

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

March 3, 2024 Third Sunday in Lent

Barbara Moreland

- GATHERING -

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Prelude Amazing Grace arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, Pianist

* Call to Worship

Grace looks like a lavender sunrise,

like pale blue robin eggs.

Grace feels like hands resting kindly on either side of your face,

like a deep, full inhale.

Grace sounds like the wisdom of elders—a tuning fork, a supper bell.

Grace moves with the dreams of the young—dancing bodies, determined feet.

Grace is the reality that in this moment, we can begin again—

choosing the most compassionate option at hand.

Grace is that, amidst the turmoil of dusty and depraved systems,

New Worlds are ripening for the picking.

By Grace we have been saved.

We worship together a Grace-Loving God.

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

Welcome and Announcements

* Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jeremy

Barbara Moreland

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle

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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

Ubi Caritas - Duruflé
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People

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^{*} Opening Hymn TFWS 2268 "As We Gather at Your Table"

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 Preacher Rev. Jeremy

Old Testament Reading Psalm 84 (NRSVue) Bruce Hall

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSVue) Teresa Canady

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Our Renaissance is... Equitable Rev. Elizabeth Ingram Schindler

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering

Barbara Moreland

Offertory Sicut Cervus - Palestrina
Tess Altiveros, Susanna Fenstermacher, Cary Lee, and Dana Birkby, guartet

* 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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Jeremy, Rev. Elizabeth

Communion Hymns: The Faith We Sing # 2257-a, b, The Lord's Prayer, d

**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 UMH 581 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

Postlude Would I Have Answered When You Called? (Hymn tune: Kingsfold) Elisabeth Ellis, organist

*All may stand as able.

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/



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/



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



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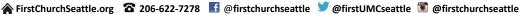
We're called "First Church" because we are Seattle's first congregation, established in 1853. We cherish our place in Seattle's past, present, and future. First Church is a proud member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, a community "committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection, working for the full participation of all LGBTQ+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church."











^{**}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, Barbara Moreland; Reader, Bruce Hall; Reader, Teresa Canady; Communion Server, Violet Boyer; Front Door Greeter, Shawn Smith; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin