



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.

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

April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Eastertide

- GATHERING -

Prelude *Jesus Love Medley*, by Charity Book Putnam **Don Crawley, pianist**

*** Call to Worship** (enfleshed) **Barbara Moreland**

In the shadow of empire, we make
shelter together

We hold each other in grief

We make space for righteous anger

We bring our fears with honesty

Like the disciples huddled together

We turn toward community

We find our courage together

And God meets us here

Beloveds, may it be so as we worship
together

*** Opening Hymn** **TFWS 2114 “At the Font We Start Our Journey”**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Barbara Moreland**

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

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jeremy**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Barbara Moreland**

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 *Bist du bei mir (Abide with Me)* - Bach
Ibidunni Ojikutu, Soprano; Don Crawley, Pianist

Sacrament of Holy Baptism **Jason Tea**

Prayers of the People **Barbara Moreland**

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

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23 (NRSVue)

Bruce Hall

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-14 (NRSVue)

Greg Wallace

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Minding The Gap

Rev. Jeremy

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering

Barbara Moreland

Offertory

You'll Never Walk Alone

words by Oscar Hammerstein II, music by Richard Rodgers

Ibidunni Ojikutu, 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.

Missions Moment

Jackie Celin

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jeremy

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from enfleshed)

Barbara Moreland

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 318 "Christ Is Alive"

*** Blessing & Sending**

Rev. Jeremy

**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, Barbara Moreland; Reader, Bruce Hall; Reader, Greg Wallace; Communion Server, Peter Jabin; Front Door Greeter, Candy Bonham; 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



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

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!

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."

