



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.

# First United Methodist Church of Seattle 180 Denny Way Seattle, WA 98109

February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

### - GATHERING -

Prelude The Servant Song arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

\* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed)

Barbara Moreland

Do to others as you would have them do to you

For the other is you

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When we cultivate compassion for all living

One web of life in the fabric of the cosmos

beings, ourselves are included

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Oxygen, carbon, nitrogen ebbing and flowing from this life to that

Together, we are bound in our path of liberation

Opening Hymn

WS #3152 "Welcome"

\* 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** 

More Love - Mark Miller

Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

**Prayers of the People** 

**Barbara Moreland** 

Prayer Response UMH#143 On Eagle's Wings

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's
Hand.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Kathryn Everett

New Testament Reading Luke 6:27-38 Violet Boyer

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Credited to our Enemies" Rev. Wongee Joh

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering Barbara Moreland

Offertory Music Lift Every Voice and Sing

Ibidunni Ojikutu, 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; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Prayer of Dedication Rev. Wongee Joh

Call to Discipleship Rev. Jackie Celin

\*Closing Hymn UMH #707 "Hymn of Promise"

Benediction Rev. Wongee Joh

Postlude Improvisation on "Ode to Joy" Elisabeth Ellis, organist

### **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.

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit

<sup>\*\*</sup>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; Reader, Kathryn Everett; Reader, Violet Boyer; Altar Guild, Jerry Roberson; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin

**Pub Theology | March 2:** Come join the conversation as we discuss faith and life after service at Queen Anne Beer Hall on March 2nd. All are welcome, hosted by Vintners Young Adult Group. Register by scanning the QR code.



Adult Spirituality Group | Jesus for Everyone: Join us Feb 16, 23 and March 2 at 9:00 am in room 301 to discuss Amy-Jill Levine's 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.



Climate Safe Investing: Part One | March 9: Join us in the fellowship hall after worship for an overview of climate safe investing and an introduction of the Costco Climate Shareholders Club, a group of investors who are concerned about Costco's credit card partnership with Citibank, one of the biggest global funders of fossil fuels. Register by scanning the QR code.



Lenten Lunches | Adult Spirituality "The Cross and the Lynching Tree": Pastor Wongee will lead us in a discussion of the book, The Cross and the Lynching Tree, by James Cone. Expect an important and challenging time! We will meet March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 after worship in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. You may attend in person or virtually. Please register. Our discussion will be richer if you have read the book. It is available at Seattle and King County libraries and the usual online sources. Register by scanning the QR code.



**Need a Nametag?:** Please scan the gr 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."









