



**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** *This is my Maker's World* - arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

**\* Call to Worship** *(Source: enfleshed)* **Claire Gebben**

Come, let us reimagine relationships so that  
power-over is no more.

**God honors the sacred worth of all living  
beings.**

**The Living Christ loves mutuality, consent,  
and tenderness.**

Let us be together, that we might tune  
ourselves to communal thriving,

Let us gather with accountability and  
open-heartedness as our invitations.

**the song the Spirit loves to sing.**

**\* Opening Hymn** **UMH 637 "Una Espiga" (Sheaves of Summer)**

**\* Passing of the Peace** **Claire Gebben**

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

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

**Land Acknowledgement** **Claire Gebben**

**- CENTERING -**

**Lighting the Community Candle** **Claire Gebben**

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** *Child of God* - Mark Hayes  
**Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist and director**

**Prayers of the People** **Claire Gebben**

**Prayer Response** **UMH 334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit "**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the  
Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly

Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with  
your love; and for these blessings we lift  
our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll  
know that we have been revived when we  
shall leave this place.

**- PROCLAIMING -**

**Psalm Reading** **Psalm 26 (NRSVUE)** **Janet Crawley**

**New Testament Reading**

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

**Mark 10:2-16 (NRSVUE)**

**Don Crawley**

**Sermon**

**“Marginal by choice”**

**Rev. Wongee Joh**

**- RESPONDING -**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Claire Gebben**

**Offertory** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* - traditional spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan  
Ibidunni Ojikutu, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Communion Hymn**

**UMH 618 “Let Us Break Bread Together” v3**

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
(on our knees)  
let us praise God 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 & Martha Oman**

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. Jackie Celin**

**\* Closing Hymn**

**UMH 620 “One Bread, One Body”**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Wongee Joh**

**Postlude**

***Grand Chœur, Op. 123 No.1* - Albert Renaud** Elisabeth Ellis, organist

*\*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, Claire Gebben; Reader, Janet Crawley; Reader, Don Crawley; Communion Steward, Teresa Canady; Assisting with Communion, Martha Oman; Greeter, Beth Snyder, Bruce Hall; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Adult Spirituality Class:** We heard Dan Wolpert teach and speak September 22. Join us for a discussion of his book, *Looking Inward, Living Outward: the Spiritual Practice of Social Transformation*. If you've asked, how are we to live in the world?, this is for you. 9:00 Sundays, Sept 29, Oct 6 and 13 in room 301 or via zoom.



**Prayer Shawl Group:** The prayer shawl group will meet in person on zoom on Tuesday, October 15 at 7PM. Anyone interested in joining this group is also invited to attend.



**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.



**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!

The art exhibit will be available the entire month of October in the Sanctuary on Sundays for viewing from after worship to 2 pm or by appointment. On October 13th, the exhibit will open after the recital. Parking will be available in our parking garage until 3pm on Sundays.

**Blessing of the Animals | October 13**

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

**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. If you're bringing your pet for Blessing of the Animals, after service care for (socialized) pets will be available during the recital.

**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

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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."