for all church happenings

CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

Babies & Toddlers:

The Godly Play Prep room is open to receive babies through 3-year-olds five minutes before (9:55am) or anytime during the service.

- A cry room is available off the balcony to the left of the lectern (south side) for parents to settle babies and continue to listen to the service.
- An unstaffed, equipped nursery, Room 2, is available downstairs for parents to change diapers and settle babies.
- Toddlers through 3 years old are welcome in our staffed Godly Play Prep Rooms 3 & 4. *(Please enter through the door for Room 3.)*

Preschool through those entering the 5th grade in the fall:

Children in this age group are invited to sit with their parents in worship until they are dismissed to go downstairs to Godly Play. Please send only one parent to accompany or pick up your children.

REGISTER FOR NEXT WEEK

Visit tinyurl.com/FPCSundayWorship to register online or contact the church: (360) 734-5510 or email info@fpcbellingham.org and leave your name by Friday at 9:00 PM.

THE GARDEN COLLEGE MINISTRY

What was once The INN has become The Garden. The Garden exists to grow the Kingdom by creating agenda-free spaces for community, serving the world with no strings attached and seeking Jesus together.

Learn more

at www.whatisthegarden.org or follow us on Instagram and Facebook @thegardenbellingham.

PRAY WITH US!

Visit

caringbridge.org/visit/fpcprayers

for daily prayers, and/or email

prayervine@fpcbellingham.org

to receive weekly prayer requests.

Phone messages are checked throughout the week. 360.734.5510

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worship in song

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance
flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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worship in song

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (Nettleton)

Verse 1

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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