

## NEW HERE?

We're glad you're here! If you are visiting us, we'd love to connect with you. Fill out the Connect Card (in the pew rack) or scan this QR code. And stop by the Welcome Center for your gift bag!



## WEST SIDE KIDS

**8:30am** | Kids are invited to the kid's table in the narthex during the sermon to work on an art or craft project.

**10:00am** | Kids (5th grade and under) are dismissed during the service to learn and play at Sunday School downstairs.

**Nursery** | Available for kids ages 0-3.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 22-25, 9AM-12PM

At Rainforest Falls, kids K-5th grade will explore the nature of God with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and more help faith flow into real life. Kids will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! Register now by going to [www.wspc.org/kids](http://www.wspc.org/kids) or scanning the QR code.



## WEST SIDE YOUTH

### 10:00am | Middle School Discipleship

Dismissed during the service to gather downstairs for Bible study.

### 6:00pm | High School Youth Group

No Youth Group tonight. See you next Sunday, 6-8pm!

## MEMORIAL DAY YOUTH RETREAT | MAY 22-25

Hey high schoolers and middle schoolers! Don't miss our annual Memorial Day Retreat (MDR) at Lakeside Bible Camp on Whidbey Island. It'll be a weekend packed with unforgettable fun and meaningful moments with God. Invite your friends along for this amazing experience! Register now by going to [www.wspc.org/youth](http://www.wspc.org/youth) or scanning the QR code.



## AVAILABLE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

West Side offers two types of scholarships to HS seniors/college students from West Side. Get information and applications on our website ([www.wspc.org/youth](http://www.wspc.org/youth)). Application deadline is **May 2**.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

**Men's Coffee Morning**  
April 18 @ 8:30-10:00am

**Women's Coffee Morning**  
May 9 @ 8:30-10:00am

## NEW MEMBER CLASS | APRIL 19

Interested in becoming a member at West Side? Join us on **April 19 at 11:30am** following the second service in the library. We'll discuss the core beliefs of West Side, talk about what discipleship looks like, and answer your questions. Need more information? Contact Morgan Smith at [morgans@wspc.org](mailto:morgans@wspc.org).

## RACIAL RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP | APRIL 17-18

Join our Racial Reconciliation Team for a workshop with Rev. David Swanson. We'll look at God's vision for reconciliation, the history of race, the effects of racism, and how followers of Jesus can actively pursue unity.



## WEST SIDE HANDBELL CONCERT | APRIL 22

Join us as the West Side Handbell choir presents their *America 250 Concert* at Merrill Gardens, Tukwila, on Wed., April 22 at 3:30pm.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | MAY 17, 11:30AM

Please mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting after the second service. The Denominational Discernment Team has confirmed this date for their report to the congregation. Any Advisory Vote of the membership will happen (in-person only) on **Sunday, May 17**.

## COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT GATHERINGS

**Sunday, April 26 after 2nd service**

**Wednesday, April 29 @ 6:30pm**

We hope every member will choose a date to attend (scan QR code to RSVP). These gatherings focus on scripture, prayer, and shared discernment as we prepare for the advisory vote (May 17), with time for questions in both large and small groups. Additional dates will be added if needed.



## PRAISE & PRAYER | MAY 3, 6PM

We will join the youth in their praise time and then turn our attention to prayer for our congregation vision, mission, and discernment.

## ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for candidates for the next class of elders and deacons, which serve a three-year term. If you would like to recommend someone, scan the QR code and fill out the nomination form or pick up a paper copy in the Welcome Center.



## DAILY READINGS

The scripture references in parentheses are for the *Seeing Jesus Together* journals. You can pick up a copy of the year's readings at the Welcome Center, or scan the QR code.

**Mon:** 2 Kings 21, 1 Corinthians 5 (1 Corinthians 5:9-13)

**Tues:** 2 Kings 22, 1 Corinthians 6 (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)

**Wed:** 2 Kings 23, 1 Corinthians 7 (1 Corinthians 7 :17)

**Thurs:** 2 Kings 24, 1 Corinthians 8 (1 Corinthians 8:4-6)

**Fri:** 2 Kings 25, 1 Corinthians 9 (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

**Sat:** Psalm 68, (Psalm 68:5)



## GARAGE SALE COLLECTION TO SUPPORT ETCH

Donate mens, womens, and childrens clothing for a sale to benefit Mary Beth and ETCH ministry in Nigeria (a Bless Big Global partner). Drop your clothing off in the blue bin in the lobby closet or contact Russ and Pat Dow for pick up (206-972-9696).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### April to-Date

↑ April Income: \$21,220	Previous Year April Income: \$76,000
	Goal*: \$76,000

### Fiscal Year-to-Date

Fiscal YTD: \$802,791	Previous July-April Income: \$821,000
	Goal*: \$933,000

\*Goal: Income required to fund future ministry expenses without drawing on reserves.

## ONLINE GIVING

Scan the code for our online giving page >>>



# LIFE CHANGING

## Freedom in Christ

April 12, 2026 | **8:30am**

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.*

Galatians 5:1

*Today is Orthodox Easter, celebrated by millions of Orthodox Christians around the world. The pulpit parament comes from Ethiopia, famous for their beautifully stylized crosses. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church dates back to the year 330. There are at least 18 Ethiopian Orthodox and Eritrean Orthodox churches in the greater Seattle area.*

Prelude | *In the Cross of Christ / Glory*, Ithamar Conkey

## Gathering

Introit | *Praise Ye the Lord*, Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

This is good news –  
the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news –  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news –  
once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news –  
Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

## Prayer

O Christ,  
who lived to show what life is like,  
who died to show that sin is death,  
who rose to raise us up to life eternal,  
help us to follow you and love you forever.

**Amen**

Hymn #214 | *We Come, O Christ, to You*

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him  
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.  
We have gone along with the way of the world  
and failed to give him glory.  
Forgive us and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.  
Amen**

## Assurance of Pardon

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”  
“Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”  
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
—1 Corinthians 15:54-57

## The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Greeting

Hymn #839 | *He Is Lord*

## The Word

Affirmation of Faith | #258, *Great is the Lord*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever, Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory | *Spirit of the Living God*, arr. Anthony Baldwin

Prayer for Illumination | #290, *Your Spirit, Our Teacher*

Old Testament Reading | Exodus 6:5-7

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading | Luke 11:42-46

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
but the Word of the Lord endures forever.  
**Amen!**

Sermon | Life Changing Freedom | Galatians 5:1-12

Laurie Brenner

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending

Hymn #333 | *Glory Be to God the Father*

Invitations

Benediction

Choral Benediction | *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*

Postlude | *Darwall's 148th*, John Darwall