



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 *“O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go”* arr. by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** (Source: enfleshed) **Violet Boyer**

Love looks us in the face

Love asks us to tend and mend and repair

Love cherishes and guides us

and fills our hearts with courage

We belong to Love!

Let us listen for Love's message.

***Opening Hymn TFWS #2210 “Joy Comes with the Dawn”**

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

The joy of the Lord is your strength—peace be with you!

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Wongee Joh**

Land Acknowledgement **Violet Boyer**

Lighting the Community Candle Violet Boyer

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 *Dakota Hymn*
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, Director and Pianist

Prayers of the People **Violet Boyer**

Prayer Response UMH #338 “Where He Leads Me” verse 4

He will give me grace and glory, he will give
me grace and glory, he will give me grace
and glory, and go with me, with me all the

way. Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Old Testament	Psalm 30	Ann Shaffer
Gospel Reading	John 21:1-19	Wally Shaffer
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	"Where You Do Not Want To Go"	Rev. Wongee Joh
- RESPONDING -		
Invitation to the Offering		Violet Boyer
Native American Ministries Special Sunday Offering		Violet Boyer
Offertory Music	<i>You Will Be Found, from Dear Evan Hansen</i> Cary Lee, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist	
Doxology	<i>UMH #95 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 and Dan Gustafson	
Call to Discipleship		Barbara Moreland
*Closing Hymn	TFWS #2184 "Sent Out in Jesus Name" (3X)	
Benediction		Rev. Wongee Joh
Postlude	<i>Improvisation on "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Elisabeth Ellis, organist</i>	

**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, Violet Boyer; Readers, Ann Shaffer, Wally Shaffer; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Communion Assistant, Dan Gustafson; Front Door Greeter, Teresa Benedict; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 houselessness, 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!

Workshop: Deep Listening as an Act of Grace: 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 | 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!



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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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