



Second Sunday in Lent

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed) Jerry Roberson

Gather us in, Mother Hen God!
Protect us under your wings!
Foxes and hawks prey on our vulnerability,
cruel systems squeeze life from us.
Sunlight, rest, open-air, peace—
these are our dreams!
Huddle us together as we organize.

Hold us close as we make plans beyond the ways of oppression.
Keep a watchful eye on us Mothering,
Protecting God.
Your children long to be free.
Your chicks long for safety.
Protect us under your wing

Opening Hymn UMH #396 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* Passing of the Peace Jerry Roberson
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 Jerry Roberson

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Jerry Roberson

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 *I Wanna Be Ready* - traditional spiritual, arr. Rosephanye Powell
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People Jerry Roberson

Prayer Response TFWS #2055 You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place. whenever I am afraid,
You always fill my heart with I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
songs of deliverance, Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 27	Lorry Celin
Gospel Reading	Luke 13:31-35	Isaac Pruden
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	<i>Born of the Spirit of Go</i>	Rev. Wongee Joh
- RESPONDING -		
Invitation to the Offering		Jerry Roberson
Offertory Music	Somewhere Over the Rainbow Ibidunni Ojikutu, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist	
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
Call to Discipleship		Rev. Jackie Celin
*Closing Hymn	UMH #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	
Benediction		Rev. Wongee Joh
Postlude	<i>Improvisation on “He Leadeth Me”</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, Jerry Roberson; Reader, Lorry Celin; Reader, Isaac Pruden; Altar Guild, Craig Mathews; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Front Door Greeter, Kathryn Everett; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Lunches- Starts Today | 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.



Climate Safe Investing: Part Two, Banking and Credit Cards: Learn how to prevent your bank deposits and credit cards fees from being used to finance the fossil fuel industry... and instead fund local businesses, community housing, and development of renewable clean energy. Learn more by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Events page on the church website.



Coins for Lent: Kids will have an opportunity to participate in the practice of almsgiving with the United Methodist's Church's "Coins for Lent" activity. During Lent, we are reminded to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and serving our neighbors. Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps people in need. Learn more by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Lenten Opportunities on the News page on our website.



Through These Forty Days | Lent Playlist: For each of the forty days of Lent, Elisabeth will create an improvisation on a hymn and will upload it to an ongoing playlist on Soundcloud. Learn more by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Lenten Opportunities on the News page on our website.



Lenten Devotionals: To receive the Lenten Devotionals by email, contact Gina at gina@firstchurchseattle.org if you haven't signed up yet. If you were on the email list last year, you'll automatically receive it this year.

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.

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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