

May 29, 2022

“There is something deeply hypocritical about praying for a problem you are unwilling to resolve.” --Miroslav Volf



Firearms were the leading cause of death of school-aged children and youth in 2020.

### Lament

Prelude	Intermezzo No. 1, Op. 117, Johannes Brahms	Dori Baunsgard
Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
Scripture	Amos 5:18-24	Brooke Rolston
Hymn	Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer #18 verses 1, 2	
We Pray Together		
Hymn	Precious Lord, Take My Hand #472	
<i>All are welcome to come forward and light candles during this hymn.</i>		
Scripture	Psalms 28	Dick Steele
Reading		

Anthem        Oseh Shalom – Riskind        Sanctuary Choir, Teddy Wiggins, violin

Silence

We Pray Together

Pastor Anita Peebles

Our God, who art  
Right here,  
In Uvalde,  
Again,  
After Buffalo,  
After Sandy Hook,  
After Virginia Tech,  
After, after.  
Hallowed be thy gunshot body.  
Thy kingdom does not come today.  
We give you this day our outrage  
And our mourning.  
Lead us not into the temptation of apathy  
And resignation.  
Deliver us from the evil of idolatrous prayers  
Prayed while children are given up  
On altars built for guns.  
For thine is the dying,  
And ours is the doing,  
And both of us meet in  
The work of rising again.

Hymn        Lead Us From Death to Life #581

Sermon

Pastor Anita Peebles

### **Action**

Call to Action

Spiritual Practice: Writing Letters

Hymn        We Shall Overcome #570

Benediction

Pastor Anita Peebles

The world is now too dangerous  
And too beautiful for anything but love.  
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.  
Your ears, so you can hear the cry of the poor.

May your hands be so blessed  
That everything you touch is a sacrament.  
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.  
May your feet be so blessed you run  
To those who need you.  
And may your heart be so opened,  
So set on fire, that your love,  
*Your love*, changes everything.

Postlude: "It Is Well With My Soul" - arr. Pam Gervais

Dori Baunsgard

#### Worship Notes:

Pastor Anita will collect the letters and send them to the 2 state Washington State senators along with a pastoral letter. Please drop your finished letter in the basket at the front of the sanctuary or at the table in the foyer on your way out of the sanctuary.

Our prayers today come from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell and Rev. Laura Martin, used with permission.

Teddy Wiggins first played in service at Seattle First Baptist back in December and we are grateful that he has joined us once again to share his musical gifts.

Wear orange on June 3-5 to honor survivors of gun violence and grieve those lost to gun violence. On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year. (from [wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org))

Our next session on First Aid for Racism will occur on Tuesday, May 31 from 7-8:30pm via Zoom. Rev. Doug Avilesbernal will take us deeper into the process of addressing racism. Zoom link on church calendar.

Choir concert next Sunday at 1pm. A luncheon follows church prior to the concert. There will be a freewill offering at the concert benefitting *Doctors Without Borders*.

Do you know a graduate we should be celebrating on June 12? If so, please contact Pastor Anita by June 5.

Register for the Senior Retreat (July 11-13 at Rainbow Lodge) starts on June 1. See June Spire for more details.

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