

COMMON HOME

COMMON CALLING

Hope... navigates a way forward between the false certainties of optimism and of pessimism, and the complacency or passivity that goes with both. Hope calls for action; action is impossible without hope. ~Rebecca Solnit

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 *Lord of All Hopefulness* - arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** *text attributed to Chief Seattle* **Tom Carlson**

This we know.

The earth does not belong to us;

we belong to the earth.

This we know.

All things are connected

like the blood that unites one family.

All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth,

befalls the children of the earth.

This we know.

We did not weave the web of life,

we are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web,

we do to ourselves.

This we know.

*** Opening Hymn** **UMH 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

*** Passing of the Peace**

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

Tom Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Jackie Celin

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle

Tom Carlson

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

This We Know

- text attributed to Chief Seattle; musical setting by Ron Jeffers

Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director

Prayers of the People

Tom Carlson

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 Preacher Tom Carlson

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-17 (NRSVue) Warren Askov

New Testament Reading John 13:1-20 (NRSVue) Nickie Askov

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

Sermon **When will Justice Roll on Like a River?**
(Reflections on Global Climate Stewardship) Rev. Dr. Lisa Graumlich

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering Tom Carlson

Offertory *From the Sky* - Peter Bradley Adams
Danielle Reutter-Harrah, 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 Jackie Celin

Prayer of Confession (Attribution: Gail Bradbrook / Extinction Rebellion UK / June 2023) Tom Carlson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Sharon Moe

****The Lord's Prayer (MAORI & POLYNESIA):**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer,
Life-giver, Source of all that is and that
shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through
the universe; The way of your justice be
followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created
beings; Your commonwealth of peace and

freedom sustain our hope and come on
earth. With the bread we need for today,
feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one
another, forgive us. In times of temptation
and test, strengthen us. From trials too
great to endure, spare us. From the grip of
all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and forever. Amen.

- SENDING -

* Closing Hymn TFWS 2237 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

* Blessing & Sending

Rev. Dr. Lisa Graumlich

Postlude

Toccata in e minor - Pachelbel

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, Tom Carlson; Reader, Warren Askov; Reader, Nickie Askov; Communion Server, Teresa Canady; Front Door Greeter, Beth Snyder; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Transitional Listening Session : Today, 21-April, after service: Please join us in Room 301.

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 today!**

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

Bead Rope Jewelry Sale - Sun., 28-April, after service.

With spring upon us, special days abound, come find a one-of-a-kind treasure for someone one-of-a-kind in your life. A gift of a handmade piece of jewelry will not only delight that special person in your life, but it supports First Church.

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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