



**FOURTH 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 **Prelude *Come Down, O Love Divine*** **arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist**

*** Call to Worship** **(Source: enfleshed)** **Erin Elaine Gail**

People of God, Divine Mystery comes to dwell among us. With hospitality, let us turn our attention to the Spirit.

We welcome unfamiliar ideas. We open to surprising revelations. We celebrate a multiplicity of truths.

People of God, there is freedom in letting go of the need to be certain. Let us trade individual arrogance for collective humility:

That fresh wisdom may emerge, Love may deepen, and paths of collective liberation may manifest. Come, Spirit, come.

Opening Hymn **TFWS #2120 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Erin Elaine Gail**

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 **Erin Elaine Gail**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Erin Elaine Gail**

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 ***Here Am I, Send Me***
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People **Erin Elaine Gail**

Prayer Response TFWS #2117, *"Spirit of God"* (verse 3)
Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off No matter where we go, you hold us
lands you hold all the human race in one together so,
warm embrace. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Old Testament Reading Psalm 71: 1-6 Violet Boyer

Gospel Reading Luke 4: 21-30 Debra Loacker
This is the word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Presence of the Spirit* Rev. Wongee Joh

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering Erin Elaine Gail

Offertory Music *The Call* - Ralph Vaughan Williams Tess Altiveros, 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 Rev. Jackie Celin

Call to Discipleship Rev. Jackie Celin

*Closing Hymn UMH #593 *"Here I am, Lord"*

Benediction Rev. Wongee Joh

Postlude *Improvisation on "Holy, Holy, Holy"* 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, Erin Elaine Gail; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Readers, Violet Boyer; Reader, Debra Loacker; Greeter, Shawn Smith; 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.

Digital Community Connect | Today: 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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