

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

# **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**     *Meditation on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*     arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

**\* Call to Worship**   **(Source: enfleshed)**   **Jackie Celin**

In mystery and material, God takes shape  
among us  
**In flesh that hungers, aches, and longs**  
**In lands and people, tears and rage** God is not  
a distant concept, abstracted from our lives  
**God is close, intimate, as present as our**  
**breath**

And yet, this Holy Mystery resists our rational  
constraints  
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constraints  
**God is the questions with which we wrestle**  
They are the strange and unexplainable  
**God is an invitation toward the unknown**  
Let Divine Imagination come and birth new  
paradigms of life

**\* Opening Hymn**   **UMH #436 - "The Voice of God is Calling"**

**\* Passing of the Peace**   **Jackie Celin**

**Welcome**   **Rev. Jeremy**

**- CENTERING -**

**Lighting the Community Candle**   **Jackie Celin**

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**   ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***  
**Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist**

**Prayers of the People**   **Jackie Celin**

**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

Rev. Jeremy

Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-5,10,4:1-5 (NRSVue)

New Testament

Matthew 28:1-15 (NRSVue)

Violet Boyer

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Exhausted Rooting for the Anti Hero”

Rev. Jeremy

**- RESPONDING -**

Invitation to the Offering

Jackie Celin

Offertory

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Cary Lee, 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

Rev. Jeremy

Prayer of Confession

Jackie Celin

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Jeremy

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

UMH #110 - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\* Blessing & Sending

Rev. Jeremy

Postlude *Toccata from Suite Gothique* - Léon Boëllmann

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, Jackie Celin; Violet Boyer, Reader; Laura Celin, Audio-Visual Operator.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Pride + Faith | October Fellowship:** The Pride + Faith October fellowship lunch will be at Golden Singha Thai restaurant, on Sunday, October 29 at noon. Meet in the narthex by 11:45am to walk over together. Please RSVP online under "events" on our website. *All LGBTQIA+ folks and allies are welcome!*

**Poetry & Faith Sunday Class:** Whether you already enjoy poetry or haven't warmed to it, join us in November to talk about faith and poetry. Maybe you'll find a new interest! We will meet Sundays, Nov 5, 12 and 19 at 9:00am in room 301. Each session will be guided by a different leader.

**Plymouth Church Recital, featuring Ibi:** Our Soprano Section Leader will be singing in "Lift Every Voice and Sing" today at 12:30PM. Suggested donation \$20.

**"A Day in the Life of a Missionary" Lunch & Learn by the Global Missions Committee:** On Sunday, November 5th, the Global Missions Committee invites you to a lunch and learn after worship that explores what it looks like to be a missionary as we hear from members of our own congregation that have participated as missionaries or mission volunteers, including; Sue Porter, Reagan Page, Jackie Celin, and Cynthia Lockwood. Register to attend online or in-person.

**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 two positions: Nursery Worker 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](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."