

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.

- GATHERING -

Prelude *Come Down, O Love Divine* - Ralph Vaughan Williams, - arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** (*Source: Singing the Faith, British Methodist Church*) Erin Elaine Gail

God's Spirit is approaching

**Through time, across continents,
soaring over creation**

God's Spirit is speaking

**Whispering and comforting, roaring
and challenging**

God's Spirit surrounds us

Beyond touch, warmly embracing

God's Spirit transforms us

Making our horizons wider

our faith stronger

our hopes possible

Let us worship and dream together

*** Opening Hymn** TFWS 2117 *"Spirit of the Living God"* (omit verse 4)

*** Passing of the Peace**

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

Erin Elaine Gail

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jeremy Smith

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle

Erin Elaine Gail

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

Like a River in My Soul - Tim Osiek
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People

Erin Elaine Gail

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 Exodus 3:1-12 (NRSVue) Janet Smith

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-12 (NRSVue) Steve Smith

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

Sermon *"Many People, One Hope"* Rev. Jeremy Smith

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering Erin Elaine Gail

Offertory *A Conceit* - lyrics by Maya Angelou, music by B. E. Boykin
Ibidunni Ojikutu, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, 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 TFWS #2220 "We Are God's People"

* Blessing & Sending Rev. Jeremy Smith

**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, Erin Elaine Gail; Reader, Janet Smith; Reader, Steve Smith; Communion Steward, Deb Anderson; Greeter, Shawn Smith; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today | 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.

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!

Pride + Faith | May Fellowship: Join Pride + Faith on Saturday, May 25, 6:30pm, for festive conversation and delicious Lebanese food at Harissa Mediterranean Cuisine. Pride + Faith is an LGBTQIA+ and Allies group at First Church, welcoming all persons to be a part! Learn more at FirstChurchSeattle.org/upcoming-events or scan the QR code.



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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