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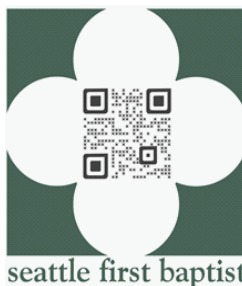
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The Sixth Sunday

after Pentecost



Sunday, July 9, 2023 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 recommended but not 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.

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



Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* - arr. Mark Hayes

Gathering/Call to Worship Pastor Anita Peebles

One: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***Hymn** *All Are Welcome* see insert

Time with Children Pastor Anita Peebles

Song *Loved, I am Loved* - Amanda Meisenheimer See page 4

Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer Dick Miller

***Hymn** *Amazing Grace* - verses 1, 2, 3, 5 #547

Prayer Metta Williams

Heritage Hymns:

Bring Us Home - Rodney Romney/Peter Strauch
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.

Amazing Grace - John Newton/New Britain
Son of a shipmaster, John Newton was born in 1725 in London. Becoming a sailor himself, he led an adventurous—and dissolute—life. Returning to England in 1748, his ship was buffeted by a severe storm and in desperation he called out to God. As the storm died down, his conversion to Christianity began and in 1764 he became a priest. While ministering in Olney, Newton wrote Amazing Grace, around New Year’s Day in 1773. Written for a poor and uneducated community, only 19 of the hymn’s 146 words have more than one syllable. Originally sung to more than 20 melodies, the lyrics were matched by William Walker in 1835 to New Britain, a melody comprised of two old tunes. This version gained increasing popularity in the United States and is today the most famous of all folk hymns.

All are Welcome - Marty Haugen
Marty Haugen was born in 1950 in Minnesota and was raised in the Lutheran Church. Haugen holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Luther College and an M.A. degree in pastoral studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. During the past three decades, he has presented workshops and concerts throughout the world, made some 40 recordings, and written over 400 compositions, not only for his own church, the United Church of Christ, but also for Roman Catholic, Lutheran and other Protestant congregations. Along with David Haas and Jan Michael Joncas, Haugen has been the voice of liturgical music for his generation following Vatican II. All Are Welcome, written in 1994, has become one of his most well-known songs.

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

Equip Us for Your Service Lord

words and music by Kenneth T. Kosche

Equip us for your service, Lord, that we in every place,
May show convincing evidence of your creative grace.
Your treasure trove of talents we receive with grateful joy,
Now give insight and wisdom, Lord, and skill in their employ.

Free us for your service, Lord, that we in every place,
May show convincing evidence of your creative grace.
Occasions lost or squandered through our laziness and fear,
Forgive us, model servant, then give strength to persevere.

Inspire us for your service, Lord, that we in every place,
May show convincing evidence of your creative grace.
Refocus minds turned and refresh hearts dulled by care
That of the needs of others we may better be aware.

Creator, Son, and Spirit blest, all glory be to you,
When through your gifts we evidence the will to think and do
Such things as serve our neighbors and bring honor to the One
Whose name you place upon us all: Christ Jesus, God's own Son.

An Invitation from the Property Development Committee Pat Kile, Brian Ross

Anthem *Equip Us for Your Service Lord* - Kenneth T. Kosche see page 5

We Affirm Our Church Values Pastor Anita Peebles

Please read responsively the ***bolded*** words.

One: Faithful to our Baptist heritage, we strive for a world where people are welcomed regardless of, and with respect for, their religious beliefs; where the separation of church and state is vigorously defended; where freedom is a fundamental right that values the dignity of all persons without regard to their race, country of birth, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, or disabilities; and where compassion is the measure of our actions.

ALL: We will go deeper in faith as we do justice, love mercy, work for peace and walk humbly with God.

One: We will be present to one another and our neighbors in our personal relationships and by creating venues for engagement where we can learn about viewpoints different from our own.

ALL: We will respect all religions by learning about the beliefs, values and struggles of our neighbors and by demonstrating support for them.

One: We will welcome the stranger, including immigrants and refugees, as our Scriptures instruct. We will explore how to support their causes and advocate for justice, remembering that many of us are the children of immigrants and refugees.

ALL: We will actively work to recognize and change our own biases and to fight racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, ageism and other systemic prejudices.

One: We will protect our environment and support preservation programs that are based on scientific data designed to improve our resources, enhance biodiversity, and reverse human-caused climate change.

ALL: We affirm these commitments as we continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Sermon Who What When Where How Why Pastor Anita Peebles

*Hymn *Bring Us Home* see insert

Blessing Sam, Nimi, Nathan & Steffi Pastor Anita Peebles

Recognition from Personnel Committee

Theresa Pruett

Benediction

Pastor Anita Peebles

Postlude

Fanfare - Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Christian Broughton

Please join coffee hour in person in Fellowship Hall after the service.



Notes for Bulletin: Thank you to **Kris Garratt** for her beautiful artwork in the sanctuary, including the banners and baptistry. Kris writes, “the liturgical season of Ordinary Time is sometimes described as a season for growing. As we witness natural growth all around us, may we also experience spiritual growth within and among us. I think of organza fabric as a visual metaphor for thin places - those spaces where the distance between heaven and earth, or physical and spiritual dimensions is thin/narrow.” Kris Garratt

The call to worship is from <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of **Stan Wagner** by Cindy McComish/his beloved children. Stan passed on July 7, 2013.

Immediately following service today **The SFBC Property Development Committee** invites church members and friends to participate in the congregational forum. **Lunch will be provided.** Please join us in person or on Zoom (access link on the church calendar on the SFBC website).

Memorial service today for **Madge Schumacher** after the service at 1:00pm. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow.

Next Sunday, July 16 11:00am - Vanessa Perkinson.

Summer Office Hours at SFBC

Beginning Friday, June 30th thru August 31st, the office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:00am-3:30pm and Fridays 8:00am to Noon.

Loved, I am Loved - Amanda Meisenheimer

Love, I am loved. I am worthy of compassion.
God has a lot of things to say about me:

1. I’m a child, I am free, I’m a saint, I’m a tree...
2. I’m a friend, I’m a rock, I’m a lamb in the flock...
3. I’m a star in the sky, I’m a treasure, I am wise...
4. I’m a prize, I’m a chicken, I’m a fish, I go fishin’...

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