



Fifth 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 *“Who is my Mother, Who is my Brother?”* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** (Source: enfleshed) **Julius Perez**

Come and seek together the salvation of God. Abolish all that imprisons.

Welcome the stranger. **This is the way of Christ.**

Redistribute resources. Let the old ways be left behind.

Tend needs and practice mutual care. **Love has come to free us.**

Opening Hymn **UMH#428 For the Healing of the Nations**

*** Passing of the Peace** **Julius Perez**

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 **Julius Perez**

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle **Julius Perez**

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 Hear the Prophet Calling***
 Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People **Julius Perez**

Prayer Response **TFWS #2224 Make Us One, Lord**

Make us one, Lord, make us one;

Let our love flow so the world will know

Holy Spirit, make us one.

we are one in you.

New Testament

Isaiah 58: 6-12

Kari Wilson

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: 34b-40

Gary Glauner

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Katarungan: Human Rights in the Philippines

Nica & Anthony

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering

Julius Perez

Introduction to the Offertory Hymn

Nica

Offertory Music

It is Well (adapted version)

Cary Lee, soloist, and Elisabeth Ellis, pianist, with Congregational Participation

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**

(Source: enfleshed)

Rev. Jackie Celin

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Wongee Joh and Nica

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jackie Celin

***Closing Hymn**

TFWS #2175 Together We Serve

Benediction

Rev. Wongee Joh

Postlude

***Postlude in D minor* - Alfred Silver**

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, Julius Perez; Reader, Kari Wilson, Gary Glauner; Altar Guild, Craig Mathews; Communion Steward, Teresa Canady; Front Door Greeter, Beth Snyder; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Photos of Renters in Fellowship Hall: This week, Shen Yun Performing Arts will be renting the Fellowship Hall. To respect their privacy, we kindly ask that no photos be taken of the group. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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 room 301. 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. 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.



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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Need a nametag?



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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