



THIRD 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 *This is My Maker's World* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** (Source: enfleshed) **Barbara Moreland**

In the midst of a world aching in pain
We gather together to remember the Good News.

The Spirit of the Living God still moves
among us today!
When truth breaks through the lies of evil...
When the oppressed rise up...

When the complicit awaken...
When the hungry, thirsty, and weary are
tended with care...
When we recognize each other as beloved...
God takes on flesh among us, in ways great
and small.
Thanks be to God, who brings us Life.

Opening Hymn TFWS #2236, *"Gather Us In"*

*** Passing of the Peace** **Barbara Moreland**

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 **Barbara Moreland**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Barbara Moreland**

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 *Fall Like Rain* - Stan Pethel
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People **Barbara Moreland**

Prayer Response	TFWS #2117, "Spirit of God" (verse 2)	
Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things.		For when we live your peace, captives will find release, Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Claire Gebben
Gospel Reading	Luke 4:14-21	Andrew Fraser
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	Here and Now	Rev. Wongee Joh
	- RESPONDING -	
Invitation to the Offering		Barbara Moreland
Offertory Music	Until All Are Fed - Brown, McFarland and Morris Cary Lee, soloist; 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 and Isaac Pruden
Call to Discipleship		Rev. Jackie Celin
*Closing Hymn	UMH #600 "Wonderful Words of Life"	
Benediction		Rev. Wongee Joh
Postlude	Postlude in B Flat- J. Ropartz	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, Barbara Moreland; Communion Steward, Teresa Canady; Readers, Claire Gebben and Andrew Fraser; Greeter, Teresa Benedict; 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.

Digital Community Connect: Throughout the Fall, Pastor Wongee participated in a series of meet-and-greets in small groups at congregants homes. Now, there is an opportunity for a digital community connect meet-and-greet with Pastor Wongee and Pastor Jackie after worship on Sunday, Feb 2nd at 12:30 pm for anyone that was unable to make it to an in-person opportunity. We hope to see you there!



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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