



“Let the waters produce living things, and living things were born’ (Genesis 1:20)...That was at the beginning of creation, but for you it has been reserved that water should regenerate you to grace, just as it generated those things to life. Imitate the fish which indeed has received a lesser grace, but should appear to you a miracle. He is in the sea and he is on the waves; he is in the sea and swims with the swell of the water. On the sea the storm rages, the winds scream out, but the fish swims; he is not swallowed up because he is used to swimming. To you, this world is the sea. It’s currents uncertain, its waves deep, it’s storms fierce. And you must be this fish, that the waves of the world do not swallow you.” (Cramer, Baptism and Change in the Early Middle Ages, c. 200-1150. New York: Cambridge U. Press 1993, 69)

In the wild waters of the world, the fish does not go under, does not drown. It is in its element. Amidst the chaos, it swims in grace. Be the fish.

Remember your Baptism and be both thankful, faithful and fruitful!

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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

*** Call to Worship** *enfleshed* Ellie Tayebi

All you brokenhearted
All you worn out
All you overwhelmed

You, many things at once
You, ebbing & flowing human
You, containing multitudes:

All you energized
All you aligned
All you at peace

Come & worship.
The God of Compassion awaits
& loves us as we are.

*** Opening Hymn** **Blessed and Broken**
written by Rev. Justin White for 2025 PNW Annual Conference (Scan the QR code for lyrics)



*** Passing of the Peace** Charley Bickford

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jackie Celin

Land Acknowledgement Dan Gustafson

- CENTERING -

Lighting the Community Candle Kitty Gustafson

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 *We Are Pilgrims on a Journey*
Tess Altiveros, soprano; Elisabeth Ellis, pianist

Prayers of the People Barbara Moreland

Prayer response **UMH#347** **Spirit Song (vs1)**

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

- PROCLAIMING

Gospel Reading	Luke 10:25-37 (Inclusive Version)	Ben Ohene
Sermon	Love Reorients	Rev. Wongee Joh

- RESPONDING -

Invitation to the Offering		Charley Bickford
Offertory Music	<i>At the River</i> - Copland Tess Altiveros, soprano; 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	<i>(enfleshed)</i>	Rev. Wongee Joh
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The Sacrament of Baptism	Rev. Wongee Joh, Rev. Jackie Celin, Lay Leader: Barbara Moreland
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The Sacrament of Holy Communion	Rev. Wongee Joh & Rev. Jackie Celin
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Call to Discipleship	Rev. Jackie Celin
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*Closing Hymn	TFWS #2184 Sent Out In Jesus' Name
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Benediction	Rev. Wongee Joh
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Postlude	<i>Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters</i> Elisabeth Ellis, organist
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**Please rise in body or spirit*

***Our Thanks to Those Helping in Worship: Worship Leaders, Ellie Tayebi, Charley Bickford, Dan Gustafson, Kitty Gustafson, Ben Ohene, Barbara Moreland; Communion Steward, Violet Boyer; Altar Guild, Barbara Moreland; Front Door Greeter, Nancy Dudgeon, Darrell Dudgeon; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shoes for Guests of Shared Breakfast: We're collecting new and gently used adult shoes—especially athletic styles—for guests of our Shared Breakfast program in need. If you'd like to contribute, please bring your donation to church and connect with Rev. Jackie Celin. Thank you for supporting our community with care and compassion!

Garage Parking: We are currently experiencing some issues with the camera tracking system that monitors garage parking. If you have received a parking citation while you were parked in the garage for a First Church event please contact Melinda Waggoner (Melinda@FirstChurchSeattle.org). Mailed citations take approximately 6 weeks to be received and are sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. Attending Sunday services and Church events where free parking is offered do not require you to register your vehicle.

Treat Volunteers for Coffee Hour: 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!

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!



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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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