



**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 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

Scripture John 20:1-9 Laura Celin

\* Call to Worship (Source: enfleshed) Barbara Moreland

The tomb is empty!

**How can it be?**

God's Love did not die at the hands of the  
empire!

**The Resurrected One is alive—**

moving ahead,

**meeting us on the road,**

leading us towards liberation.

**Violence cannot threaten**

nor can the power-hungry silence

**the workings of Radical Possibility.**

Love is Resurrected!

**The Holy is ever-present,**

beckoning us towards collective flourishing.

**Bloom new life, bloom!**

\*Processional Hymn UMH #302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" verses 1-4

\* Entrance of the Cross and Christ Candle Roman Basenko & Lorry Celin

\*Passing of Easter Peace Rev. Wongee Joh

Beloved in Christ, God's love pours out from the grave of despair. The Risen One comes with hands full of love. He greets us with peace the world does not know, he gives us peace the world cannot give.

**Alleluia! Christ's peace is ours forever!**

Let us greet one another with Easter peace!

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jackie Celin

Land Acknowledgement Barbara Moreland

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Barbara Moreland

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.

Anthem *Crown Him!* - arranged by Dan Forrest  
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

<b>Easter Prayer</b>		<b>Barbara Moreland</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Isaiah 25:6-9</b>	<b>Jacob Sullenszino</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>John 20:10-18</b>	<b>Erin Elaine Gail</b>
<p>This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.</p>		
<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>Sharing the Good News of Easter!</b>	<b>Rev. Jackie Celin</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Commissioned</b>	<b>Rev. Wongee Joh</b>
<b>Hymn Response</b>	<b>UMH #314 "In the Garden"</b>	
<b>- RESPONDING -</b>		
<b>Easter Response of Faith</b>	<b>(Source: Sicut Locutus Est)</b>	<b>Barbara Moreland</b>
<b>Invitation to Easter Offering</b>		<b>Rev. Jackie Celin</b>
<b>Offertory Music</b>	<b><i>Exultate, Jubilate</i> - Mozart</b> <b>Tess Altiveros, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist</b>	
<b>* Offering Response</b>	<b>UMH #307 (Tune: Ode to Joy) "Christ has Risen! Shout Hosanna!"</b>	
<b>* Prayer of Dedication</b>	<b>(Adapted from: enfleshed)</b>	<b>Rev. Jackie Celin</b>
<b>Easter Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Wongee Joh and Rev Jackie Celin</b>	
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<b>UMH #308 "Thine be the Glory"</b>	
<b>Blessing and Sending/Commissioning</b>		<b>Rev. Wongee Joh</b>
<b>Postlude with Recessional</b>		
<b><i>Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5, Op.42, No.1</i> - Widor</b>		<b>Elisabeth Ellis, organist</b>

*\*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, Barbara Moreland; Readers, Laura Celin, Jacob Sullenszino, Erin Elaine Gail; Communion Steward, Peter Jabin; Front Door Greeter, Bruce Hall; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 26 | Vintner's Game Night:** On Saturday, April 26th, join the Vintner's Young Adults for a game night at April's place in the Green Lake Neighborhood at 7 pm. Bring a snack or dessert to share! Scan the QR code to sign up!



**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 Jewelry 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.

**All Church Retreat | May 2-4:** You are invited to spend the weekend of May 2-4 with the First Church community at Camp Indianola on the beautiful Kitsap Peninsula! Join this annual gathering where we'll meet new friends, play, relax and share in Sunday morning worship together. There may be kayaking, beach blanket volleyball, crafts and walks!



**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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