





YEARS OF STEWARDSHIP

First United Methodist Church of Seattle is a progessive 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 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

\* Call to Worship

(adapted from Rev. Ethan Gregory, First UMC Portland)

**Jackie Celin** 

O for a thousand tongues to sing of this day...And, beholding all that has come before, today, we give God thanks for this place.

## O for a thousand tongues to sing for First United Methodist Church of Seattle!

O for a thousand tongues to sing of the memories...whisper or sweep entirely under our rug.

# O for a thousand tongues to sing for our church's story!

O for a thousand tongues to sing of the ministry...the new habits we have strived to impart and create.

O for a thousand tongues to sing of our church's work and witness—ministry that matters and ministry we will all continue!

O for a thousand tongues to sing of what's next!... and resurrection we are still called to bear witness.

O for a thousand tongues to sing for the future that with our God's help we can only begin to imagine!

And so, let us get to singing...God hopes for us to be.

O for a thousand tongues to sing, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

\* Opening Hymn Red Hymnal #57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1-4, 6)

### \* Passing of the Peace

**Jackie Celin** 

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

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 Christ Be In My Waking - Townend and Brading
Sanctuary Choir with Cary Lee; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Claire Gebben & Isaac Pruden

**Prayers of the People** Jackie Celin

**Prayer Response** 

TFWS #2222 "The Servant Song" v. 2,5

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

#### - PROCLAIMING -

**Introducing the Scriptures** Rev. Jeremy

**Old Testament** Psalm 91 (NRSVue) **Sue Porter** 

New Testament **2 Timothy 1:3-14** (NRSVue) **Violet Boyer** 

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

"The Refuge that Refuses to Retreat" Sermon Rev. Jeremy

- RESPONDING -

Jackie Celin Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Amazing Grace - arr. Seiko Werts

Seiko Werts, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

\* Consecration of Stewardship Pledges © Sarah E. Weaver, 2011 Rev. Jeremy

\* Offering Response UMH 94 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### 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 #114 - "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

\* Blessing & Sending

Rev. Jeremy

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

170th Celebration & Reception: Celebration of our Past and Future. Today, there will be a special reception after worship in the fellowship hall, with trinkets and treasures from our past 170 years on display, along with new things you've never seen before! Come help us celebrate turning 170!



2024 Stewardship Campaign "Honoring our Past, Committed to our Future": During our Stewardship giving campaign this year, we invite you to consider how we can partner together to "honor our past, commit to our future" as a community, as an urban church, and as caretakers of the earth. Find out more information about the campaign or make your pledge today by using the QR code or visiting FirstChurchSeattle.org/give

Earth Pledge 2024: The Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) and the Stewardship Committee are inviting members of the First Church community to make "Earth Pledges" in conjunction with their 2024 giving pledges. Find out more information about creation care actions or make your pledge today by using the QR code or visiting FirstChurchSeattle.org/give/earthpledge!



Poetry & Faith Sunday Class: Join Nov 5, 12 and 19 at 9:00am in room 301 for Poetry & Faith Sunday Class.



Food Services Volunteers: As we continue to grow our church community and events, we are in need of volunteers to help us with hosting opportunities for Coffee Hour and Lunch and Learn activities. We would like to invite members to support this food ministry. Find out more information by using the QR code or talk with Duuna Evans at coffee hour.

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 <a href="FirstChurchSeattle.org/give">FirstChurchSeattle.org/give</a>



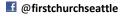
#### ABOUT US



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."











<sup>\*</sup>All may stand as able.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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; Reader, Sue Porter; Reader, Violet Boyer; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Front Door Greeter, Shawn Smith; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin.