



Music Sunday



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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* - arranged by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** *Ministry Matters* **Barbara Moreland**

Come, give to the Holy One your praises of thanksgiving.

We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty

power and love.

We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** **UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v. 1, 3-5)**

*** 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 **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.

Prayers of the People **Barbara Moreland**

Prayer Response **TFWS #2216 "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"**

Old Testament **Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13 (NIV, NLT)** **Ann Shaffer**

New Testament **Ephesians 5:18–20, (Inclusive Bible Translation)** **Wally Shaffer**

This is the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SermonBridges **Made of Music: Where Words Alone Can't Go** **Don Crawley, Author**

Sermon Part 1: **Music as a Bridge Between Us and God**

Special Music *Yonder Come Day* - Georgia Sea Islands Spiritual, arr. by Adam & Matt Podd
Sanctuary Choir; Cary Lee, soloist; Wally Shaffer, percussionist;
Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Sermon Part 2: **Music as a Bridge Between Us and Other People**

Special Music *Sing, My Child* - Sarah Quartel
Sanctuary Choir; Isaac Pruden and Tess Altiveros, soloists;
Wally Shaffer, percussionist; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

Sermon Part 3: **Music as a Bridge Across Our Lifelong Journey**

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering **Barbara Moreland**

Offertory Music *Both Sides Now* - Joni Mitchell
Janet Crawley, soloist; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

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** **enfleshed** **Rev. Wongee Joh**

Call to Discipleship **Rev. Jackie Celin**

***Closing Hymn** *UMH #89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Benediction **Don Crawley**

Postlude *Festive Postlude in C Major* - Paul Fey Elisabeth Ellis, organist

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***Our Thanks to Those Helping in Worship: Worship Leader, Barbara Moreland; Readers, Ann Shaffer, Wally Shaffer; Front Door Greeter, Kris Henn; 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!



Pride 2025 with Guest Preacher | June 29: Join us for Pride Sunday worship at 10:00 am on June 29 (note the time change for this Sunday only!). Our guest speaker, Gabrielle Claiborne,



is Founder and CEO of Transformation Journeys Worldwide, an inclusion training and consulting firm with a transgender focus. Come worship with us at 10 AM on June 29th and hear how Gabrielle is making waves in communities, globally. Get ready to be inspired! Scan the QR code to learn more.

Cookie Baking Event: Duuna will be hosting a cookie baking event on Saturday 6/21 (10 am - 2 pm) and Sunday 6/22 after worship - 3:00 pm for Pride at First Church. Please sign up if you are interested!



Calling All Seniors! Is your youth graduating from high school this year? If so, please contact Pastor Jackie (jackie@firstchurchseattle.org) so that we can recognize them in our worship service on June 22nd. If your child has another type of educational milestone this year, such as a 5th or 8th grade promotion, or graduation from a college program, please also contact me so that they can be recognized as well.

We're Hiring | Youth & Children's Ministry Coordinator: 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!



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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