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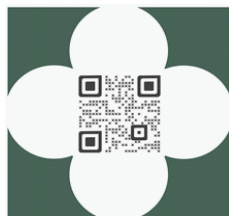
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3rd Sunday in Easter Season



Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8, 2022

11:00 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

Please respect those gathering in prayer before worship.

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here.

Masks are encouraged but not required.

Please notice and abide by signage around the church that designates areas where masks are required.

Children are a treasured part of this community! Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyers. Children are free to use these resources during the worship service as they sit in the pews or in the Wiggle Room.

For families who prefer to worship together in a more informal setting, the service may be seen and heard in the Wiggle Room (aka Brawley Room) adjacent to the sanctuary. Arts, crafts, books and other materials are also available there to engage younger children.

Please take a moment to turn your cell phone ringer off. Thank you!



Prelude	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i> - arr. Melissa Blanton	Alice Liu, piano
Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
*Opening Hymn	<i>Bring Us Home</i> Rodney Romney/Peter Strauch	See insert
Time with Children		Val Thomas Matson
Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer		Pastor Patricia L. Hunter
*Prayer Hymn	<i>My Shepherd is the Living God</i>	#247
Prayer		Harriet Platts
Anthem	<i>No Other People's Children</i> - Elizabeth Alexander	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture	John 10:22-30	Pastor Patricia L. Hunter
Sermon	Tell Us Plainly	Pastor Anita Peebles
*Closing Hymn	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	#252
Benediction		Pastor Anita Peebles
Postlude	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> - arr. Marty Parks	Alice Liu, piano

*If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.

Please join in person or Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom after the service.
This is an informal time to connect with our church family.



Worship Notes: Welcome back Alice! Thank you to **Alice Liu** for her beautiful music on piano today. Alice first joined us this past December at the Advent Evening of Prayer, and we are glad to have her back in worship at Seattle First Baptist.

Today is Mother's Day, a holiday founded in the spirit of peace-making and anti-war. We recognize that this day is a complex one for many people who have various types of relationships with mothers and mothering. Know that whatever your emotions, you are seen and held and loved.

Happy Birthday to **Alyse Whitlock**, born on Mother's Day on May 8.

Bring Us Home is one of our church heritage hymns

A senior minister of the Seattle First Baptist Church from 1980 to 2000, Rev. Rodney Romney was also a gifted wordsmith and brilliant lyricist. After hearing one of German Pastor Peter Strauch's most popular hymns, Herr, wir bitten komm und segne uns (Lord, we pray, come and bless us), he commented in Seasons of the Soul that it had seemed to match the words which were "buzzing" in his head. After the death of a church member caused by AIDS and the coming together of his alienated family, he was inspired to write down the words to Bring Us Home. As it resonated with all who heard it, Rev. Romney later began to use the hymn at Homecoming Sunday. Because it stands not only for the reconvergence of God's people at church but also for bringing back His "scattered people home," its meaning has proven its relevance for all times.

Val Thomas Matson is the creator and producer of Look, Listen & Learn, the first and only early learning TV show created by a Black producer for Black, Indigenous and People of Color children and families. Look, Listen & Learn is one of the Romney Legacy Fund grant recipients this year.

Today at 3pm in the Sanctuary Join **Joyful! Noise** and its SFBC members Belle Chenault, Phil Mortenson, Gail and Walt Foster, Wendy Cohen, Darla O'Brian, Nancy Roberts Brown, Patrick Green and Darren Hochstedler for our concert "*Been Down Too Long - Songs of Comfort, Remembrance and a Way Forward*." Hear songs by Stephen Sondheim, Marvin Hamlisch, and Carly Simon, and favorites like "Shenandoah" and "He Ain't Heavy." It's a great way to celebrate Mother's Day, or just to celebrate. We can't wait to see you there! **And Monday, 5/9, 7:30 pm**, Plymouth Church. <https://www.joyfulnoiseseattle.org/concerts/>

Next Sunday, May 15 The Alaska Suite *A benefit concert for Green Buildings Now* at 3 p.m. at Seattle First Baptist Church. *The Nelda Swiggett Quintet* will perform *The Alaska Suite: a Story of Beauty, Loss and Hope*. Tickets at <https://bit.ly/aksuite>

Sunday, June 5th at 1pm the choir will give a concert titled, "I Believe in Love," with themes of reconciliation, hope, and an end to violence across the globe. Please support this ministry by marking your calendar and showing up! There will be a light lunch served immediately after worship, and the concert will begin at 1pm with guest speakers, vocalists, percussion, and a complement of strings.

SAVE THE DATE! SFBC SENIOR RETREAT at the RAINBOW LODGE JULY 13-15, 2022
Registration begins on June 1,

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