



## Third 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

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*  
- Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

\* Call to Worship

(Source: enfleshed)

Peter Jabin

Life abundant calls to us:

**Come alive! Come alive!**

To be alive - fully awake in this world rich in  
beauty and wonder

**This is the invitation of God**

Though death and destruction will have their  
way

**A table is being set for all who desire to feast  
on Love**

Let us not settle for days that are dry and  
brittle with despair

**Christ liberates us from evil and leads us to  
life abundant**

Opening Hymn

TFWS #2117 Spirit of God

\* Passing of the Peace

Peter Jabin

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

Peter Jabin

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle

Peter Jabin

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 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* - Southern Harmony, arr. Kathryn Bonner  
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People

Peter Jabin

**Prayer Response TFWS #2216 When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise (verse 2)**

When we are called to sing your praise  
and cannot find our voice,  
because our losses leave us now  
no reason to rejoice,

remind us, God, that you accept  
our sad laments in prayer.  
you, too, have walked the shadowed way  
and known our deep despair.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

**Violet Boyer**

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 13:1-9**

**Wally Shaffer**

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

**Sermon**

**Now**

**Rev. Wongee Joh**

**- RESPONDING -**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Peter Jabin**

**Offertory Music**

***Come to the Water* - John Foley  
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**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Rev. Wongee Joh and Gary Skinner**

**Call to Discipleship**

**Rev. Jackie Celin**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**UMH #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

**Benediction**

**Rev. Wongee Joh**

**Postlude**

***Gigue* - Charles Wood**

**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, Peter Jabin; Reader, Violet Boyer; Reader, Wally Shaffer; Altar Guild, Craig Mathews; Communion Steward, Peter Jabin; Communion Assistant, Gary Skinner; Front Door Greeter, Karen McOmber; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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 | April 13:** 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](mailto: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. Scan the QR code for a digital copy.



**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.

Connect with us!



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## 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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