

## 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

Kids K-5th grade will explore the nature of God with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch at Rainforest Falls!

Hands-on science, team-building games, Bible songs, and more help faith flow into real life. Kids will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! Register at [www.wspc.org/kids](http://www.wspc.org/kids) or scan 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

Meets Sundays, 6-8pm, for Bible study and worship.

## 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 by May 10 at [www.wspc.org/youth](http://www.wspc.org/youth) or scan the QR code.



## AVAILABLE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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**.

## DENOMINATIONAL DISCERNMENT

### 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**. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



### 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.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS | TODAY! APRIL 19

Interested in becoming a member at West Side? Join us on **TODAY 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.

## PHONES, BOTS, AI AND ME - CHOOSING YOUR LIFE WITH TECHNOLOGY (an Intergenerational Discussion)

**Wednesday May 6, 6-8 pm**

Join us for dinner and 90 minutes of interactive discussion on how to apply lessons from phones and social media to our emerging life with bots and generative AI, as teens, adults, students, parents, and workers. Featuring: **Ben Olsen**, Exec Director of the Faith, Family and Technology Network, our own **Morgan Smith** and **David Brenner**, and a panel of West Side teens, young adults, and parents.

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT | MAY 15 5-9PM

Parents – enjoy a night off! Drop your kids at church and go relax and reconnect. Children ages 0-10 are welcome for a fun-filled evening with dinner, games, and a bouncy house. (Drop off middle schoolers as helpers!) Go out or stay in. We've got the kids covered. \$5 per child recommended, collected at the door. Scan the QR code to register.



## 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:** 1 Chronicles 1, 1 Corinthians 10 (1 Corinthians 10:31-33)

**Tues:** 1 Chronicles 2, 1 Corinthians 11 (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

**Wed:** 1 Chronicles 3, 1 Corinthians 12 (1 Corinthians 12:14-20)

**Thurs:** 1 Chronicles 4, 1 Corinthians 13 (1 Corinthians 13:8-13)

**Fri:** 1 Chronicles 5, 1 Corinthians 14 (1 Corinthians 14:1-3)

**Sat:** Psalm 69, (Psalm 69:13)



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### April to-Date

April Income: \$32,242

Previous Year April Income: \$76,000

Goal\*: \$76,000

### Fiscal Year-to-Date

Fiscal YTD: \$813,813

Previous July-April Income: \$821,000

Goal\*: \$933,000

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

## ONLINE GIVING

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# LIFE CHANGING

## Freedom in Christ

April 19, 2026 | **8:30am**

*You, my brothers and sisters,  
were called to be free.*

Galatians 5:13

Prelude | *He Cares For Me*, Lee Ellis

## Gathering

Introit | *Glory to God in the Highest*, Anthony Spain

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Prayer

Father God of the risen Christ,  
in whose resurrection we find new life,  
send your Spirit to inhabit our worship today.

O risen Christ, Son of the Father,

may we hear your word of peace today.

O Spirit of the living God,

teach us once more to live in the power of Christ's resurrection,  
in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

Hymn #30 | *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## Prayer of Confession

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive.  
When the risks of discipleship are high,  
and we are nowhere to be found:

**God forgive.**

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

**God forgive.**

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors  
and seek to buy freedom with silver:

**God forgive.**

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,  
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

**God forgive.**

In the bright light of your resurrection, Lord Jesus,  
our sin is exposed,  
and your grace is revealed.

**Tender God,  
raise us in your love so that, with joy,  
we may witness to your awesome deeds,  
in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

This is good news from the letter to the Corinthian believers:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have died.  
For since death came through a human being,  
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;  
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Peace

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

**And also with you.**

## Greeting

Hymn #360 | *Jesus Loves Me*

## Prayer of Dedication

Offertory | *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, setting by Roland E. Martin

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

God of life,  
your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.  
Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture.  
Your Spirit draws us to Christ

and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord.  
We ask that you will send your Spirit now  
to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope  
through the proclamation of your word.

**Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading | Isaiah 61:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading | John 8:31-35

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 | Called to Be Free | Galatians 5:13-15

Laurie Brenner

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn #331 | *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

### 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.**

### Acclamation of Faith | #554

## Sending

Hymn #553 | *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

### Charge and Benediction

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

Postlude | *Unity and Brotherhood*, Thomas Chesterton