



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 *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"* - Handel Jiyoung Lee, organist

*** Call to Worship** Greg Wallace

One: We honor the wisdom of our
Mothering God,

**All: The lights of the heavens were
installed by her.**

One: The textures of earth were formed by her.

**All: The power of the wind was imagined
by her.**

One: The creatures of earth, sea,
and sky were painted by her.

**All: The appetites of the body and senses of
the soul were named by her.**

One: All: She is the midwife of
all our beginnings.

**All: Renew us in your wisdom,
O Mothering God.**

*** Opening Hymn** TFWS #2051 *"I was there to hear your borning cry"* (verses 1,2,3,6,7)

*** Passing of the Peace** Rev. Wongee Joh

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jackie Celin

Land Acknowledgement Greg Wallace

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Greg Wallace

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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* - arr. Mack Wilberg
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Glenn Gregg, Music Director Emeritus,
Minh-Thi Butler, oboist, and Jiyoung Lee, pianist

Prayers of the People Greg Wallace

Prayer Response TFWS #2193 *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* (sing twice)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Old Testament	Exodus 2:1-10	Teresa Benedict
Gospel Reading	I Corinthians 13:1-13	Kathryn Everett
This is the word of Life.		
Thanks be to God.		

Sermon	Love's many faces	Barbara Moreland
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- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering	Greg Wallace
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Offertory Music	<i>Sonata in G minor, Movement 1, BWV 1020</i> - J. S. Bach
	Minh-Thi Butler, oboist, and Jiyoung Lee, 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
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The Sacrament of Holy Communion	Rev. Wongee Joh and Barbara Moreland
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Call to Discipleship	Rev. Jackie Celin
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*Closing Hymn	UMH # 593 "Here I am, Lord"
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Benediction	Barbara Moreland
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Postlude	<i>An Easter Alleluia</i> - Gordon Slater	Jiyoung Lee, organist
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**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, Greg Wallace; Readers, Teresa Benedict, Kathryn Everett; Communion Steward, Jane Gregg; Communion Assistant, Barbara Moreland; Front Door Greeter, Karen McOmber; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workshop: Deep Listening as an Act of Grace- Last Day!: In three lively and participative 1-hour sessions, come explore how we can use listening as a vehicle for bonding, understanding and healing. Learn "roadblocks" to avoid. Explore a better alternative: Deep Active Listening. Craft effective and helpful responses to problem messages from people you care about | 3 sessions after church: 4/27, 5/4 and 5/11 - Conf Rm 301 | Facilitator: Alex Smith

First Church Seattle Concert Series with Benjamin Sieverding, Tess Altiveros and Elisabeth Ellis | May 22 at 7PM: Join us on Thursday, May 22nd, for a recital featuring Benjamin Sieverding (Bass) and Tess Altiveros (Soprano). Experience an enchanting selection of songs spanning nearly a dozen languages, celebrating the richness of musical expression across cultures. Invite a friend to join - parking will still be free in the garage, and this is an excellent opportunity to welcome people to our church via community programs. A free-will donation will be gathered to benefit the First Church Music Program. We look forward to sharing this unforgettable evening with you!

The Spiritual Practice of Social transformation with Dan Wolpert: In his revelatory new book *Looking Inward, Living Outward*, popular spiritual leader Daniel Wolpert calls us back to a life of prayer and twelve specific spiritual practices that re-orient our gaze outward in acts of social transformation. Join us before worship for a four part series: The Spiritual Practice of Social Transformation. Scan the QR code to register!



Social & Climate Justice in Action! Volunteering at the Furniture Repair Bank: The Furniture Repair Bank is an arm of Zero Waste Washington, and they promote reusing furniture by saving it from landfills and then partner with organizations to donate it to people transitioning out of homelessness, refugees, and the like. No experience is required - seriously - they teach you how to use their equipment and help teach people how to paint and sand. If you have upholstery or sewing experience, they will happily have you do that work too! The number of volunteers is capped at 25, so sign up soon! Scan the QR code to register!



We're Hiring: The Youth and Children's Ministries Coordinator at First Church is responsible for executing educational and fellowship programs for young people from birth through the end of high school, under the direction of the Associate Pastor of Community and Congregational Engagement. If this position sounds like a good fit for you or someone you know, please forward this information!



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."