

The background of the entire page is a dark, swirling mass of purple and blue smoke or mist. In the center of this smoke is a large, glowing blue circle. Inside this circle, the text "Villains: Why do we Love to Hate?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in four lines: "Villains:", "Why do we", "Love to", and "Hate?".

Villains: Why do we Love to Hate?

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 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* arranged by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed) Tom Allen

Bread of heaven, nourish us in this period of wandering.
Through wildernesses wearisome and fearful, we strive to remain faithful.
Keep our minds set upon lands of abundance,
Where justice rolls down like waters and love is the law.

Do not let us settle for crumbs of life,
But encourage us in persevering toward your Kindom.

* Opening Hymn UMH #117 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

* Passing of the Peace Tom Allen

Welcome Jackie Celin

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Tom Allen

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 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* - arr. Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Prayers of the People Tom Allen

Prayer Response TFWS #2253 *"Water, River, Spirit, Grace"*

Water, River, Spirit, Grace,
Sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me,
In sculpting me.

- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Scriptures		Jackie Celin
Old Testament	Exodus 32: 1-14 (NRSVue)	Bruce Hall
New Testament	Matthew 22: 1-14 (NRSVue)	Eleanor Schubert

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

Sermon	“Not Without Fear”	Jackie Celin
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- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering		Tom Allen
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Offertory *Gospel Blues, from Lyric Suite - Robert L. Morris*
Ibidunni Ojikutu, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Offering Response TFWS #2175 - *Together We Serve, v.2*
We seek to become, a beacon of hope
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through,
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

Call to Discipleship		Jackie Celin
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Prayer of Confession		Tom Allen
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The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Rev. Kathryn Everett
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Communion Hymns: The Faith We Sing # 2257-a, b, d

****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 #2190 - “Bring Forth the Kingdom”

* Blessing & Sending		Jackie Celin
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Postlude	<i>Postlude in D minor - C. V. Stanford</i>	Elisabeth Ellis, organist
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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, Tom Allen ; Bruce Hall, Reader; Eleanor Schubert, Reader; Laura Celin, Audio-Visual Operator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Sermon Series | Why do we Love to Hate?: Our culture loves to either vilify people or venerate the bad guys. During the month of October, we have the chance to expand our empathy and confront our prejudices by delving into the complexities of villains. By comprehending their intricacies, we can gain a valuable tool for personal spiritual growth and discipleship development. See you each Sunday at 10:30am!

TheoEd Sunday Class: Starting October 8, join us for four weeks of church TED talks as we watch TheoED talks (from Emory University in Atlanta) that tackle theological topics in 20 minutes or less. Class will begin at 9am in room 301.

Prayer Shawl Group: Our Prayer Shawl group would like to invite you to experience knitting and crocheting as acts of compassion. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome! Join us in person on October 15th after service in 302. We will be meeting through Zoom on November 21st and December 19th.

Real Change | "I'm Your Neighbor" 29th Anniversary Celebration: It takes place on Thursday, October 18th at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) at Washington Hall in Seattle's historic Central District. Register at realchangenews.org or RSVP with Kathryn Everett

Faith Action Network | Annual Dinner: Our theme United in Hope emerged because this is the year we know we need to gather in the midst of policy threats to communities we care about and to our democracy as a whole. Register at <https://fanwa.org/>

We're Hiring! We are hiring for three positions: Nursery Worker, Bookkeeper and Security Shepherd. If you know someone that would be a great fit, please send them our way!

<https://firstchurchseattle.org/about/employment/>

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."