



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 *Hymn of Promise* **arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist**

*** Call to Worship** **Mona Tanaka**

For all the Saints who have gone before us,
God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.

For all the Saints who have left us too soon,
God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.

For all the Saints who have been beloved to us,
God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.

For all the Saints who have exemplified the faithful life,
God, may we learn from their ways and follow You.

*** Opening Hymn** **UMH #711 (verses 1-3) - "For all the Saints"**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Mona Tanaka**

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

Welcome **Rev. Jeremy**

- CENTERING -

Celebration of Jonathyn Kraig **Children and Youth at First Church, Lauryn Fraas**

Lighting the Community Candle **Mona Tanaka**

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 *Ten Thousand Reasons* - Myrin and Redman
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Remembering the Saints **Mona Tanaka, Rev. Jeremy**

Hymn **UMH #711 (verses 4-6) - "For all the Saints"**

Prayers of the People **Mona Tanaka**

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 **Isaiah 25:1,4a,6-10a (NRSVue)**

Tom Allen

New Testament **Matthew 27:50-56 (NRSVue)**

Claire Gebben

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

Sermon **“Bearing (and Baring) Witness”**

Rev. Jeremy

- RESPONDING -

Stewardship Moment: Financial Update and Testimony

Joyce Frost, Claire Gebben

Invitation to the Offering

Mona Tanaka

Offertory *Pie Jesu*, from *Requiem* - Gabriel Fauré
Ibidunni Ojikutu, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
praise God, all creatures here below:	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** **Red Hymnal #708 - “Rejoice in God’s Saints”**

*** Blessing & Sending**

Rev. Jeremy

Postlude *Meditation on “Shall We Gather at the River”*

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, Mona Tanaka; Reader, Tom Allen; Reader, Claire Gebben; Communion Steward, Peter Jabin; Front Door Greeter, Karen McOmber; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poetry & Faith Sunday Class: Whether you already enjoy poetry or haven't warmed to it, join us on Nov 5, 12 and 19 at 9:00am in room 301 for Poetry & Faith Sunday Class.

"A Winter Journey": Join us for "A Winter Journey" recital with Tess Altiveros and Elisabeth Ellis in the sanctuary on November 19th at 1:00pm.

Lunch & Learn | A Day in the Life of a Missionary: Today, 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.

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!

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!



Save the date: Celebration of our Past and Future. Sunday, November 12th 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!

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.

