



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 **Holy, Holy, Holy** - arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

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

When we are in danger

the Holy searches with us for safety.

When we are joyful

the Holy sings with us a song of praise.

When we are sick

the Holy lays Her cool hand

*** Opening Hymn**

TFWS 2222 "The Servant Song"

*** 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.

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

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

Prayers of the People

Erin Elaine Gail

Prayer Response

UMH 394 "Something Beautiful"

Something beautiful, something good;

all my confusion he understood;

all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,

but he made something beautiful of my life.

- PROCLAIMING -

Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1,2:12-15 AND James 3:13-18 (NRSVUE) Craig Mathews

New Testament Reading

Mark 9:30-37 (NRSVUE)

Shawn Smith

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Looking Inward (The spiritual practice of social transformation) Living Outward*

Rev. Daniel Wolpert

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering

Erin Elaine Gail

Offertory

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Tess Altiveros, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

Communion Hymn

UMH 618 “Let Us Break Bread Together” v1

Let us break bread together on our knees,
(on our knees) let us break bread together
on our knees.

(On our knees) When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (On me)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Wongee Joh & Rev. Daniel Wolpert

Our Father, Holy Mother,
Creator of the Cosmos, Source of Life,
You are in my mind, in my garden,
in my cup of wine and loaf of bread.
Blessed be your names:
Mother, Allah, Goddess, Beloved, Father,
Radiant One, Yahweh, HaShem, Sophia
Your presence has come, your will is done
on earth as it is in the cosmos.

and forgive each other’s failures,
silence, pettiness, and forgetfulness
as we ask to be forgiven
by those we’ve hurt.

May we give each other strength, mercy,
tenderness, and joy

Lead us home
to ourselves, to You,
to clarity, to oneness
and deliver us from the darkness
of our ignorance and fear.

So we pray and so we receive. Amen

- SENDING -

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jackie Celin

*** Closing Hymn**

UMH 583 “Sois La Semilla” (You Are the Seed)

Blessing and Sending

Rev. Wongee Joh & Rev. Daniel Wolpert

Postlude

Postlude in G Major - Christian Cappelen

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, Erin Elaine Gail; Reader, Craig Mathews; Reader, Shawn Smith; Communion Steward, Peter Jabin, Assisting with Communion, Rev. Daniel Wolpert; Greeter, Candy Bonham; Usher, Bruce Hall; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get to know Pastor Wongee: Pastor Wongee is doing a series of meet-and-greets in small groups at congregants homes. Sign up for dinners in October and November! Don't worry if you can't make it in person, there will be digital gatherings for those who can't make it in person.



We're Hiring | Bookkeeper/Office Manager: 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!



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.



Portraits of the Divine Sculpture by Joseph Gregory Rossana & Guest Preacher | October 13

We're honored to feature artist, Joseph Gregory Rossana's "St. Sebastian: ANNO ÆTATIS SUÆ XXXI" from his Portraits of the Divine exhibit for the month of October at First Church before its next stop at the Smithsonian in Washington DC. Joseph will also be our guest preacher on October 13!
"Like in a mirror, Rossano's sculptures, drawings, and paintings in Portraits of the Divine function as two-way portraits: while they capture the likeness of nature's creatures in their struggle for survival, they return the likeness of the human species, an unwilling divinity, in whose hands rests the fate of nature."

Elizabeth Galafa Ylaya: Latin American Music | October 13

In celebration of Hispanic heritage month, First Church presents Elizabeth Galafa Ylaya, soprano, in a lively program of Latin American music! Together with Elisabeth Ellis, pianist, the two E's will present a sparkling song set featuring classical Spanish art songs, Puerto Rican folk songs, and popular zarzuela favorites. Join us in the sanctuary at 12:15PM on Sunday afternoon, October 13. Admission is free, and a free-will donation will be collected to benefit the First Church music program.

Blessing of the Animals | October 13

Join us for a special service of the blessing of the animals. Pets of all kind are welcome, but please be sure to have your pet in a secure carrier or on a leash.

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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