

## Today's Scripture: Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

<sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

WHAT CATCHES YOUR ATTENTION?

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Thank you for your faithfulness and your stewardship of the gifts God has entrusted to you! The freedom with which you gave in December frees us to continue to diligently pursue being the people God is calling us to be as Union in this neighborhood and beyond! Over \$190,000 was received covering all our monthly expenses for the first time this year, eliminating the debt that had accrued in the first six months of the fiscal year, and removing concerns of changes in staff or ministry.

Thank you not only for the financial gifts but all the ways you love one another and serve that makes God's reign more evident and increases our ability to joyfully and cheerfully responding to Christ with all of who we are.

Thank you all and praise be to God!

There is an offering basket on the back cement block, and you may give financial gifts by scanning the QR code. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Prayer requests may be sent to Cathy:

cathythwing@gmail.com.

There is a faithful group of folks who pray weekly for the concerns of our community.



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# UNION CHURCH SEATTLE

January 21st

Good morning!

Today we, Union Church Seattle, gather at 415 Westlake Ave N and online in the Presence of the One who loves us more than we can imagine!

Thanks be to God!

## Order of worship

Welcome

Renée Sundberg

Confession & Assurance

Renée Sundberg

Tangible Living

Foxy Davison *Invitation to join choir for Sickie Cell Gospel Concert*

Scripture Reading

Norma Flett

Prayers of the People

Selasi Dankwa

Message

James B. Notkin

Communion

Renée Notkin

The north front station has gluten-free bread.

Nursery

Grace Lee & Becca Notkin

Union Kids

We invite you to Café area to join

Chandra Jamerson & team

Songs

Everlasting God, He Reigns Forever, Joy Comes in the Morning, Nothing to Fear, Here Is Love

Prayer Support

Selasi Dankwa & Cathy Thwing

Band

Linden Beeman, Scott Beers, Galen Carlson, Deirdre Curle, Jeff Fisher, John Garrett, Megan Simmons, Marcus Versaw

Worship Support

Lexi Carlson, Tama Fulton, Jermaine Harris, Ruthanne McPhaden, Leah Morgan, Peter Lyons, Maria Nasralla, Kyle Plata, Karla Romano, Brandon Storms, Bob Tissell

Pastoral Staff

James B Notkin, Phil Lewis, Renée Notkin, Renée Sundberg, Sharon Mead

## Centered | Rooted Lives

Today's Focus | Colossians 2:6-19

The fragmentation of our world seems ever before us. It is overwhelming. How do we respond? We invite you to journey with us as we focus on the writings of Colossians and Philippians to discover the Center that holds all things together. For the winter months, we will focus on these letters of hope, written by Paul from prison.

## This Week with Union

**The Table** Tonight | 7 pm | 415 Westlake

A welcoming community for middle and high school students.

**High School Retreat** | January 26-28th | Seabrook

Contact: phil@unionchurchseattle.org

**THE CHOSEN, SEASON 2** | Wednesday Evenings

See & discuss the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who follow Him. Begins this Wednesday, January 24 | 7pm | 415 Westlake

**Kakáo Cafe** open | 9am - 3pm | Tues, Wed, Thurs

**NEW 2024 Offering! Union Family Quarter** | Community | Possibility | Resiliency

Monday, January 22 | 7:30-9 PM | online | zoom link on webpage

Conversation with Author, Meredith Miller | A Discussion on Faith Formation

Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From

Learn about nurturing the kind of faith that can flex and grow, be broken and repaired. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Sunday, January 28** | 11:30am - 12:30pm | In-person | Main space

Kelly Hampton and Kathy Foster | Parenting Wins - How to Develop a Mindset

that Sets You Up for Years to Come. Contact: sharon@unionchurchseattle.org

## Fourth Weekend Offerings

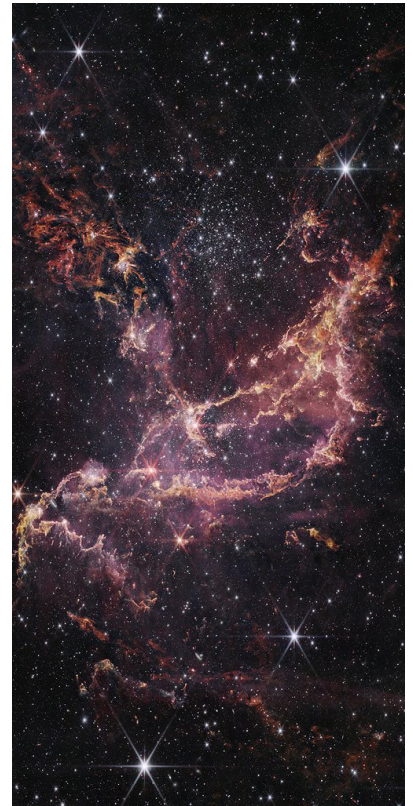
**Companionship Training** | Saturday, January 27 | 9:30 - 12:30 pm | 415 Westlake

Guided by Shawna McMahon, Executive Director of ICS, hosted by Union Church For anyone who desires to grow in skills of walking alongside & accompanying at-risk individuals. This training provides tools in listening consciously, with openness & awareness, to the stories and experiences of others.

**Worship in Action** | Sunday, January 28 | 10 am

Gather for connection and activities that support our neighbors. Sack lunches, brunch boxes, blanket making, note writing are a few of our projects.

**Union Climb On Newsletter** | To receive our weekly updates Union happenings email: connect@unionchurchseattle.org



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We are a community full of doubters, truth seekers, questioners, and riskers who are living into being externally focused in our city and the world, internally alive as a community and eternally connected to the living Jesus. We lean into the grace of Jesus Christ, believing all people are created in the image of God.