

Fragments to Fullness



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

May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

- GATHERING -

Prelude

Gather Us In

- arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship**

(Source: FUMC Mocksville, North Carolina)

Barbara Moreland

In you, O God, every family on earth
receives its name.

**Illumine our homes with the light of
your love.**

We thank you for gifts of love we have
received.

From our mothers

**and those who have served as mothers
in many ways,**

**nourishing us and guiding us as we
grow to be who we are.**

As we have been loved by them,

so we are loved by you, O God.

Join with us in this day of celebration

as we rejoice in being loved.

As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus,

**so we come to worship seeking peace
and purpose.**

*** Opening Hymn**

UMH 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

*** Passing of the Peace**

Barbara Moreland

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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jeremy Smith

Presentation by Compass Housing

President Michael Bailey

- 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

Shine On Us - Michael W. Smith

Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Basil Rothacker

Hymn

UMH 605 "Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters" v.1

Prayer Response **UMH 431 “Let There Be Peace On Earth**
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
 let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 With God our creator, children all are we.
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
 to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Scripture **Rev. Jeremy Smith**

Old Testament Reading **Nehemiah 2:11-12, 17-18 (NRSVue)** **Tom Bruhns**

New Testament Reading **Acts 16: 16-34 (NRSVue)** **Deb Anderson**

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

Sermon **“Many Headwinds, One Holy Wind”** **Rev. Jeremy Smith**

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering **Barbara Moreland**

Offertory **“The Gift of Love”**
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

*** Offering Response** **TFWS #2237, v. 3 “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”**

As a green bud in the springtime is a
sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness ‘mid
earth’s peoples, many hued.

As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is
past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance of God’s new
and glorious dawn.

Call to Discipleship **Rev. Jeremy Smith**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **Rev. Jeremy Smith**

****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.

- SENDING -

* Closing Hymn UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

* Blessing & Sending

Rev. Jeremy Smith

Postlude *Improvisation on "Mothering God, You Gave Us Birth"* 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, Barbara Moreland; Reader, Tom Bruhns; Reader, Deb Anderson; Communion Steward, Jane Gregg; Greeter, Bruce Hall and Candy Bonham; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Sermon Series | Fragments to Fullness: "Where do we go from here?" we often ask after seasons of disorientation and disarray. Join in the conversation each week as we see how the people of God put the pieces back together and how we can also craft healing and flourishing together for the sake of a new church and world.

Climate Church, Climate World | Sunday Adult Class: In follow-up to the April 28 worship service with guest preacher Rev. Jim Antal, please join us in room 301 on **May 12** and **May 19 at 9:00 AM**, for viewing of video recordings of Rev. Antal and further discussion led by Wally Shaffer. Learn more at FirstChurchSeattle.org/upcoming-events or scan the QR code



Interactive Sunday School | Lion, Witch and Wardrobe: Children 5 and up are invited to join an interactive experience of CS Lewis' The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. For the next six Sundays (except May 5th) we will watch a short part of the movie, journey to Narnia. to meet characters and recreate scenes from the book. Join the fun, Aslan Lives!

Summer Recital Series with Ibidunni Ojikutu and Elisabeth Ellis: First Church kicks off our Summer recital series with "How Glory Goes," a vocal/piano concert featuring Ibidunni Ojikutu, soprano, and Elisabeth Ellis, pianist. This concert will immediately follow the morning service on Sunday, May 19.

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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