



**FIFTH 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** *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

**\* Call to Worship** (Source: enfleshed) April Little

Come!  
Pursue intimacy with the Animator of Life!

**Dancing forth**  
from the same Breath of Life.

**Rippling oceans**  
Rustling Trees  
**Shimmering stones**  
Wriggling newts  
**Sweeping clouds**  
Burning stars  
**Widening galaxies**  
and you, you, you—

Come!  
Pursue intimacy with the Animator of Life,  
the One who awakens your heart.

**The Holy brims forth all around us,**  
flows through us,  
**awaits our affection.**

**Opening Hymn** *UMH #97 "For the Fruits of This Creation"*

**\* Passing of the Peace** April Little

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** Peter Jabin

**Land Acknowledgement** April Little

- CENTERING -

**Lighting the Community Candle** April Little

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** *No Turning Back (I Have Decided to Follow Jesus)*- arr. Joel Raney  
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

**Prayers of the People**

**April Little**

**Prayer Response**

**TFWS #2117, "Spirit of God" (verse 4)**

Spirit of God, bright Flame,  
send us in your holy name,  
the power to heal,  
to share your love everywhere.  
We cannot fail or fall,

or know defeat at all,  
Held in your hands.  
Borne on your wings  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 6:1-13**

**Ann Shaffer**

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 5:1-11**

**Wally Shaffer**

This is the word of Life.  
Thanks be to God.

**Hymn**

**TFWS #2177 "Wounded World That Cries for Healing"**

**Sermon**

**"Dealing with the Cares of the World"**

**Rev. Sharon Moe**

**- RESPONDING -**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**April Little**

**Offertory Music**

***Behold a Broken World***

**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; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Peter Jabin**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Rev. Sharon Moe and Peter Jabin**

**Call to Discipleship**

**Peter Jabin**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**UMH #435 "O God of Every Nation"**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Sharon Moe**

**Postlude**

***Grand Choeur No. 2 - Alfred Hollins***

**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, April Little; Communion Steward, Jane Gregg; Reader, Ann Shaffer; Reader, Wally Shaffer; Greeter, Beth Snyder; Altar Guild, Jerry Roberson; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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: 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](http://FirstChurchSeattle.org/give)



### ABOUT US

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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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