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World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 6, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Please respect those gathering in prayer before worship.
Because of You...

About 150 years before the founding of Seattle First Baptist Church, Isaac Watts was writing hymns in England. As part of the “Dissenters” movement, Watts was outside of the power structure of his day. But his hymns have had a lasting legacy. When WWII began, the BBC played Watts’ hymn drawn from Psalm 90; and again when Winston Churchill died, they sang his hymn at the state funeral. That hymn proclaims:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

In the 150 years since the Hanfords, the Holgates, their friends & neighbors committed themselves to form the community of Seattle First Baptist, there have been any number of “stormy blasts.” In all that time, “home” has been a central part of this community’s practice in response to World Wars, the treatment of immigrants and refugees, the continuing and pervasive nature of racism and religious bigotry, the exclusion of LGBTQ people and their friends, ecological degradation of our planetary home, and the ongoing challenge of spiritual and literal homelessness. “Welcome home” is, for us, not simply a greeting. It is a way of life rooted in our history and pointing us toward that “eternal home” Isaac Watts imagined for his own life and for the world.

Because of you and your faithful stewardship this legacy continues from yesterday through today and into tomorrow. Your generous gifts of presence, time and resources ensure that we will continue to “welcome home” all who walk through our doors. Rather your connection with this place goes back generations or you have walked through the door for the first time today we say to all of you:

Welcome home.

The Season of Stewardship

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Evergreen Association
Annual Meeting
October 11-12, 2019

FREE THE CAPTIVES
LUKE 4:18

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1634 19th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Priscilla Epping, Executive Director, American Baptist Historical Society
Workshops on mass incarceration, human trafficking, resistance and empire, and young adults.

Schedule, housing, and registration available online at www.ea-abc.org/annual-meeting.html
All are welcome to attend.
The photograph on the cover is of the stain glass that hangs in Hintz Chapel. Its twin hangs in the sanctuary of Japanese Baptist Church. It was commissioned by the late Washington State Supreme Court Justice, Charles Z. Smith (a member of this congregation), as the symbol for the 1970 American Baptist Convention. Justice Smith was serving as the denomination's president at the time - one of four church members to do so. It expresses diversity, shared commitment, and joy as the center of our life together.

Prelude
Traumerei Op. 15, 7 by R. Schumann (1810-1856)       David Horton, organ
Adagio on “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. by F.D. Ashdown (b. 1942)

Gathering
Karin Zaugg Black
in English and Japanese; adapted from Mother Teresa
Give us hearts to serve the people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger.
Give them, through our hands this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

*Hymn
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
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Welcoming One Another
Patricia L. Hunter

Time with Children
Samuel Kim
Children grades Kindergarten to 5th may leave for God’s Play.

Invitations to Involvement
Cherry Johnson

& Call to Giving
Harriet Platts

Offertory
Arioso by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

A Moment for Stewardship
Tim Phillips

Invitation to Prayer
Samuel Kim

Lesson: Hebrews 12.1-3

*If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.
Sermon  Joining the Greater Story of God  Samuel Kim

Anthem  Jesu, Jesu - arr. Steven Strite  The Sanctuary Choir

At the Table  Patricia L. Hunter & Samuel Kim

What’s Happening?

Anthem

Jesu, Jesu – arr. Steven Strite

The Sanctuary Choir

a folk song from Ghana

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Sunday, October 11-12, 2019

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches Annual Meeting

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave. Seattle, WA 98122 - Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director, Amer. Baptist Historical Society

Free the Captives – Luke 4:18

We follow the same pattern with the cup.

Notes for Today’s Worship: We are honored to have the Rev. Samuel Kim with us in worship today. As we celebrate 150 years together, we share 120 of those years with our sisters and brothers of Japanese Baptist Church. The photo on the cover is by Bob Sittig. The gathering is adapted from a prayer by Mother Teresa included in Prayers for Peace - prayers from around the world and from different faith traditions collected by B. Martin Pedersen. Karin Zaugb Black is a member of Seattle First Baptist working for the Port of Seattle and a board member of the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association.

Welcome to SFBC Rev. Kim!

The flowers today are given by friends of Patricia Doheny. We celebrate the gifts of friendship and the blessings that come with having companions on the spiritual path. From Susan, Sandra, Bonnie, Sherry, Harriet and the many who loved and cherished her.

TODAY

12:00 p.m.  Voter Registration with League of Women Voters in Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m.  Young Adult Bible Study at Optimism  Apocalypse ...What? from the Book of Revelation
2:00 p.m.  Memorial service for Patricia Doheny in Fellowship Hall.
6:00 p.m.  Seattle Jazz Vespers 18th season begins with the Eugenie Jones Quartet

Are you registered? Is your ballot address up to date? Volunteers from the League of Women Voters will be here to ensure that you can vote in the up coming local, party primary and general election. For this and other voter information, visit the LWV table in the Fellowship Hall TODAY following the 11 AM service.

Monday, October 7 6:30pm

First Hill Meaningful Movie presents Paris to Pittsburgh at the St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center at 907 Columbia St. Doors open at 6pm, with light refreshments. Film begins at 6:30pm, discussion to follow.

What’s Happening?

OCTOBER WORLD COMMUNION & OFFERING

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Sunday, October 13

Duwamish Tribe Gala & Native Art Auction Fri., Oct. 11, 12-3pm at Miners Landing, Pier 57, Seattle, WA. To purchase tickets go to Brown Paper Tickets. www.duwamishtribe.org/events

Strike Down Barriers to Health Care - Seattle First Baptist Church is proud to sponsor Project Access Northwest’s Strike Down Barriers bowling fundraiser on October 15th. You can Boost your support for this impactful organization by purchasing a ticket and attending the event. Join our team, community partners and business professionals on Tuesday, October 15, 5:30pm - 8:30pm at Garage in Capitol Hill. You can bowl, play pool, network, visit with friends. Tickets are on sale now: https://bit.ly/2ZmFHJb

Storytelling Workshop!

A STORYTELLING WORKSHOP, taught by Anne Rutherford, will be held from 1-3pm on Sunday, October 20th. Anne got rave reviews the last time she offered such a workshop at SFBC. Open to everyone. Please sign up at the Welcome Table or Church office. Free, but donations to defray costs are welcome! Light lunch provided. If you have questions about either event, see Nancy Roberts-Brown or Cherry Johnson.}

Women’s Retreat - “The Thing with Feathers” October 25-27 at Rainbow Lodge
Registere now at the Welcome Table or Front Office. Pick up a registration form in the Office or at Welcome table. Get registered now!

Sunday, October 27

Family Halloween Party
12:00pm in the Gym - Includes Bouncy house, Food, Cookie Decorating, Photo Booth. Come dressed in Costume! See you there!

Coming in November!

Contemplative Spirituality and Practice Group Series presents Tending the Habitat of the Heart with Rev. Harriet Platts. Beginn Wednesday, November 6th, 10-12am in the Church Office. More info available at the Welcome Table, or contact Harriet at seeker@seanet.com.

MY SFBC STORY SLAM

On All Saints Sunday – November 3rd – the SFBC Creativity Connections Group is sponsoring a STORY SLAM in the Parlor after the morning service. Various members of the congregation will be share 5-minute stories on the topic “MY SFBC.” If you are interested in telling a story, this topic is what you make it of. Tell about your favorite SFBC experience, or what SFBC or someone here means to you, or maybe a funny moment at SFBC. Suggested donations: $5 per person, $10 per family. Simple lunch provided. Storytellers must register by October 27th at the Welcome Table or Church Office. Audience members need not register.