

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

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

- GATHERING -

Prelude Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Processional Hymn UMH #278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Erin Elaine Gail

* Call to Worship (enfleshed) Erin Elaine Gail

Not lack of conflict peace Interdependence so vibrant,
Not avoiding hard subjects peace never a thought of punishment

Not going along to get along peace nor weapons nor me against you

But Real, Accountable, Liberation-Rooted

Peace Blessed are the ones who come in the

name of Peace!

Blessed are they who come in the name of

Peace— Fan them with fronds of praise!

Hosanna in the highest!

Inner Peace like a River, Hosanna in the highest!

Justice like a mighty stream,

* Passing of the Peace

Erin Elaine Gail

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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jeremy

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle

Erin Elaine Gail

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 What Wondrous Love is This - Appalachian folk hymn, arr. Schrader Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People

Erin Elaine Gail

Prayer Response TFWS #2179 "Live in Charity"

Live in charity and steadfast love
Live in charity, God will dwell with you.
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- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Scriptures Rev. Jeremy

Gospel Reading John 12:12-16 (NRSVue) Violet Boyer

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18 (NRSVue) Shawn Smith

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon From Renaissance to Ruin Rev. Jeremy

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering Erin Elaine Gail

Offertory Ride On, King Jesus - arr. Hall Johnson

Ibidunni Ojikutu, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Offering Response "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (TFWS #2195)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Call to Discipleship Rev. Jeremy

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Erin Elaine Gail

Prayer of Confession

**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 #2111 "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas" (v.1-4)

Postlude

St. Theodulph - arr. William

Elisabeth Ellis, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/



Mission projects and opportunities during Lent!

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

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, March 28th at 6pm - Fellowship Hall Good Friday - Friday, March 29th at 6pm Easter Sunday - Sunday, March 31st at 10:30am

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!

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/



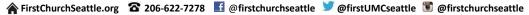
Thank you for your offerings and Communication Cards! You can drop them in the offering plate or make a gift online by using the QR code with your smartphone, or at FirstChurchSeattle.org/give



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."



^{*}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, Erin Elaine Gail; Reader, Violet Boyer; Reader, Shawn Smith; Communion Server, Violet Boyer; Front Door Greeter, Bruce Hall; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin