



first christian church
TACOMA



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Meeting Jesus”

Mark 10: 13-16

September 26, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.



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**Please stand if you are able*

Gathering Music

Kenneth Tucker

Welcome

Rev. Brittany Lynn Wooten

Prelude

FCC Trio

“Where No One Stands Alone”

Once I stood in the night
With my head bowed low
In the darkness as black as could be
And my heart felt alone and I cried, "Oh Lord
Don't hide your face from me"
Like a king, I may live in a palace so tall
With great riches to call my own
But I don't know a thing
In this whole wide world
That's worse than being alone
Hold my hand all the way, every hour, every day
Come here to the great unknown
Take my hand, let me stand
Where no-one stands alone
Take my hand, let me stand
Where no-one stands alone

Call to Worship

Steve Johnson

Friends, we have awakened today with a hunger that calls our stomachs to groan and our bodies to ache for nourishment.

We hunger for the bread of God that feeds our bodies.

We rose from our rest with mouths that are parched for the water we were giving did not last through the night.

We thirst for the water Jesus spoke of that will never run dry.

We wake to the reality that our dreams of unconditional love are not yet a reality for all our brothers and sisters.

We yearn for love that sustains our souls

Our time of worship will bring food, drink, and love. It will also teach of the food that never fails, the cup that never runs dry, and the love that is always being offered by our Creator.

We come to worship today to be held in the arms of Jesus. Feed us. Quench us. Love us. Our hope is in you, Lord, now and forevermore. Hallelujah.

***Opening Hymn**

CH 92

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

A Time for Prayer

David Quiring

After a pastoral prayer is offered, worshippers are invited to light a candle at a nearby station as we continue our time of prayer.

“Take Your Burden to the Lord”

Community Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Find this week's responsive prayer insert in your pew.

Scripture Reading

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¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them

up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon Rev. Brittany Lynn Wooten
"Meeting Jesus"

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me CH 627

Call to Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering can be placed at the conclusion of our service in one of the two trays located at the back of the sanctuary. You can also give online anytime at <http://bit.ly/fccgiving>.

Communion Hymn CH 424
I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Sharing God's Feast

communion prayer

musical meditation

***Closing Hymn** CH 560
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

***Benediction Song & Blessing**
God Be With You

Dismissal & Postlude FCC Trio
Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors.
We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

Senior Pastor

Rev. Doug Collins (he/him)

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