



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

*Processional Hymn UMH #278 *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed) Erin Elaine Gail

The Ways of Love are mightier than
death-dealing systems

Hosanna to the Living God!

God’s presence is steadfast and stubborn like a
donkey

Hosanna to the Living God!

God’s spirit is refreshing like the breeze from
palm branches

Hosanna to the Living God!

When our souls are weary, hope rides into
town, turning empire upside-down

Hosanna to the Living God!

Holiness lives through those who have
solidarity and compassion

Hosanna to the Living God!

* Passing of the Peace Erin Elaine Gail

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 Erin Elaine Gail

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Erin Elaine Gail

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 *What Wondrous Love is This*
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People Erin Elaine Gail

Prayer Response TFWS #2071 Jesus, Name above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,

beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us

blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Old Testament	Psalm 118:1-2;19-29	Bruce Hall
Gospel Reading	Luke 19:28-40	Violet Boyer
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	And the Stones Shall Speak! - RESPONDING -	Rev. Jackie Celin
Invitation to the Offering		Erin Elaine Gail
Offertory Music	<i>Ride On, King Jesus!</i> 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	(Source: enfleshed)	Rev. Wongee Joh
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Rev. Wongee Joh and Laura Celin
Call to Discipleship		Rev. Jackie Celin
*Closing Hymn	TFWS #2111 "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"	
Benediction		Rev. Jackie Celin
Postlude	<i>Improvisation on "All Glory, Laud and Honor"</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, Erin Elaine Gail; Reader, Bruce Hall, Violet Boyer; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Front Door Greeter, Karen McOmber; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Climate Safe Investing: Part Two, Banking and Credit Cards | Today: 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.

Maundy Thursday Dinner | April 17 at 6PM: Join us on Maundy Thursday at 6 PM for a potluck dinner. The evening will feature a contemplative moment honoring the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples. The church will provide the main dish, and guests are encouraged to bring side dishes to share. Scan the QR to register and sign up for the potluck!



Good Friday Tenebrae Service | Queen Anne UMC at 7PM: Join us for our Good Friday Tenebrae service held on Friday, April 18th at 7pm at Queen Anne Methodist Church.

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. 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.



Newcomer's Lunch | April 27: Learn more about First Church at our Newcomer's Lunch on Sunday, April 27 at 12pm in Room 301. A light lunch will be served. Pastor Wongee and Pastor Jackie will lead attendees through the ministries and mission of First Church, with plenty of time for Q&A and conversation. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



Bead Sale | April 27: After worship on April 27th, Linda Allen will be holding her Annual Bead Jewelry Sale to benefit First Church's ministries. This year, all sales will go to support our Shared Breakfast food ministry.

April 27 Worship | Guest Speaker, Roishetta Ozane: Guest speaker, Roishetta Ozane, will talk about what climate justice looks like in a frontline community. Ms. Ozane heads The Vessel Project, a grassroots organization she founded to help Gulf Coast Louisiana communities recover from back-to-back hurricanes. Now she's educating people about the deadly interconnections between gas export plants, climate disasters, and environmental racism.

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.

Treats for Church: We cherish the moments of snacks and fellowship after the service. To help reduce costs for coffee hour, we're seeking 1-2 volunteers each month to contribute treats. Your support will ensure we can keep this special time going strong! Scan the QR code to sign up!



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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