



**Rising from Ruin:  
Crafting our  
Communal Renaissance**

**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.

First United Methodist Church of Seattle  
180 Denny Way Seattle, WA 98109

February 25, 2024  
Second Sunday in Lent

**- GATHERING -**

**Prelude**

***God Leadeth Me***

**arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, Pianist**

**\* Call to Worship**

**Peter Jabin**

The good news of the gospel brings  
power to the people.

God calls us healers and prophets,  
teachers and companions.

**Among the ordinary and mundane,  
divine possibilities await.**

**God enables miracles among us.**

Even when we believe it is not so,  
**we have so much to offer.**

In the hearts of the willing, Divinity  
dwells.

**We gather and remember the power  
of God.**

**\* Opening Hymn**

**TFWS 2060 "God, the Sculptor of the Mountains"**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**Peter Jabin**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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 today.

**Special Music**

***If Ye Love Me* - Thomas Tallis  
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director**

**Announcement from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

**Jane Gregg**

**Prayers of the People**

**Peter Jabin**



Postlude

*Voluntary* - John Stanley

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, Greg Wallace; Reader, Deb Anderson; Communion Server, Peter Jabin; Front Door Greeter, Teresa Benedict; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Lent Opportunities:** Lent is the annual observance of 40 days of reflection during the weeks leading up to Easter, including Holy Week that re-enacts the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have put together a guide to opportunities at First Church for this season. Scan with the QR code or visit [firstchurchseattle.org/news/](http://firstchurchseattle.org/news/)



**Lenten Lunches** each week with a common meal and spiritual enrichment opportunities!

**Mission projects** and opportunities during Lent!

**Special services** schedule, including Holy Week and Easter on March 31st!

**Sermon Series | Rising from Ruin: Crafting our Communal Renaissance:** Lent this year feels like a time of starting anew from a state of ruin. Each week we will seek to be a community that is actively shaping our own future, seeking a new Renaissance period of revitalization and change in Seattle and beyond. 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 (March evenings). Register at [firstchurchseattle.org/news/](http://firstchurchseattle.org/news/)



**Pax Christi Yoga** Our Saturday @ 9am classes are free, open to everyone. To join in, email Sharon at [PaxChristiYoga@firstchurchseattle.org](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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."

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