



# *Right to (Soul) Repair*

**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      *Meditation on "How Firm a Foundation"*      arranged by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

\* Call to Worship      Erin Elaine Gail  
Faithful people, let us pause and  
take notice      **We make space for Holy  
Wisdom; we make room to  
consider**  
**The pace of these days distracts  
and overwhelms**      Taking stock of our lives, collective  
and personal  
In the company of one another, we  
ground ourselves in a different  
rhythm      **Let us open our hearts to the  
truths that bring life**

\* Opening Hymn      UMH 384 - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\* Passing of the Peace      Erin Elaine Gail

Welcome      Rev. Jeremy

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle      Erin Elaine Gail

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself today,  
across the spectrum of human existence, 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 in worship and celebration.

Special Music      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - arr. Anderson  
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Welcoming New Members      Jean Braun

Prayers of the People      Erin Elaine Gail

Prayer Response      This is God's Wondrous World, v.3

This is God's wondrous world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong. God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, O let the heavens ring! God reigns, let earth be glad.

**- PROCLAIMING -**

<b>Introducing the Scriptures</b>		<b>Rev. Jeremy</b>
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 3:9-23 (NRSVue)</b>	<b>Gregory Wallace</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSVue)</b>	<b>Mike Waring</b>
	This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.	
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“An Open Source Faith”</b>	<b>Rev. Jeremy</b>

**- RESPONDING -**

<b>Invitation to the Offering</b>		<b>Erin Elaine Gail</b>
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**Offertory**                      *Hear Ye, Israel, from Elijah - Mendelssohn*  
*Tess Altiveros, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist*

**\* Offering Response    UMH 400    Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing v.2**

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious love.

<b>Call to Discipleship</b>		<b>Rev. Jeremy</b>
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<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		<b>Erin Elaine Gail</b>
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<b>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		<b>Rev. Jeremy</b>
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**\*\*The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer After Communion**

**\* Closing Hymn                      TFWS 2220 “We are God's People”**

<b>* Blessing &amp; Sending</b>		<b>Rev. Jeremy</b>
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<b>Postlude</b>	<b><i>Improvisation on “The Church's One Foundation”</i></b>	<b>Elisabeth Ellis, organist</b>
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*\*All may stand as able.*

*\*\*You are invited to use the translation of the Lord's Prayer with which you are most comfortable.*

*Our Thanks to Those Helping in Worship: Lay Worship Leader, Erin Elaine Gail; Gregory Wallace, Reader; Mike Waring, Reader; Teresa Canady, Communion Steward; Laura Celin, Audio-Visual Operator*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Connecting Our Community | First Church Orientation-** Learn more about First Church at a First Church Orientation on Sunday, September 17th at 12pm. A light lunch will be served and Pastor Jeremy and the Newcomer's Team will lead attendees through the ministries and mission of First Church, with plenty of time for Q&A and conversation. Registration is required. [firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/](https://firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/)

**Take Action on Climate: Join the Rally To End Fossil Fuels-** Take Action on Climate: Join the Rally to End Fossil Fuels. On Sunday, September 17, people from all over the world will participate in a massive, coordinated action called the March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City to demand that world leaders commit to phasing out fossil fuels. This will be the biggest climate march since 2020.

The Seattle rally will take place on the Broad Street Green, just a block or two from church, from 2 to 4 pm. Join members of the Climate Justice Group as we add our voices to the global cry for a livable future. We will leave from church at 2pm, or you can just go directly to Broad Street Green. Register here: [firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/](https://firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/)

**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. To register, please visit [firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/](https://firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/)  
**Last day to register is September 30th.**

**Note from Pastor Jeremy:** This past week, our Director of Communications Gina del Rosario sent out to "the Grid" volunteers requests for our members to sign up for lay worship leadership, scripture reading, ushering, and greeting. Sign-ups have been slow, so please open that email and sign up today so our worship leadership for the coming weeks is better set. Thank you!

**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)



## ABOUT US

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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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