

A vibrant field of yellow and purple flowers with butterflies under a bright sun. The scene is filled with numerous yellow pom-pom flowers and purple lavender-like plants. Two butterflies are visible: one in the foreground on the left, perched on a yellow flower, and another in the upper right, flying. The background is a soft, bright yellow with sun rays filtering through, creating a warm and hopeful atmosphere.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

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

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

- GATHERING -

Prelude *Classical Selections for String Quartet*
Cecilia Archuleta, violin; Lenelle Morse, violin; Steve Creswell, viola; Laura Kramer, cello

Gospel Reading *John 20:1-9* **Lorry**

Choral Introit *As by Man Came Death, from Messiah - Handel*
Sanctuary Choir and String Quartet; Elisabeth Ellis, Director

*** Call to Worship** **Julius**

Christ is risen! whatever is bruised or broken.
Christ is risen, indeed! **In you we grow to know the truth that sets all**
God of power, God of people, **creation free.**
You are the life of all that lives, You are the song the whole earth sings,
Energy that fills the earth, The promise liberation brings,
Vitality that brings to birth, **Now and forever. Alleluia!**
The impetus toward making whole

*** Processional Hymn** **UMH #302 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

*** Entrance of the Cross and Christ Candle** **Gabby & Chloe**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Julius**

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

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jeremy Smith**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Julius**

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.

Anthem *O Death, Where is Thy Sting/Thanks be to God, from Messiah - Handel*
Ibidunni Ojikutu and Cary Lee, soloists;
Sanctuary Choir with String Quartet; Elisabeth Ellis, Director

Choral Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah - Handel

Sanctuary Choir with String Quartet

Elisabeth Ellis, Organist, and Dr. Glenn Gregg, Director Emeritus

**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: Lorry, Julius, Gabby, Chloe, Liam, Ash; Ushers: Evan, Azad; Communion Stewards, Violet Boyer, Andrew Fraser; Front Door Greeter, Beth Snyder; 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. We've been having some wonderful discussions on heavy topics. Let's turn to faith and humor. In April the book *Between Heaven and Mirth* by Father James Martin will guide our conversations. Consider the sub title: Why joy, humor and laughter are at the heart of spiritual life. 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. Sign up at firstchurchseattle.org/events

Vinters 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

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: Lisa Graumlich & Jim Anton! **Starts April 21st.**

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."