

FIRST
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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

August 25, 2024
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- GATHERING -

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* **Elisabeth Ellis, pianist**

*** Call to Worship** *(Source: enfleshed)* **Peter Jabin**

Truth-telling—
**even when decorum asks for our
silence.**
Righteousness—
**we will be courageous in our care for
one another.**
Peace—
**not the absence of tension but the
presence of Justice.**

Faith—
because together, all is not lost.
Salvation—
**we seek The World to Come in ordinary
acts of solidarity.**
Come, let us put on the garments of the
Holy,
**that Divine Wisdom may clothe us in
Her blessings.**

*** Opening Hymn** **TFWS 2055 “You Are My Hiding Place”**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Peter Jabin**
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Wongee Joh**

Land Acknowledgement **Peter Jabin**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Peter Jabin**

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.
There is nothing that can separate us from God’s all-embracing love.
Christ invites you – Christ invites us – to find him in worship and celebration today.

Special Music *Down to the River to Pray - Sheldon Curry*
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People **Peter Jabin**

Prayer Response **TFWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

- PROCLAIMING -

New Testament Reading **Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSVUE)** **Jean Braun**

Gospel Reading **John 6:56-69 (NRSVUE)** **Alex Smith**

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

Sermon ***Standing in the need of prayer*** **Rev. Wongee Joh**

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering **Peter Jabin**

Offertory ***En Prière - Fauré***
Tess Altiveros, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

Communion Hymn **WS 3154 "Draw the Circle Wide"**

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide

No one stands alone
We'll stand side by side
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **Rev. Wongee Joh & Barbara Moreland**

****The Prayer of Jesus: WS 3071**
Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

- SENDING -

Call to Discipleship **Rev. Wongee Joh**

*** Closing Hymn** **TFWS 2235-b "We Are Marching "**

Blessing and Sending **D.S. Derek Nakano**

Postlude ***Improvisation on "Take Time to be Holy"*** **Elisabeth Ellis, organist**

**Please stand if you are able, body and spirit*

***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; Reader, Jean Braun; Reader, Alex Smith; Communion Steward, Candy Bonham; Assisting with Communion, April Little; Audio-Visual Operator, Isaac Pruden/Ben Kim*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Concert Series | Today: Join us today at noon for a recital featuring Tess Altiveros, soprano, and Elisabeth Ellis, pianist. Enjoy snacks in the narthex immediately following the morning service, and then return to the sanctuary for an afternoon program of beloved opera arias and art songs from across the globe.

Get to know Pastor Wongee: Pastor Wongee is doing a series of meet-and-greets in small groups at congregants homes. The first is at Barbara and Tom's house in Everett at 6pm on Thursday 8/29. Space is limited, but don't worry if you can't make it. More are coming in the next few months, including digital gatherings for those who can't make it in person.

Dismantling Racism Group Book Study | Tuesdays in September: Mark your calendars for this upcoming book study in September on the book *When God Became White: Dismantling Whiteness for a More Just Christianity*, by author Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim. Registration is now open. Refer to the e-news. Register by August 20th.

Rally Picnic Sunday: Join us on September 15th after service in the Narthex for our Rally Sunday Picnic for food and fellowship! Use the QR code to sign up. First Church will provide the main dish, congregants are asked to bring side dishes.



Need a Nametag?: Please scan the qr code and submit a request to receive a nametag! Once you fill out the request, you'll find your nametag on the welcome table in the Narthex.



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://www.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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