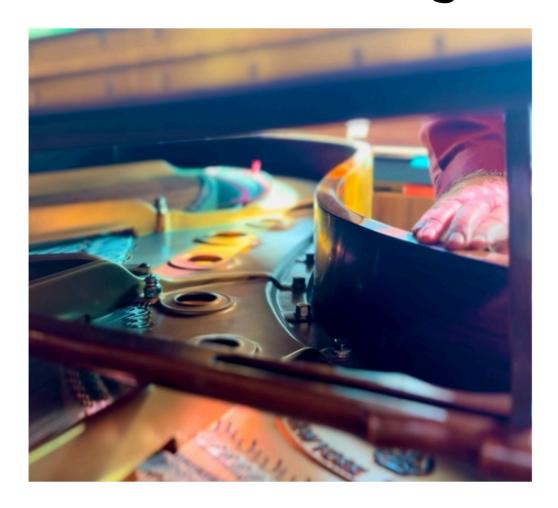
A Few of my Favorite Things





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

July 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- GATHERING -

Prelude Where Charity and Love Prevail - arranged by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed) Erin Elaine Gail

Get behind us, empires and Guide the way, simplicity and

death-dealing politicians! generosity!

Get behind us, consumerism and Guide the way, devotion and

corporate greed! mindfulness!

Get behind us, ambivalence and Guide the way, courage and expansive

numbing out! dreams!

Get behind us, excuses and rigid We gather, rejecting what shrivels our

thinking! souls,

Guide the way, community and wise and guided by Liberating Love.

teachers! Let us Worship God.

* Opening Hymn UMH 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* Passing of the Peace Erin Elaine Gail

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

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jackie Celin

Land Acknowledgement Erin Elaine Gail

- 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 Let Us Walk This Road Together - Beall and Carter
Tess Altiveros, soprano; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

Prayers of the People Erin Elaine Gail

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

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 -

Rev. Jackie Celin Introducing the Preacher

Old Testament Reading Psalm 133 (NRSVUE) **Kurt Armbruster**

New Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NRSVUE) Bruce Hall

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

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- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering **Erin Elaine Gail**

Offertory Let Us Break Bread Together Tess Altiveros, soprano; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

TFWS 2242 "Walk with Me" verse 4 * Offering Response

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.

Rev. Jackie Celin Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jackie Celin The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**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 -

TFWS 2222 "The Servant Song"

Postlude

Grand chœur en ré majeur - Albert Renaud

Elisabeth Ellis, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Spirituality Class | Requiem: On July 21, join Don and Janet Crawley, along with Elisabeth Ellis and Glenn Gregg, to explore the requiem mass. The requiem mass is among the most powerful and emotionally moving pieces of music ever created. The class will include listening to excerpts from various requiems. We will meet at 9AM in room 301 or you can join us online. Learn more on our website under Events.

Game Night - Cafe Cosmos: On July 30 at 7pm, 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). All are welcome! Sign Up on our website under Events.

Welcome Reception for Pastor Wongee: Join us on July 21st in the narthex to welcome Pastor Wongee!

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."







^{*}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, Kurt Armbruster; Reader, Bruce Hall; Communion Steward, Peter Jabin; Greeter, Karen McOmber; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin