

# We are committed to these values:

- We will go deeper in faith as we do justice, love mercy, work for peace and walk humbly with God.
- 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.
- We will respect all religions by learning about the beliefs, values and struggles of our neighbors and by demonstrating support for them.
- 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.
- We will actively work to recognize and change our own biases and to fight racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, ageism and other systemic prejudices.
  - 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.

Sunday Worship  
Sunday, July 23, 2023  
11 AM

Pentecost 8  
Seattle First Baptist Church  
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# Sunday, July 23: Pentecost 8

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about viewpoints different from our own.”

Prelude: Aria – Brian Solomons

Christian Broughton

Call to Worship

Brent Marble

One: God has set this day before us,

**ALL: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

One: God has set our lives before us,

**ALL: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**ALL: So that we might live fully in deep love.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

NCH 436

Time with Children

Martha Hopler

Song

Along the Way – Amanda Meisenheimer

Ben Luedcke

We are a part of a big faith, a big hope, a big love,

With the people of the past and future, and all our friends along the way.

We are part of spreading loving-kindness everywhere we go,

And we don't go alone along the way.

Invitations to Involvement/Commissioning of New Small Group

Cherry Johnson

Call to Giving/Call to Prayer

\*Hymn

Abide With Me

NCH 99

Prayer

Vanessa Perkinson

Anthem

No Other People's Children – Elizabeth Alexander

Summer Choir

How did we get to this place where we could look at each other's face

And see anything but beauty and understanding?

I want to know who you are, and face the suffering that keeps us far apart

I can never truly see the world through your eyes or take away your pain, but I'm listening,  
and I'm hoping you can hear me saying:

You are my neighbor. You are beloved. You are worth seeing for who you are...  
I'm here, I'm listening, I'm here listening with you.

Break bread with me. Make peace with me. Speak the truth with me. Begin again with me.  
Relate with me. Create with me. Be the change with me that keeps our children safe and free:

Hold hands with me. Forgive with me. Make mistakes with me, and take a chance with me.  
Be whole with me. Be real with me. Start to heal with me so we can live courageously.

There are no other people's heartaches. There are no other people's injuries.  
There are no other people's children in this world.

Scripture	Matthew 15:21-28	Brooke Rolston
Sermon	"Imperfect Jesus"	Brooke Rolston
*Hymn	Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor	NCH 590
Benediction		Brooke Rolston
Postlude	Postlude (Sonatina for Worship No. 1) – Robert W. Jones	Christian Broughton

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The Call to Worship comes from: <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

### ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** - Harry Emerson Fosdick/John Hughes

Although Harry Emerson Fosdick was a Baptist, he became pastor of New York's First Presbyterian Church in 1918. He became a central figure in the controversy over ecclesiology when he gave a sermon presenting the Bible "as a record of the unfolding of God's will, not as the literal 'Word of God.'" He resigned from that church in 1925 and went to preach at the Park Avenue Baptist Church. There, Fosdick, a champion of the social gospel in the midst of the Great Depression, befriended John D. Rockefeller, Jr. one of its members. The two soon conceived the Riverside Church, which, according to a 2008 New York Times article, has become "a stronghold of activism and political debate... influential on the nation's religious and political landscapes." *God of Grace and God of Glory* was written for the dedication of the new church in 1930. The hymn used to be sung to *Regent Square*, but was paired with Welsh composer's *CWM Rhondda* in 1935 to greater success.

### ***Abide with me*** - Henry Francis Lyte/William Henry Monk

Born in Scotland in 1793, Henry Francis Lyte was sent to school in Ireland. After becoming an Anglican priest in 1815, he served in several towns in England while raising his family. An accomplished flutist, Lyte also spoke Latin, Greek and French, and, at his last post in Brixham, built one of the largest libraries in England. He wrote the words and a tune to *Abide with me* shortly before he passed away in 1847. Although Lyte's tune was considered by some as "dull," the hymn was paired in 1861 successfully with another tune, *Eventide*, by William Henry Monk, who was in mourning for the death of his three-year-old daughter. More recently, the hymn was sung at the 2012 Summer Olympics opening ceremony. It is still sung at annual national services in several Commonwealth countries and is played at Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 23, 2023

**Faith Journey Series:** Sundays in June and July, 9:30am in the Parlor. Continental breakfast served. During this series, congregational members will talk about who they are, where they've come from, what's been important to them, and how faith has played a role in all that.

**Party for Pastor Anita and Scotty:** Sunday, August 27 after the worship service. We are celebrating the recent marriage of Pastor Anita and Scotty with a party in the Fellowship Hall following worship on August. 27. Food and drinks will be provided! Main dishes will be catered by Emma's BBQ, with some vegetarian options available. We need volunteers to bring sides, desserts (anything but cake!), help with set up the day before (August 26), help with set up the day of the event, and help with clean up after! To RSVP for this party and to sign-up to volunteer, please fill out the Google form (link in This Week and on Facebook). Between now and August 27, bring an 8.5x11 piece of paper (or multiple pieces of paper) with a recipe, blessing, or other message for Pastor Anita and Scotty. We will compile these papers in a binder to give to them as a gift from the congregation. This is a chance for you to participate even if you can't be here the day of the party! If you want to contribute a financial gift to Pastor Anita and Scotty, please reach out to anyone on the Party Planning Committee: Janet Hasselblad, Megan Walker, Sara Tollefson, and Susan Blythe-Goodman.

**SFBC Young Adults Group:** First meeting—Tuesday, July 25, 7pm at Optimism Brewing Co. (Broadway and Union). For adults ages 21-40, meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month. It's time for the younger adults in our congregation to come together and have some fun. Jacob Maez has stepped up to lead a Young Adults Group on the fourth Tuesday of every month. This will not be one of those sit-around-on-Zoom-and-discuss-stuff groups. This group is meant to strengthen bonds among younger members and friends of the congregation while having a whole lot of fun in the process. Jacob has some ideas about what that means for a given Tuesday evening, but come wow him with your ideas as well! Small Groups Ministry will pick up the tab if any activity is out of your reach. We hope to see you there!

**Interfaith Climate Action—First Hill:** The monthly meeting of Interfaith Climate Action—First Hill originally scheduled for Sunday, July 23, has been cancelled. The group will resume its regular meeting schedule on August 27.

**Communications, Publications, and SFBC Information:** For submissions to the SFBC Calendar, please use the "Submit Event Request" feature on our Calendar webpage here: [seattlefirstbaptist.org/calendar/](http://seattlefirstbaptist.org/calendar/). Corrections and additions to existing calendar events must be submitted to [editor@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:editor@seattlefirstbaptist.org). Any calendar changes concerning Small Groups Ministry must also be submitted to [smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org). To submit announcements and articles for This Week, the bulletin, and *The Spire*, please email [editor@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:editor@seattlefirstbaptist.org). The next issue of *The Spire*, our Homecoming Edition, will be published on September 5th. For corrections, questions, and other information regarding Small Groups Ministry (any and all groups that fall under this ministry), please email [smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org).

## SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

For Zoom links, see our online calendar at [seattlefirstbaptist.org](http://seattlefirstbaptist.org)

Tuesday 7/25 **Prayer Group** 12pm on Zoom

Tuesday 7/25 **Young Adults Group** 7pm at Optimism Brewing Co.

Thursday 7/27 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom

Thursday 7/27 **Small Group Ministry Advisory Group** 4:30pm on Zoom

Saturday 7/29 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Sunday 7/30 **Faith Journey Series** 9:30am in the Parlor