

A Few of my Favorite Things



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 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** *(Source: Barbara Moreland)* Reagan Page

Our Creative God is present. Our Powerful God is ready to do something new.

In our church and in our fellowship.

Our Compassionate God is present.

May we recognize the spirit of God in all the opportunities around us.

In our joys and in our pain.

Our Energizing God is present.

And may we respond wholeheartedly to God's new thing.

In our study and in our work.

*** Opening Hymn** UMH 383 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

*** Passing of the Peace** Reagan Page

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

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jackie Celin

Land Acknowledgement Reagan Page

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Reagan Page

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 *The Day is Coming* - Mark Miller
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Prayers of the People Reagan Page

Prayer Response TFWS 2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" verse 1

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Preacher

Rev. Jackie Celin

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:15-21 (NRSVA)

Nickie Askov

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3: 4b - 9 (NRSVA)

Warren Askov

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A new thing? Really!

Barbara Moreland

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering

Reagan Page

Offertory

***New Every Morning* - Assad and Maher
Tess Altiveros, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist**

*** Offering Response**

TFWS #2242 "Walk with Me" verse 4

**Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.
When you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,**

**the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you.
Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jackie Celin

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Kathryn Everett

****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 #2238 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" (verses 1, 2 and 3)

Blessing and Sending

Barbara Moreland

Postlude

Improvisation on "Hymn on Promise"

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, Kathryn Everett; Reader, Nickie Askov; Reader, Warren Askov; Communion Steward, Jane Gregg; Greeter, Karen McOmber; Music, Don Crawley; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave it to Beavers – Sun., June 23 at noon: Join us in-person or virtually for a Meaningful Movies at First Church lunch event to watch a 10-minute video and hear from April Rhodes with Beavers Northwest to learn how beavers support healthy ecosystems and to see fun beaver artifacts. Children are welcome! Register online on the church event page.

An Evening with Lifelong Climate Activist Bill McKibben: Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 pm, An Evening with Lifelong Climate Activist Bill McKibben, hosted by First Church. Third Act Washington (TAWA) is presenting a talk by Bill McKibben, who will be issuing a call to action on climate and democracy, followed by a Q&A. Register online on the church event page.

Help us purchase 5000 Treats for Pride Sunday: Each year we serve cookies / snacks, drinks, and Communion for all at the end of the Pride Parade route (the corner of 2nd and Denny). You can also make a donation to cover the cost of cookies / snacks. A lot of people march in this parade, and we typically go through around 5000 cookies / snacks. We welcome your donations as a way to be part of this celebration! Scan the QR code or visit FirstChurchSeattle.org/pride



Volunteer at Pride 2024: We need volunteers to sign up for setting up, for handing out cookies and drinks, for being stationed inside the narthex to direct people to the bathrooms, and for cleaning up. We have morning and afternoon volunteer shifts. Lunch will be provided for volunteers who request it. Learn more online on the church event page.

We're Hiring | Office Manager/Bookkeeper: We're hiring for an Office Manager/Bookkeeper! This position is responsible for accounting and financial reporting for First Church to assist the Director of Operations with fiduciary duties, as well as managing the front office to include communications, general office work, and supply level management. If this position sounds like a good fit for you or someone you know, please forward this information! Learn more online under Employment Opportunities.

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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