



HONORING OUR PAST

Committed to Our Future

First Church

First United Methodist Church of Seattle

170

YEARS OF STEWARDSHIP

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 *We Gather Together* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed) Peter Jabin

We will not stop loving each other. We will not stop fighting for the living.
We will not become hard-hearted. **We will not stop loving each other.**
We will not stop weeping for each other. No matter the sinister untruths to sway us
We will not stop lighting candles, telling otherwise,
stories, writing poems, singing songs. we will find our way back to one another.
We will not stop marching, disobeying, **We will not stop loving each other.**
boycotting, resisting. **Amen.**
We will not stop telling the stories of the dead.

* Opening Hymn UMH #102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

* Passing of the Peace Peter Jabin
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Prayers of the People Peter Jabin

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 Preacher Rev. Jeremy

Old Testament Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSVue) Wally Shaffer

New Testament Matthew 6:24-33 (NRSVue) Ann Shaffer

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Long View" Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan

- RESPONDING -

Thanksgiving Offering for Shared Breakfast Urban Outreach

Invitation to the Offering Peter Jabin

Offertory *Hymn of Thanksgiving* - arr. Elisabeth Ellis
Tess Altiveros, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

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

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

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

Call to Discipleship Rev. Jeremy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (By Ophelia Hu Kinney) Rev. Jeremy Smith,
Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan

****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 #451- "Be Thou My Vision"

*** Blessing & Sending** Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan

Postlude *Nun danket alle Gott* - Sigfrid Karl-Elert 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, Peter Jabin; Reader, Wally Shaffer; Reader, Ann Shaffer; Communion Steward, Teresa Canady; Front Door Greeter, Beth Snyder; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Prep | Volunteers Needed: Today, stay after worship to help set up the church for Advent! Whether you love setting up Christmas trees, fluffing garlands, cleaning or organizing, there's a job for everyone! Thank you for your help! - the Sacred Experiences Team

Sermon Series | Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise: Advent is a time for experiences that cause us to be lost in wonder. Tangible expressions of community centered on expecting the Christ Child remind us of our own journeys. Each week we will journey with a different character in the nativity, seeing how they were lost in wonder so that we might be as well. Join us beginning November 19th for Reverend Jeremy's new sermon series.



Lunch & Learn | Zero Waste: Zero Waste: How can we get there? Join us Sunday, December 10 from noon - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom to learn from Zero Waste Washington how we can advocate for a healthy and waste-free world. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Register at <https://firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/> or scan the QR code!

Fall 2023 Charge Conference: Church leaders are expected to attend the annual Fall Charge Conference with our District Superintendent Derek Nakano. We'll gather in-person in Room 301 or on Zoom. Register at <https://firstchurchseattle.org/upcoming-events/> or scan the QR code so we can plan for your attendance or to get the link!



2024 Stewardship Campaign "Honoring our Past, Committed to our Future": Find out more information about Stewardship giving campaign this year, 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!



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. Find out more information by using the QR code or talk with Duuna Evans at coffee hour.

Climate Justice Group: The First Church Climate Justice Group urges you to sign a petition to tell Costco that it needs to drop Citi as its credit card issuer. Read more at <https://firstchurchseattle.org/news/> and to sign the petition.

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."