



- GATHERING -

Prelude *Where Charity and Love Prevail* - arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** *(Source: Barbara Moreland)* **Ben Kim**

One: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given to us by God: music, arts, insight.

One: There are countless opportunities every day to BE God in this world.: heal, comfort, forgive.

All: But there is one Creating Spirit.

All: But it is the same holy power that works through us every time.

One: There are a variety of ways we can serve God: teach, love, repair.

One: We are here, now, bringing our entire selves, ready to worship and honor our God.

All: But it is the same appreciative God we all serve.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*** Opening Hymn** **UMH 400 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Verle Bleece**

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

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jackie Celin**

Land Acknowledgement **Rev. Jackie Celin**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Ben Kim**

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 *Let Us Walk This Road Together*
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist and director

Prayers of the People **Rev. Wongee Joh**

Prayer Response **TFWS 2002 "I Will Call upon the Lord "**

I will call upon the Lord
I will call upon the Lord
who is worthy to be praised.
who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation
be the exalted.
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- PROCLAIMING -

Introducing the Scripture		Barbara Moreland
New Testament Reading 1	Acts: 2:42-47, 4:32-35	Danil Basenko
New Testament Reading 2	Corinthians 12:12-26	Debra Loacker
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	Help Wanted - No Exceptions	Barbara Moreland

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Jackie Celin
Offertory	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love</i> Cary Lee, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist	
* Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Wongee Joh
Reception of New Members		Rev. Wongee Joh and Barbara Moreland
* Communion Hymn	UMH 605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"	

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast,

partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Rev. Wongee Joh and Barbara Moreland
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The Prayer of Jesus

Our God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. Amen.

- SENDING -

Call to Discipleship		Rev. Jackie Celin
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**Please stand as 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, Ben Kim; Reader, Danil Basenko; Reader, Debra Loacker; Communion Steward, Candy Bonham; Assisting with Communion, Barbara Moreland; Greeter, Diane White-Shaw; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Fair | October 20: Come join us for morning worship and a ministry fair to follow to find out all the groups and activities at First Church!

MPC Advocacy Opportunity: Our Urban Outreach Team is part of the Meal Partnership Coalition (MPC) in Seattle that works each and every day to ensure that Seattle meal providers have the resources needed to serve nutritionally dense, culturally, gender, and age appropriate meals to those in our community who would otherwise go hungry. We encourage your involvement with this advocacy effort within our city, to help support the important work of our food ministry program, Shared Breakfast. Reach out to Rev. Jackie Celin if you would like to help advocate for emergency food services funding in the City of Seattle budget.

UMCOR: Hurricane Disaster and Response: Hurricane Helene and Milton has devastated parts of the southeastern U.S., bringing catastrophic wind, rain and flash flooding to many states and communities. In response, UMCOR is coordinating with affected annual conferences and supporting their local relief efforts. If you are interested in learning more and/or donating, please scan the qr code to the right.



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.



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



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.*"