



# Rooted & Resolved

**First Church**

First United Methodist Church *of* Seattle

First United Methodist Church of Seattle is a progressive faith community offering a place to grow spiritually and a refuge of inclusive Christianity.

We use our voices and energy to advocate for persons on society's margins and for all God's creation.

- GATHERING -

Prelude *Jesus Love Medley, arr. By Charity Book Putnam* Don Crawley, pianist

\* Call to Worship (from enfleshed.com) Barbara Moreland  
What miracles of God might unfold In faith, we trust the Spirit is with us  
among us? **We gather in shared** **There will be a breaking open**  
**hope and possibility**

Concerned with exploitation of land  
and people. **We are weary with**  
**empire's greed**

Let the people come together in  
solidarity of struggle  
**God will rise among us**

\* Opening Hymn UMH #378 "Amazing Grace"

\* Passing of the Peace Barbara Moreland

Welcome Rev. Jeremy Smith

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Barbara Moreland

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself today,  
across the spectrum of human existence of sexuality, identity, ability, or privilege;  
in a world full of questions, doubts, and a climate in crisis;  
may this community be a place of companionship and healing for you.  
Know this: There is nothing that can separate you from God's all-embracing love.  
Christ invites you – Christ invites us – to find him today in worship and celebration.

Special Music *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* - Hoffman and Showalter, arr. Joel Raney  
First Church Summer Choir, Directed by Dr. Glenn Gregg

Prayers of the People Barbara Moreland

Prayer Response UMH 405 "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.  
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Scriptures Rev. Jeremy Smith



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**August Sermon Series - “Rooted & Resolved”** What are the Foundations of our Faith, and how do they help us stand firm in our convictions, even when controversial? This August series will be seeking Clarity in our Convictions through examining our four sources of authority as United Methodists.

**August 6 - Resolved on Immigration, Rooted in Tradition**

August 13 - Resolved on LGBTQ+ Inclusion, Rooted in Scripture

August 20 - Resolved on Reproductive Choice, Rooted in Experience

August 27 - Resolved on Gun Control, Rooted in Reason

See you each Sunday at 10:30am! Check our website for past sermon topics you might have missed!

**Seattle Center Art Walk for Children & Youth on August 13!** Pastor Jeremy invites church families on an Art Walk through Seattle Center. The 45-minute walk will teach us about a few public artworks and how they remind us of scripture and story. Depending on timing, we will end at First Church or the playground/fountain. A light lunch will be provided immediately after church, and the walk will begin promptly at noon. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure an accurate lunch count. Contact Jonathyn to register: [Jonathyn@FirstChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Jonathyn@FirstChurchSeattle.org)

**Save the Date: First Church Women's Retreat** - Join the amazing women of First Church at our annual Women's Retreat on October 20-22 at Camp Indianola for a time of reflection and worship, crafts and yoga, as well as unstructured time to simply breathe. We'll send out registration details later this summer.

**Saturdays with Pax Christi Yoga!** Yoga classes welcome both beginner and more advanced students to participate in communion with God through the moving prayer of yoga. Pax Christi Yoga is now offered in-person & online at 9AM on Saturdays! To join this class, email Sharon at [PaxChristiYoga@firstchurchseattle.org](mailto:PaxChristiYoga@firstchurchseattle.org)

**Thank you for your offerings and your Communication Cards!** Thank you for your support of First Church missions and ministries! You can drop your offering & communication card in the offering plate during the Offertory. Or you can make a gift online by using the QR code to the right with your smartphone, or at [FirstChurchSeattle.org/give](https://FirstChurchSeattle.org/give)



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## ABOUT US



We're called "First Church" because we are Seattle's first congregation, established in 1853. We cherish our place in Seattle's past, present, and future. First Church is a proud member of the **Reconciling Ministries Network**, a community "*committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection, working for the full participation of all LGBTQ+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church.*"

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