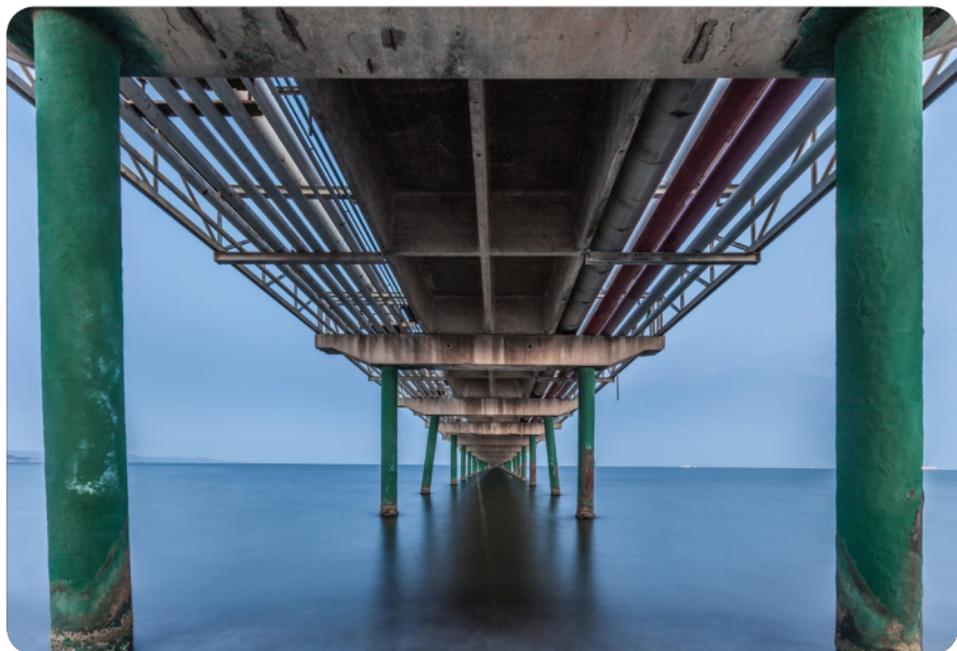




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**TACOMA**



**Guest Preacher: Rev. Sarah Zuniga**  
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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**

Plenty Good Room

FCC Trio

### **\*Call to Worship**

Jan Riley

Leader: Creator God, divine artist, you fashion the universe with skill and beauty.

All: We praise you!

L: Jesus the builder has shaped our hearts with loving hands faithful intention.

A: We thank you!

L: Holy Spirit, breath of new creation, you continually fashion us anew.

P: We worship you. We open our hearts to you. We surrender ourselves to your shaping hands. Alleluia!

### **\*Opening Hymn**

Joyful Joyful

CH 2

## **Children's Moment**

### **A Time for Prayer**

Community Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Prayer Candles

Musical Meditation.

CH 557

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

The Inclusive Lord's Prayer

### **Scripture Reading**

Jan Riley

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Common English Bible (CEB)*

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. 8 “When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don’t take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. 9 The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give your seat to this other person.’ Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. 10 Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, ‘Friend, move up here to a better seat.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. 11 All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

12 Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, “When you host a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. 13 Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they can’t repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

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Weave

**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](http://www.fcctacoma.org/give).*

**Communion Hymn**

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Mandatum

I give to you a new rule  
To love each one as I love you  
Love everyone as I love you  
Love everyone as I love you

**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 494

They'll Know We Are Christians

*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**

I'll Fly Away

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