

A vibrant field of yellow and purple flowers with butterflies and sunbeams in the background. The scene is bright and cheerful, with sunbeams radiating from the top center. A butterfly is in flight in the upper left, and another is perched on a yellow flower in the middle right. The flowers are a mix of bright yellow and light purple, creating a colorful and lively atmosphere.

Eternal Spring

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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* - arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** (enfleshed) Violet Boyer

**Do Justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with your God.**

Commit Your way to the Lord; trust in
God, who will act, bringing forth your
vindication as the light, and your right
as the noonday.

**Do Justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with your God.**

Be still and wait patiently before the
Lord; do not be angry because of
those who

prosper in their way, because of those
who carry our evil devices!

**But Do Justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with your God. Amen and
Amen!**

*** Opening Hymn** **UMH 568 “Christ for the World We Sing”**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Violet Boyer**

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

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jeremy**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Violet Boyer**

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 **All Things New - Elaine Hagenberg**
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People **Violet Boyer**

Prayer Response **UMH 578 “God of Love and God of Power” verse 1**

**God of Love and God of Power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of Power, Thou has called us for this hour.**

- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Scriptures Rev. Jeremy

Old Testament Reading Leviticus 9:1-6,22-24; 10:1 (NRSVue) Shawn Smith

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 9:9-15 (NRSVue) Craig Matthews

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

Sermon The Crane Church Rev. Jeremy

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering Violet Boyer

Offertory *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* - arr. Mark Hayes
Cary Lee, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Offering Response Christ has risen! Shout Hosanna! (Tune: Holy Manna)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Call to Discipleship Rev. Jeremy

Prayer of Confession (Oklahoma Annual Conference) Violet Boyer

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

- SENDING -

* Closing Hymn UMH 551 "Awake O Sleeper"

* Blessing & Sending Rev. Jeremy

Postlude *Improvisation on "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* 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, Violet Boyer; Reader, Shawn Smith; Reader, Craig Matthews; Communion Server, Violet Boyer; Front Door Greeter, Karen McOmber; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pride + Faith | April Fellowship: Join our LGBTQIA+ and Allies group after church on Sunday, April 14, for festive conversation and delicious Thai food at Golden Singha, 425 Cedar St. Meet in the narthex at 11:45 AM to walk over together, or meet at the restaurant at 12:00 PM. Register with the QR code or visit firstchurchseattle.org/events



Celebration of Life for Betty Gabor will be held next Sunday, April 14th at 1pm in the Sanctuary. Come honor her life with her family and friends!

Sunday Adult Class: Between Heaven and Mirth. In April the book *Between Heaven and Mirth* by Father James Martin will guide our conversations. Each session will have a different leader. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday in April in Room 301. You may also join via Zoom if needed. Learn more firstchurchseattle.org/events

Upcoming Climate Justice Series: Common Home, Common Calling: Through worship, guest preachers, and a number of educational opportunities, this series will focus on the common calling we have to restore creation and cultivate hope for climate justice. Special guests: Rev. Dr. Lisa Graumlich & Rev. Jim Antal! **Starts April 21st.**

Vintners Game Night on April 23rd. The younger adult fellowship is sponsoring a board game night at Cafe Cosmos (1st Avenue between Eagle and Broad street - you can walk there from church!). Bring your favorite board game or join in with others as we enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and either competition or collaboration (depending on the game). Sign up at firstchurchseattle.org/events

Activating faith communities for climate justice: Meaningful Movies at First Church – Sun., April 28 at noon. Hear from two faith leaders about actions faith communities are taking to address climate change. Lunch will be served. *The Letter*, a film about the global impact of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis's encyclical on the climate crisis, offers a backdrop to the discussion. To learn more and to register, see the church newsletter or website event page.

Pax Christi Yoga: Our Saturday @ 9am classes are free, open to everyone, offered both in our fellowship hall and virtually on Zoom. To join in, email Sharon at PaxChristiYoga@firstchurchseattle.org

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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