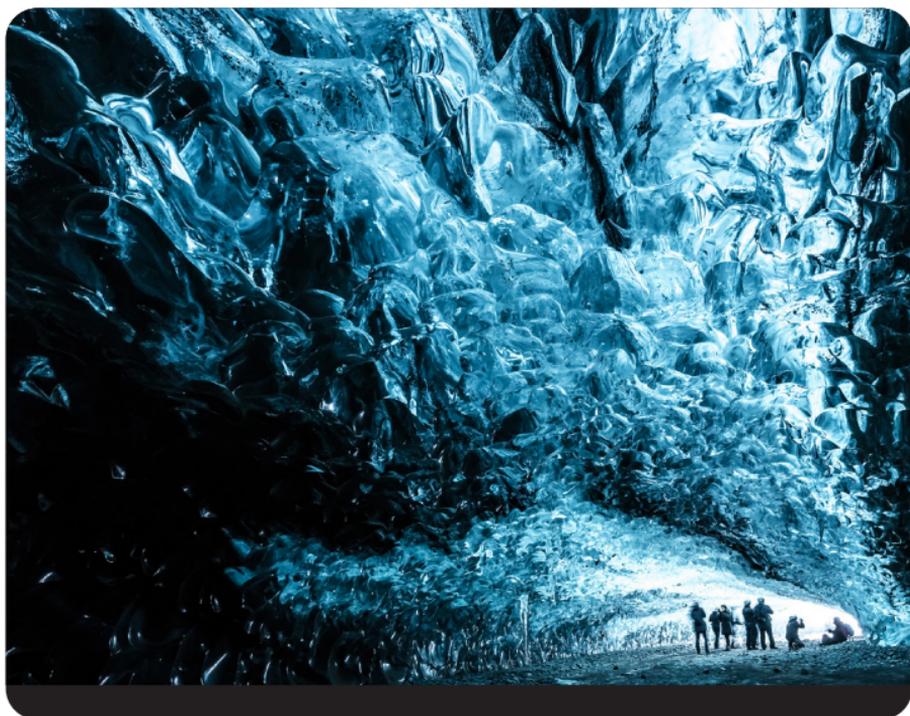




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Up from the Waters
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**All are invited to rise in spirit and/or body*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Doug Collins

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Prelude Michael Row the Boat Ashore FCC Trio

***Call to Worship** Melissa Peabody

Leader: Mysteriously assembled,

All: We are part of the body of Christ!

L: The hands and feet,

A: Christ's witnesses and advocates.

L: The crafters and synergizers,

A: Co-conspirators for justice and community.

L: Up from the cold shiny waters of baptism,

A: We rise and rejoice; God is blessing the path ahead!

***Opening Hymn** Take Me to the Water Ch 367

Children's Moment

A Baptismal Reaffirmation of Laura Richholt

Pastor: *We give you thanks, O Holy One, faithful parent and gracious Companion, for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit.*

A: Embrace us all as children in the one household of your love.

P: *God's waters are a stream; active, cleansing, formative.*

A: Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend Laura as she continues her journey with you, now, and in the days and years to come.

P: *Give her and each of us strength for life's journey,*

A: Courage in time of suffering,

P: the joy of faith,

A: the freedom of love,

P: Resurrecting hope.

A: Through Jesus Christ who makes us one, Alleluia!

Amen!

A Time for Prayer

Community Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Prayer Candles

Musical Meditation.

Down to the River to Pray

Insert

The Inclusive Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Melissa Peabody

1 Corinthians 12:14-19, 27-31

New Revised Standard Version Book (NRSV)

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership,

Down to the River to Pray

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the stary crown Good Lord, show me the way.

O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O brothers lets go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters lets go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the stray crown Good Lord, show me the way.

O children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O children lets go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way.

O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sinners lets go down, down in the river to pray.

various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Hymn of Response

CH 542

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Call to Giving

Offering plates are located near the back of the sanctuary as you exit at the conclusion of the service. For online giving, please visit www.fcctacoma.org/give.

Communion Hymn

CH 414

Eat This Bread

Sharing God's Feast

Communion Meditation and Prayer

Words of Institution

*All (and by All, we mean **everybody**) are welcome to partake of the bread and cup. A deacon will pass the elements down each row. Disposable element packs will also be available in the cup tray.*

***Closing Hymn**

CH 443

Bleat Be the Tie that Binds

All who wish to join the faith community of FCC Tacoma are invited to proceed to the front as we sing our closing hymn. Those unable to do so are invited to wave a signal to Pastor Doug and he will make his way to your pew.

Benediction

Postlude

FCC Trio

Roll Jordan Roll