



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 *When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** (enfleshed) **April Little**

Our hearts praise the Cultivator of Life;
our strength is rooted in the Ground of Being.
Our voices rebuke the those who oppress
because we rejoice in the Ways of Love.
God raises the oppressed from the dust;
She plots a way towards justice and restoration—
By loving the threatened among us the hardest,

God guides us all towards our belovedness.
For the order of the Cosmos belongs to
Holy Wonder—
**She guards the souls of those who practice
solidarity**
and shimmers in the stars stories of radical
possibility.

*** Opening Hymn** **TFWS #2194 "O Freedom"**

*** Passing of the Peace** **April Little**

Hear the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
The peace of Christ is ours, through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jackie Celin**

Land Acknowledgement **Isaac Pruden**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **April Little**

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 *Do Not Be Afraid* - Philip Stopford
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director

Prayers of the People **April Little**

Prayer Response **UMH #728 Come Sunday; verse 3**

**Oo Oo Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday, that's the
day. Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty,
God of love, please look down and see my**

**people through. I believe God is now, was then,
and always will be. With God's blessing we can
make it through eternity.**

- PROCLAIMING -

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (The Song of Hannah) Bruce Hall

New Testament Reading Mark 13:1-8 Janet Crawley

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Lasts? Rev. Wongee Joh

Stewardship Moment Jim Shone & Greg Wallace

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering April Little

Offertory *This We Know* - lyrics attributed to Chief Seattle; music by Ron Jeffers
(in celebration of Native American Heritage Month)

Sanctuary Choir ; Elisabeth Ellis, Director

Doxology UMH #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Dedication Rev. Wongee Joh

* Communion Hymn UMH #400 Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing; verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Holy Communion Rev. Wongee Joh, Greg Wallace, and Jim Schone

The Prayer of Jesus (The New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by
the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by
all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and

freedom sustain our hope and come on
earth. With the bread we need for today,
feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and forever. Amen

- SENDING -

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jackie Celin

*Closing Hymn

UMH #519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Benediction

Rev. Wongee Joh

Postlude

Festive Postlude in C - Paul Fey

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, April Little; Reader, Bruce Hall; Reader, Janet Crawley; Communion Steward, Jane Gregg; Greeter, Diane White-Shaw; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

True Thanksgiving: Stewardship 2025: During our Stewardship giving campaign this year, we invite all to prayerfully remember God's generosity and how we participate as co-creators with our community, as an urban church, and as caretakers of the cosmos. Let us be faithful to God, one another, and to the world we are called to serve, "so that together we sing a song of thanksgiving *AS IF* God's kin-dom is already here and still yet coming".



November 24 | Advent Prep: On November 24, First Church will be preparing for the Hanging of the Greens service on December 1. As with previous years, we'll be staying after church to bring out trees, hang the star, put up the Advent Banner, etc; and as previous years, many hands make fast work. We invite anyone willing and able to support us in this effort to lend a hand on Nov 24.

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."

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