



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

602 North Orchard Street Tacoma, Washington 98406

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

"God is doing a new thing"



July 4, 2021

Gathering Music

Welcome

Pastor Doug

Prelude

FCC Trio

Woke Up This Morning

Call to Worship

Brittany Wooten

*People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love -
Neighbors and friends, siblings all - a community of kindred hearts.*

*People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know -
Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched
hand.*

People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

*In me, in you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see. People of God,
come. Let us worship together.*

Opening Song

FCC Trio

This is My Song

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Doug

Music by FCC Trio - *Live in Charity*

Scripture Reading

Brittany Wooten

Mark 6: 1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense^[b] at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon

Pastor Doug

“God is doing a new thing”

Song of Reflection

FCC Trio

We Shall Overcome

Communion

Pastor Doug & Brittany Wooten

Music by FCC Trio - ***Eat This Bread***

Invitation.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Benediction Song

Everyone

We Are Walking in the Light of God

Benediction Blessing

Pastor Doug

Postlude

We Are Walking in the Light of God



In observance of Independence Day, the office will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021.
Staff will return to the office on July 6, 2021

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR OUR PRAYERS

JOY FOR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Nathan**, grandson of Phyllis Jacobson, is doing well and just celebrated 6 months of sobriety and thanks everyone for their continued prayers.
- **Marylu Mills** knee surgery went well. She is currently at a rehabilitation facility where she continues recovery. We pray for her, and for Joe, as he cares for her and continues his own recovery from a series of injuries he sustained in January.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Haley Branton**, 13yr old neighbor of Betty Alvarado, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer after being cancer free for 2 years.
- **Kenny Redford** and family, Martha Redford's step-son, traveling mercies as they travel to AZ.
- **Anastasia Cox**, mother of Lela Cox, is back home as of Friday. Please continue to pray for her and for Lela as they navigate next steps for her medical care.
- **Lisa Rollins**, daughter of Arnie and Mary Rollins. We're glad to share that her doctors have been able to rule out kidney cancer as a diagnosis. Mary and Arnie ask that we continue to lift her in prayer as she awaits further results from a biopsy to determine the best next steps.
- **Bear**, partner of Melissa Peabody, who is having some health issues.
- **Steve Johnson** is making progress, but it's still a long recovery process.
- **Kathy Call**, struggling to recover from eye surgery.
- **September Peterson**, 15-year-old participant diagnosed with stage 3 cancerous tumor, just entering another round of chemo and transfusions.
- **Marc Masters**, friend of Martha Redford, suffering from severe arthritis in feet.

Please remember our homebound friends:

- **Helen Bosley**
- **Elaine Jonson**
- **Harry and Margaret Lobberegt**
- **Mereidene Moore**, (mother of Charlene Housman who used to attend FCC Tacoma with her husband in former years)
- **Jane Nelson**.
- **Jim and Kay Thompson**, (serious heart issues for Jim, keeping them both isolated at home)
- **Verena Reese**

The Northern Lights Region
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and First Christian Church of Tacoma, WA
Cordially Invite You to

A Service of Installation for Rev. Douglas Collins

Rev. Sandy Messick, Regional Minister, preaching



Sunday, July 25th, 2021 at 2:00pm

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Reservations to attend physically at tinyurl.com/3ytvbdcn

All are welcome to our service of installation for our new minister, Rev. Douglas Collins. If you plan to attend physically, please reserve your spot here: tinyurl.com/3ytvbdcn. Those who wish to participate via Facebook Live can do so at tinyurl.com/ykmc5n2d.



SUMMER TIME IS HUNGRY TIME

Hunger doesn't stop when schools are closed ---whether it's a pandemic or just the summer break. Here in Washington state, one in six families is struggling to put food on the table.

34% of Nourish Food Bank Clients are children.

Issues facing hungry children can be quite complex, but solving the problem of their hunger is simple. Nourish is continuing to provide food for nourishing meals, and the need is greater than ever. Help feed hungry children by donating to Nourish.

For every dollar you donate, Nourish is able to distribute \$7 worth of food. Your donation will be matched by our church budget, doubling the amount of your gift.

Splinters from the Board

7/27/21 - Via Zoom



- Tom Moore opened with prayer
- Pat Riley gave a report on financials. The budget is being exceeded due to multiple factors. Our leaders are working to address these concerns. Much appreciation was given to Elizabeth Lindsey and all of the finance committee.
- Tom gave a Tiny Home Village update. Current population: 61. 17 people have transitioned to more permanent housing. This gives the village a 53% successful move out rate. Five families have been reunited with their children, possibly due to having stable housing at the village. Morale is great, and residents have helped with clean-up around the church grounds. Community members have also worked together to get fans for the village.
- Cassie reported that we opened the multi-purpose room to be used by those Tiny Home Village residents in need of a place to cool down.
- Reconvening committee confirmed reopening for in-person worship on July 4th, 2021. More details can be found in Pastor Doug's article above.
- In his report, Pastor Doug expressed gratitude for our super talented staff. Much excitement is on horizon with reopening and meeting FCC participants through services and the Getting To Know You events. He plans to meet with local community businesses and agencies, both surrounding the church and those around Tacoma aligned with church's mission in the coming weeks. Among his priorities, he is working with leaders to amend/update our by-laws and appreciates any input. He'll be out of the office counseling CYF Camp at Gwinwood July 19th-24th. His installation service is set for Sunday, July 25th.
- Alison gave admiration for new Facebook page design - thank you Pastor Doug.
- Next Board Meeting: TBD

The Center for Spirituality and the Arts Update

06/30/21

Benjamin Smith: Executive Director

These past several months, we have been blessed by so many beautiful interactions with the community. I have had the opportunity to speak and meet with Joe Perva, the director of the Tiny House community here on campus, several times about how we can interact with the community of parents and children at the Tiny Home Village on 6th and Orchard.



We now have a plan and process initiated that looks like me and other musicians, including our new pastor Doug Colins, going into the campus to play music, and to meet and greet parents of the children who we hope to serve through our initiative with the mission to provide free music lessons. One of the biggest things Joe has communicated to me in our effort to gain a relationship with the village community is the importance of building relationships of

trust. This is a process. The process begins with listening to people in humility, being present and available to listen and build relationship. I've found that the gift music is a wonderful way to do this, and I look forward to seeing how our musical interactions will blossom!

The second exciting development is that I have had the honor of meeting Disciples of Christ minister, author, and anti-racism advocate, Sandhya Rani Jha. (<https://sandhyajha.com>) After a beautiful time of connecting and listening to each other's stories and connecting to the mission and vision that is emerging from the Center for Spirituality and the Arts in Tacoma, Sandhya offered to teach a group class on cultural humility as well as intersectionality.

I'm pleased to share that this training will be offered to the entire steering committee, which we hope will have positive effects not only for the Center for Spirituality and the Arts, but more broadly at FCC, too. We'll benefit from a 3-hour training session with Sandhya using the template of cultural humility and intersectionality. I am very excited that we've been able to work to





make this happen this year.

We are still taking musical instrument donations, although we no longer need full sized pianos. Band Instruments and smaller instruments like guitars are needed. We will be receiving a donated pump organ. The generosity and excitement that people have in this community to support what we are not only doing, but hoping to do, never ceases to amaze me.

Finally, I wanted to share that there have been many people in the community who have years of experience working in nonprofits, working with youth, and working around the themes of trauma healing and art as therapy whose gifts I am excited to see help form the work we do.

God is bringing the right people from the community into this neighborhood so we can together serve this community with not only beautiful art participation and creativity, but in doing so, intentionally offering the balm of Gilead, a healing through participation in the arts with mentors, coaches, and those who hold space for those in our community yearning for an outlet to express themselves.

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