

# PRIDE SUNDAY

*pride + faith*



**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.



**- PROCLAIMING -**

**Introducing the Preacher**

**Todd Shively**

**Pride Sunday Reading**

**“To Be Known”** *(Adapted from “To Be Known”, by George Orwell)*  
**Rev. Mele Taumoepeau Aho and Cole McKnight, Aldersgate UMC**

**Pop-Up Paper Bag Pageant**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Esther 4:1-17 (NRSVue)**

**Jemina Marasigan, U Gathering UMC**

**Message**

**For Such A Time As This: Speaking Truth to Power Through Heart Allyship**  
**Gabrielle Claiborne**

**- RESPONDING -**

**Invitation to the Offering**

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Special Offering: Lambda Legal*  
**Charley Bickford, Seattle First UMC**



**Offertory Music**

***My House* - Leonard Bernstein**  
**Tess Altiveros, 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**

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**Rev. Wongee Joh**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**D.S. Rev. Kathleen Weber, Danae Dotolo, Rev. Wongee Joh, Rev. Jackie Celin**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**WS #3154 “*Draw the Circle Wide*”**

**Benediction**

**D.S. Rev. Kathleen Weber**

**Postlude**

**Improvisation on “*In the Midst of New Dimensions*”**

**Elisabeth Ellis, organist**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

*\*\*Our Thanks to Those Helping in Worship: Worship Leaders, James Potts, Rev. Jan Anderson, Rev. Paul Ortiz, Ellie Sison, Rev. Laura Baumgartner, Rev. Kay Barckley, Rev. Katie Ladd, Todd Shively, Rev. Mele Taumoepeau Aho, Cole McKnight, Jemina Marasigan, Charley Bickford, D.S. Rev. Kathleen Weber, Danae Dotolo; Communion Steward, Andrew Fraser; Altar Guild, Barbara Moreland; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Pride 2025 with Guest Preacher:** 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!



**Craft Sale After Worship:** Join us in the Breezeway after worship for our Arts & Crafts Bazaar in support of today's Pride event! Linda Allen will be showcasing her beautiful beaded jewelry, Melinda will be offering her handcrafted pieces as well and Nancy will be selling rose sachets and some baby items.. Proceeds will go to the Pride Fund.

**Digital Pride Flyer:** Scan the QR code to learn everything you need to know about Seattle's Pride Parade and Pridefest!



**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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## 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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