

# 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.

First United Methodist Church of Seattle  
180 Denny Way Seattle, WA 98109

July 7, 2024  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**- GATHERING -**

**Prelude** *Let All Things Now Living* - arr. Faye Lòpez **Seiko Werts, pianist**

**\* Call to Worship** *(Source: enfleshed)* **Julius Perez**

Shake off your grave clothes of despair,  
**roll away your stones of resignation,**  
tear down the middle your veil of your  
fear!

**widen the margins of belonging,**  
living simply, and offer healing!

**Jesus rises in the lives of those who live  
like him—Alleluia!**

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Challenge state-sanctioned violence,

Among death-dealing systems,  
**we follow Christ through our living,**

let us worship God!

**\* Opening Hymn** **UMH 437 “This Is My Song” (tune - finlandia)**

**\* Passing of the Peace** **Julius Perez**

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

**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Jackie Celin**

**Land Acknowledgement** **Julius Perez**

**- CENTERING -**

**Lighting the Community Candle** **Julius Perez**

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** *Over My Head, I Hear Music In the Air* (Spiritual; arr. by Zee Brown, Jr.)  
**Seiko Werts, vocal and piano**

**Prayers of the People** **Julius Perez**

**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**

**New Testament Reading**

**Mark 16:1-8 (NRSVUE)**

**Claire Gebben**

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

***The Power and Promise of an Unfinished Story***

**Rev. John Helmiere**

**- RESPONDING -**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Julius Perez**

**Offertory**

***The Lord's Prayer***

**Seiko Werts, vocal & crystal singing bowls**

**\* 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. John Helmiere**

**\*\*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 707 "Hymn of Promise"**

**Blessing and Sending**

**Rev. John Helmiere**

**Postlude**

***All Creatures of Our God and King***

**Seiko Werts, pianist**

*\*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, Julius Perez; Reader, Claire Gebben; Communion Steward, Teresa Canady; Greeter, Candy Bonham; Music, Seiko Werts; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Spirituality Class | *Requiem*:** On July 14 and 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.

**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](https://FirstChurchSeattle.org/give)

## ABOUT US

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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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