



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.

Prelude *Meditation on “For the Healing of the Nations”* Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

That love may blossom.

That justice may be a bountiful crop.

That courage may grow unencumbered.

Let not the gifts of God be wasted but the

harvest be plenty.

Let Divine Life flourish among us.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Land Acknowledgement **Kurt Armbruster**

Christ invites you – Christ invites us – to find him in worship and celebration today.

Prayers of the People **Kurt Armbruster**

Prayer Response	UMH#394 “Something Beautiful	
Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion he understood; all I had to	offer him was brokenness and strife, but he made something beautiful of my life.	
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 4:1, 9-12	Greg Wallace
New Testament	Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23	Craig Sheppard
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“We Must Become a Triple Braided Cord”	Tara Miller
- RESPONDING -		
Invitation to the Offering		Kurt Armbruster
Offertory Music	<i>Give Me Jesus - arr. Mark Hayes</i> Benjamin Sieverding, bass; 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		Rev. Wongee Joh
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Rev. Wongee Joh & Tara Miller
Call to Discipleship		Kurt Armbruster
*Closing Hymn	TFWS #2184 “Enviado Soy De Dios Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”	
Benediction		Tara Miller
Postlude	<i>Improvisation on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”</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, Kurt Armbruster; Readers, Greg Wallace, Craig Sheppard; Communion Steward, Teresa Canady; Communion Assistant, Tara Miller; Front Door Greeter, Kris Henn; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today | Potluck at Joyce & Joe Frost’s House: Join us for a potluck at Joyce and Joe Frost’s House at 2PM!
See Reagan Page for more information.

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!

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!



Open Mic | June 5th at 7PM: Join us for Open Mic Night at First Church! Friday evening, June 5th, at 7pm, in collaboration with Seattle University. Come listen to a lively and entertaining variety of pop songs, musical theatre, opera arias, and whatever else our participants want to sing! If you'd like to be added to the performer's list, please contact Elisabeth, our Director of Music, at elisabeth@firstchurchseattle.org. This event is open to the public, and a free-will donation will be gathered to benefit the First Church Music Program.

Pride 2025 | June 29: Join us for Pride Sunday worship at 10:00am on June 29 (note the time change for this Sunday only!). This event is a chance to celebrate and affirm the LGBTQIA+ members of our community and to make a public statement about the care, love, and appreciation we have for each unique individual expressing their God-given identity. This service will include a special address by Gabrielle Claiborne of Transformation Journeys Worldwide, speaking on the topic, "For Such a Time as This: Speaking Truth to Power thru Heart Allyship." We will be joined by other local United Methodist congregations, as well as other area churches that wish to attend. Scan the QR code to learn more.



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."