



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 *The Gift of Love/Where Charity and Love Prevail* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Call to Worship (Source: enflashed) Violet Boyer

Praise be to the caregivers—
the hair combers, the bath-givers,
the grocery-list makers,
the clothing menders,
the household organizers.

Praise be to the cleaning staff,
the food harvesters,
the early childhood educators,
the home health aides.

Praise be those artful in their hospitality,
compassionate in their caring,
warm in their welcome,
expansive in their invites.

Do you remember when Mary
told her son and the serving staff
to turn water into wine—
the story of God’s generous love,
from the back of the house.

Opening Hymn TFWS #2212, *“My Life Flows On” (How Can I Keep from Singing)*

* Passing of the Peace Violet Boyer

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 Violet Boyer

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Violet Boyer

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 *You Are Mine* - arranged by Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Prayers of the People

Violet Boyer

Prayer Response

UMH #347, "Spirit Song" (verse 1)

O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you,

and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon
your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Craig Mathews

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Shawn Smith

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What's Possible?

Rev. Wongee Joh

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering and Special Offering

Violet Boyer

Offertory Music

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand* - a favorite hymn of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Tess Altiveros, soprano; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist**

Doxology

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Wongee Joh

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Wongee Joh & Rev. Kathryn Everett

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jackie Celin

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #555 *"Forward Through the Ages"*

Benediction

Rev. Wongee Joh

Postlude

Improvisation on "Behold a Broken World"

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: Worship Leader, Violet Boyer; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Readers, Craig Mathews and Shawn Smith; Greeter, Bruce Hall; Altar Guild, Craig Mathews; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Prayer: These are times when we need to make time to pray. And it is good to pray together! Join us each Sunday in room 302 from 10:00-10:15 AM for a short time of centering prayer. All are welcome.

Genocide in Gaza and Palestinians' struggle under Israeli occupation: What can we do?

On Sunday, February 23 after the morning worship service, join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and to hear from Amin Odeh with Voices for Palestine and Kayla Blau with Jewish Voice for Peace about their experiences in Gaza and the West Bank, challenges faced by Palestinians, American media bias, and what we can do to help. Register by scanning the QR code.



Adult Spirituality Group: Who Wrote the Bible? | Jan. 5- Feb.9: Come join us for a new video series by video essayist Matt Baker on 'Who Wrote the Bible?' Lunch will be provided, please rsvp so we have a headcount. Scan the QR code to the right to learn more.



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".



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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