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TACOMA



“A time to pray”
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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 God Will Provide for Me Insert

***Call to Worship** Sue Simpson

Leader: *The goodness of God has called us here!*

All: ***We are recipients of God's gracious love.***

L: *Though we have not always done what is right in God's sight;*

A: ***Yet God is merciful and forgiving.***

L: *Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.*

P: ***Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in your name. Amen.***

Opening Hymn CH 56

For the Beauty of the Earth

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading Sue Simpson

Luke 11:1-13

(NRSVUE)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

A Holy Time for Prayer, Meditation and Connection

During this time, worshippers are invited to explore a variety of prayer and meditation practices located around the sanctuary. Try them all, linger on just one or two; however the Spirit guides you, we invite all to be open to this creative moment for extended reflection and communion with God.

See insert for a list of this morning's prayer station offerings, along with brief descriptions of each practice.

The conclusion of this time will be marked with the sound of the singing bowl and a pastoral prayer led by Pastor Doug.

Hymn of Response CH 560
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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 523
Live in Charity

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** Insert
I'll Go Where You Want

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
Someday

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Rev. Doug Collins (he/him)

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Benjamin Smith (he/him)

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