



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 *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* arranged by Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** Erin Elaine Gail

The Holy Bewilder is here—

Shaking up the order of things

Pouring out Mystery over our lives

Prophesying through unlikely sources

Like mist on a mountainside

Like fire cleansing a forest

Sometimes subtle

Sometimes unwieldy

But always dreaming of a World to Come—

Where all speak the language of compassion

and are alight with the flame of solidarity.

*** Processional Hymn** TFWS #2117 *“Spirit of God”*

Liturgical Dancers: Lorry Celin, Sharon Donohue, Alyx Gregg, Lorri Salmon, Mona Tanaka

*** Passing of the Peace** Erin Elaine Gail

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jackie Celin

Land Acknowledgement Sheila Api

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Bo Babarinsa

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 *Come Down, O Love Divine* - Vaughan Williams, arr. Raney
Sanctuary Choir; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist and director

Prayers of the People Erin Elaine Gail

Prayer Response UMH #404 v.1 *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

Upon the mountain when my God spoke,

out of His mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks so fine,

asked my Lord if all was mine.

Steve Smith

Janet Smith

Thanks be to God.

Rev. Wongee Joh

- RESPONDING -

Erin Elaine Gail

Cary Lee, tenor; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

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.

Rev. Wongee Joh

The Sacrament of Baptism *with reaffirmation of faith and reception of new members*

Rev. Wongee Joh, Bo Babarinsa, Sheila Api

Rev. Jackie Celin

WS#3122 Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Rev. Wongee Joh, Bo Babarinsa, Sheila Api

Elisabeth Ellis, organist

***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, Erin Elaine Gail; Liturgical Dancers: Lorry Celin, Sharon Donohue, Alyx Gregg, Lorri Salmon, Mona Tanaka; Readers, Steve Smith, Janet Smith; Communion Steward, Jane Gregg; Communion Assistant, Sheila Api, Bo Babarinsa; Front Door Greeter, Karen McOmber; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Spirituality | Theo Ed.: Join us Sunday mornings to watch and discuss TheoEd videos. June 8 we will view *When God Is Silent* by Cole Arthur Cole. June 15 we will watch *The Chord Changes* by Julian Davis Reid (using music to explore how we can deal with life changes). Room 301 at 9:00, in person or virtually.



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!

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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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