



Tranfiguration Sunday

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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** (Source: enfleshed) **Ann Shaffer**

Splendor of God, reveal Yourself! Splendor of God, reveal Yourself!

Art, music, dance— **awaken us** **Crack us open**
Sunset, night sky, carpet of moss— **connect us** Turn us around
Community, tenderness, surprising joy— **Heal our distorted ways of living**
lead us towards Love Lift the veil of unknowing
Move and breathe with us today

Opening Hymn **WS #3157 “Come, Let Us Dream”**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Ann Shaffer**

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 **Ann Shaffer**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Ann Shaffer**

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 *Shine On Me* - traditional spiritual, arr. Rollo Dilworth
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People **Ann Shaffer**

Prayer Response **UMH#349 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, and the things of earth will grow
look full in his wonderful face, strangely dim in the light
(wonderful face), of his glory and grace.

Old Testament Reading	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Craig Mathews
New Testament Reading	Luke 9:28-36,37-43a	Shawn Smith
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	<i>“Transfigured One, at the bottom”</i>	Rev. Wongee Joh
- RESPONDING -		
Invitation to the Offering		Ann Shaffer
Offertory Music	Together We Serve Tess Altiveros, 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 and Rev. Jackie Celin
Call to Discipleship		Rev. Jackie Celin
*Closing Hymn	TFWS #2173 <i>“Shine, Jesus, Shine”</i>	
Benediction		Rev. Wongee Joh
Postlude	<i>Fanfare in D Major - Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens</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, Ann Shaffer; Reader, Craig Mathewst; Reader, Shawn Smith; Altar Guild, Craig Mathews; Communion Steward, Teresa Canady; Front Door Greeter, Teresa Benedict; 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.

Pub Theology | Today: Come join the conversation as we discuss faith and life after service at Queen Anne Beer Hall after service. All are welcome, hosted by Vintners Young Adult Group.

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm: Join us for our Ash Wednesday service, either in person or through our livestream. We look forward to having you with us.

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 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.

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 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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