



PRIDE

SUNDAY 2024

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

Hymn of Promise, arr. Shively Todd Shively, pianist, Trinity UMC

*** Call to Worship**

(Source: enfleshed) Rev. Yvonne Agduyeng, Redmond UMC

We gather this Pride Sunday in the presence of the God of our ancestors, our bloodlines and our milklines, human and more than human.

Rooting in lineages that welcome and embrace us.

Refusing to turn on our siblings near and far,

We gather to celebrate and call into being the vision of Their Beloved Community,

Rooting in solidarity that reaches across land and cultures.

Refusing to accept crumbs,

God's Chosen Family of all creation.

Rooting in our inherent worth:

Refusing refuge in institutions and systems that destroy life,

Worthy of safety and joy and respect and resources,

Rooting in the sanctuary we make together.

Worthy of sacred belonging,

Refusing individualist notions of gender and sexuality,

Worthy of a world that loves and protects us all.

*** Opening Hymn**

More Voices #1 "Let Us Build a House" v. 1,2,5

*** Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Shalom Agtarap, Tacoma First UMC

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

Welcome and Announcements

Peter Jabin, Seattle First UMC

Land Acknowledgement

Peter Jabin, Seattle First UMC

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle

Rev. Kay Barckley, Deacon, Queen Anne UMC;
Rev. Yvonne Agduyeng, Remond UMC

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

More Love - Mark Miller

Sanctuary Choir; Todd Shively, conductor, Trinity UMC; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist, Seattle First UMC

Blessing of the Marchers

Rev. Laura Baumgartner, Haller Lake UMC
Rev. Shalom Agtarap, Tacoma First UMC
Peter Jabin, Seattle First UMC

- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Preachers

Rev. Katie Ladd, Queen Anne UMC

Old Testament Reading Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 James Potts, Queen Anne UMC
(adapted from the Inclusive Bible)

New Testament Reading Mark 5: 25-34 Rev. Shalom Agtarap, Tacoma First UMC
(Inclusive Bible)

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

Sermon

Be Free of Our Afflictions

Joey Lopez, Tara Miller
Church Council of Greater Seattle

- RESPONDING -

Pride Sunday Prayer

Rev. Paul Ortiz, University Gathering UMC

Invitation to the Offering

Peter Jabin, Seattle First UMC

Offertory

Pie Jesu - Andrew Lloyd Webber

Jenna and Maryn Arenivar, soloists, Portland First UMC; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist, Seattle UMC

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Katie Ladd, Queen Anne UMC
Rev. Kay Barckley, Deacon, Queen Anne UMC
Rev. Jackie Celin, Deacon, Seattle First UMC

****The Lord's Prayer (adapted from enfleshed):**

Mother, Father, and Parent of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.
May your holy vision for collective
flourishing come to fruition among us.
May your dreams of justice, love,
compassion, and connection be enfleshed
on earth.
Provide us today with what we need to be
nourished in body, soul, and heart.
Forgive us for the harm we cause as we

seek to forgive those who have
harmed us.
Lead us away from everything that
destroys and liberate us from the
hands of evil.
For you are the ultimate source of hope.
Your power-with exceeds all power-over.
Your presence incites eternal wonder.
All praise to you, our comfort
and strength.
Amen.

- SENDING -

* Closing Hymn **Worship and Song #3122 “Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”**

Blessing and Sending

Peter Jabin, Seattle First UMC

Postlude *War March of the Priests, from “Athalie” -Mendelssohn*

Elisabeth Ellis, organist, Seattle First UMC

**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, Peter Jabin; Speakers, All of our Guest Clergy and Guest Laity; Communion Steward, Andrew Fraser and Peter Jabin; Greeter, Beth Snyder; Music, Elisabeth Ellis; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! | Pride 2024: Each year First Church celebrates Pride Sunday on the last Sunday in June. This year, Pride Sunday falls on June 30th. This event is a chance to celebrate and affirm the LGBTQIA+ members of our community and to make a public statement about the care, love, and appreciation we have for each unique individual expressing their God-given identity. This celebration includes a special worship service, the opportunity to march in Seattle’s Pride Parade with other Reconciling Ministry Network congregations, and a chance to serve cookies, drinks, and Holy Communion to all parade participants as the parade route concludes in front of First Church.

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.

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

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.”

