



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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* arranged by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship**

Peter Jabin

In the house of Joy,
there is no hierarchy of value.

Every life is cherished.

In Joy's presence, there is a Spirit
of Protection.

We shelter each other from harm.

Joy calls upon us:

To divest from evil.

To come home to ourselves.

To share what we have.

May Joy welcome us today.

*** Opening Hymn**

UMH 617 - "I Come With Joy"

*** Passing of the Peace**

Peter Jabin

Welcome

Rev. Jeremy

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle

Peter Jabin

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

Hem of Your Robe - Pepper Choplin

Sanctuary Choir, featuring James Dargan, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, director

Prayers of the People

Peter Jabin

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 -

Introducing the Scriptures

Rev. Jeremy

New Testament Reading **Genesis 50:15-21 (NRSVue)** **Nickie Askov**

Gospel Reading **Mark 2:1-12(NRSVue)** **Warren Askov**

This is the word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“Turn Your Own Wrenches”** **Rev. Jeremy**

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering **Peter Jabin**

Offertory ***Deep River* - arranged by Moses Hogan**
James Dargan, 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.

Call to Discipleship **Rev. Jeremy**

Prayer of Confession **Peter Jabin**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **Rev. Jeremy**

****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 UMH 383 “This is a Day of New Beginnings”**

*** Blessing & Sending** **Rev. Jeremy**

Postlude ***Toccata in G Major* - Théodore Dubois** **Elisabeth Ellis, organist**

**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 & Communion Steward, Peter Jabin; Nickie Askov, Reader; Warren Askov, Reader; Laura Celin, Audio-Visual Operator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/

Prayer Class for “Help, Thanks, Wow!” by Anne Lamott: If you wonder about prayer or find prayer a challenge, Anne Lamott’s book “Help, Thanks, Wow!” may be for you. Lamott is direct and funny. She doesn’t pretend to be perfect and lets us in on her struggles. Let’s talk about the book and where you are with prayer. The class will meet on Sunday mornings in room 301 at 9:00 am on Sept 17, 24 and Oct 1. *No book required!* To sign up, please visit firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/

Leaning Into Grief: Personal and Planetary Sorrows Retreat | Oct 13-15, 2023:

Grief is an integral part of life that requires our attention if we want to be fully available to life. In our culture, however, we have forgotten how to share our grief with one another. There are very few spaces where we are invited to experience and express this complex grief in community. This retreat will utilize Francis Weller’s “Five Gates of Grief” to connect participants to their distinct and multifaceted experiences of grief in the context of a “sudden village.” **Registration ends on September 28.** To register, please visit

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/
Last day to register is September 30th.

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

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



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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