



GOING THE M.I.L.E.

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 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, Pianist

*** Call to Worship** (Source: enfleshed) **Mona Tanaka**

We come into the Presence of Love together.
Our relationships are deepened.

We come to be transformed.
Our practices of justice are refined.

Through the grace of God our hearts expand.
With humility and conviction, we come to discern the will of God.

Our minds are renewed.
Let the way of Christ be revealed.

Let wisdom be our guide.

*** Opening Hymn** UMH 605 "Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

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

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

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jeremy**

- CENTERING -

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 today.

Special Music *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* - Mark Miller
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Reception of New Members **Aaliyah Dana**

Prayers of the People **Mona Tanaka**

Prayer Response UMH #402 vs. 4 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. (In my heart)
In my heart, (in my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. (In my heart)

- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Preacher Rev. Jeremy

Gospel Reading John 9:1-17 (NRSVue) Ann Schaffer

New Testament Reading John 9:18-34 (NRSVue) Wally Schaffer

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

Sermon Called to End Racism Kristina Gonzalez

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering Mona Tanaka

Offertory *The Gift of Love* - Hopson, arr. Ellis
Tess Altiveros, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Offering Response "Lead Me, Lord" (UMH 473)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety

Call to Discipleship Rev. Jeremy

Prayer of Confession (source: enfleshed) Mona Tanaka

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

* Closing Hymn TFWS 2186 "Song of Hope"

* Blessing & Sending Rev. Jeremy

Postlude *Improvisation on "Ubi Caritas et Amor"* 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; Preacher, Kristina Gonzalez; Reader, Ann Schaffer; Reader, Wally Schaffer; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Front Door Greeter, Karen McOmber; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celi*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After Service | Lunch & Learn: State of the Church: Our annual “State of the Church” forum offers global and local updates on our church. See what our joys and concerns are, and to share what is coming for the rest of the program year.

Ash Wednesday Service: Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on the 14th at noon! Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. The service will be live in the Sanctuary and live-streamed at firstchurchseattle.org/live

Sermon Series | Going the M.I.L.E.: Join us for four weeks of reflections on Bishop Cedrick's call to the northwest United Methodists to do Ministry that matters, practice Itineracy in locations, empower Laity, and End Racism. See you on Sundays at 10:30am!

Adult Confirmation Class for Lent! Open to adults seeking baptism or longtime members wanting a refresher on United Methodist basics, our Adult Confirmation Class will coincide with the youth class this Lent 2024 (February and March evenings). Register at firstchurchseattle.org/news/



Pax Christi Yoga Our Saturday @ 9am classes are free, open to everyone. To join in, email Sharon at PaxChristiYoga@firstchurchseattle.org

Food Services Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in volunteering for hosting opportunities for Coffee Hour and Lunch and Learn activities, scan with the QR code or visit firstchurchseattle.org/news/



Thank you for your offerings and Communication Cards! You can drop them in the offering plate or make a gift online by using the QR code 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.”

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