# **Fragments to Fullness**





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

# - GATHERING -

Prelude	Gathe	Gather Us In - arr. by Eli			
* Call to Worship	(Source: FUMC Mock	cksville, North Carolina) Barbara Moreland			
In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.		nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are.			
Illumine our homes w	ith the light of	As we have been loved by them,			
your love.		so we are loved by you, O God.			
We thank you for gifts	of love we have	Join with us in this day of celebration			
received.		as we rejoice in b	eing loved.		
From our mothers		As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus,			
and those who have served as mothers in many ways,		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 Announce	<b>Rev. Jeremy Smith</b>				
Presentation by Compa	-	ERING -	President Michael Bailey		
Lighting the Community	v 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	ecial 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					

# **Prayers of the People**

## **Barbara Moreland**

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	<b>, 17-18</b> (NRSVue)	Tom Bruhns		
New Testament Reading	Acts 16: 16-34 (NRSVue)		Deb Anderson		
This is the word of Life. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>					
Sermon	"Many Headwinds, One Holy Wind"		Rev. Jeremy Smith		
- RESPONDING -					
Invitation to the Offering			Barbara Moreland		
Offertory <i>"The Gift of Love"</i> 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			
<b>**The Lord's Prayer:</b> 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.		forgive those wh And lead us not i deliver us from e For thine is the K	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 -

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

## \* Blessing & Sending

#### Improvisation on "Mothering God, You Gave Us Birth" Elisabeth Ellis, organist Postlude

\*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 Louis' 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.

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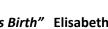
## ABOUT US

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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**Rev. Jeremy Smith**