



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



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* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed) Peter Jabin

Blessed are those exploited by the rich
Blessed are those demonized by talking-heads

Blessed are those overworked and underpaid

Blessed are those trying, everyday, to get by

Blessed are Appalachians

Blessed are immigrants

Blessed are Indigenous people

Blessed are Black people

Blessed are trans people

Blessed are educators

Blessed are healthcare providers

Blessed are incarcerated people

Blessed are victims of climate collapse caused
by corporate greed

Blessed are community organizers

Blessed are those doing what they can with
what they have

For these are the People of God.

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Opening Hymn **UMH #464 "I Will Trust in the Lord"**

* Passing of the Peace Peter Jabin

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 Peter Jabin

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Peter Jabin

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 *Come, Come Unto Me*
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People		Peter Jabin
Prayer Response	UMH #507, "Through It All"	
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;		through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word.
Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Teresa Benedict
New Testament Reading	Luke 6:17-26	Kathryn Everett
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	"Declaration of the Realm of God"	Rev. Wongee Joh
	- RESPONDING -	
Invitation to the Offering		Peter Jabin
Offertory Music	<i>Ubi Caritas et Amor - Duruflé</i> Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director	
Doxology	UMH #95 <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
* Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Wongee Joh
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Rev. Wongee Joh and Greg Wallace
Call to Discipleship		Rev. Jackie Celin
*Closing Hymn	UMH #577 <i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	
Benediction		Rev. Wongee Joh
Postlude	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love</i>	Elisabeth Ellis, organist

**Please rise in body or 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, Peter Jabin; Communion Steward, Peter Jabin; Communion Support, Greg Wallace; Reader, Teresa Benedict; Reader, Kathryn Evertt; Greeter, Karen McOmber; Altar Guild, Jerry Roberson; 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.

Parking in the Garage: LAZ Parking Management will be activating the new parking enforcement cameras on Friday, February 7th. These cameras will scan license plates upon entry to assist in ensuring that those that park in the garage for NON-Church related events pay for parking. Members and guests that attend Sunday services, or Church special events, **do not** need to register their vehicles. Committee Members & Volunteers that are onsite Monday - Saturday should register their vehicles through Breeze. Please contact [Melinda Waggoner](#) if you have any questions.

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: Jesus for Everyone: We really liked Amy-Jill Levine's video series last year. Join us Feb 16, 23 and March 2 at 9:00 in room 301 to discuss her book, Jesus for Everyone. Jesus has a lot to say to us and Amy-Jill will help us unpack his teachings and set them in his historical context. We'll start with economics—should be interesting! In person and virtual.



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.*"