

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 30, 2023
11 AM

Pentecost 9
Seattle First Baptist Church
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Prelude Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 – D. Buxtehude Christian Broughton

Gathering Donna Ward

One: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

All: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

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

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

One: A love that never ceases,

All: A creativity that designed the universe,

One: A hope that cannot be quenched,

All: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

One: These are the things that are of God,

All: Then let us worship God.

*Hymn Called As Partners In Christ's Service NCH 495

Time with Children Martha Hopler

Song Face to Face – Amanda Meisenheimer Ben Luedcke

Face to face or far away, God is present among us.

Listen to the Spirit say:

Listen to your neighbor say:

Listen to your family say:

Listen to your community say:

“I am here with you.”

“As close as your breath, your beating heart; I am here with you.

As far as a you go, no matter the time; I am here with you.”

Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer Karen Carlos

*Prayer Hymn Bring Many Names NCH 11

Prayer Cherry Johnson

Anthem O Love - Hagenberg Sanctuary Choir

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Scripture	Isaiah 56:1-8	Jim Segaar
Sermon	Enough Love to Go Around	Jim Segaar
*Hymn	O Love that Will Not Let Me Go	NCH 485
Benediction		Jim Seegar
Postlude	Allegro (from <i>Concerto in G Major</i> , BWV 592) – J.S. Bach	Christian Broughton

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Heritage Hymn Notes:

"Bring Many Names" - Brian Wren/Carlton Young

Born in England, Brian Wren was a minister, professor, and a writer of more than 250 hymns. Wren recalls that his inspiration to write hymns was his interest in the language of prayer. At the beginning of his career in the early 60s, Catholic masses were held still in Latin and Protestant services were held in Elizabethan English. Wren had the "conviction that we need to speak the truth about ourselves and the world we live in and that we need to speak of God and to God in 'our' language." The text of *Bring Many Names* evolved over several years due to opposition by some to the line "Strong mother God, working night and day." Carlton Young, considered by many to be "the most significant Methodist musician since the Wesleys," composed the tune. This hymn has been accepted as one which "will take its place in the permanent canon of great hymnody."

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 30, 2023

Congregational Focus Groups for Property Development: TODAY, July 30 after the service in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. For three years now the Facilities Task Force (now the Property Development Committee), made up of volunteers from the congregation, have been working at the bequest of the congregation (through the Long Range Planning process of 2019-2020) to gather information about the state of our facilities, our needs, our financial capacity, and what options we have for renovation or development. Their job has been to gather the facts, explore options, and enlist professional help with proposals to address them. Our job is to educate ourselves about those facts, to prayerfully consider the proposals, to share our thoughts, ask questions, listen to one another, and eventually come to a decision (scheduled for the Annual Meeting in January 2024). We have had a couple of opportunities to listen to members of the committee and the professionals with whom they are consulting so we could learn what they have been finding over this 3-year period. Today is your turn to talk! Please stay after worship to participate in a Focus Group where you will have the opportunity to share some of your thoughts, ask questions, and provide sacred witness to one another's ideas as we each struggle with the question of how we steward our property for the future.

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).

Renna Pierce 99th Birthday and Nonagenarian Celebration: Sunday, August 13 after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Help us celebrate the 99th birthday of Renna Pierce! Renna came to SFBC with her husband when they moved to Seattle from Texas in 1946. She made not only a geographical transition at that time, but a theological one as well. She raised her family here. She is a fascinating woman—strong, persistent, faith-full, visionary, elegant, spunky. She has held many positions of leadership at the church over the decades including stints as President. It's about time we held a party in her honor! In addition, we will be celebrating all nonagenarians in the congregation that day. If you are in your nineties and would like to come for this celebration but need help getting to the church, please call the church office so we can make it happen!

New Dawn Guatemala 10th Anniversary: All are invited to attend the 10th Anniversary celebration of New Dawn Guatemala to be held on August 5 from 4-7pm here at SFBC. New Dawn Guatemala is a Seattle-based grassroots non-profit organization that supports the community of Nuevo Amanecer, Guatemala. Nuevo Amanecer (New Dawn in English) is a community of about 300 repatriated refugees in northwest Guatemala founded on social justice and equity principles. New Dawn Guatemala seeks to foster self-reliance, sustainability and economic vitality within the community by providing scholarships, job training, and funding community improvement projects such as clean drinking water and solar energy. SFBC's Outreach Committee has contributed to New Dawn Guatemala many times over the recent years (particularly to the clean water project).

Save the Date! Small Groups Ministry One-Year Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, September 9, 5:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a catered dinner and party to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Small Groups Ministry and all those who have provided leadership or participated in groups!

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

For Zoom links, see our online calendar at seattlefirstbaptist.org

Sunday 7/30 **Congregational Focus Groups** 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

Tuesday 8/1 **Grief Support Group** 6:30pm on Zoom

Saturday 8/5 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Saturday 8/5 **Play Reading Circle** 3pm on Zoom

Saturday 8/5 **New Dawn Guatemala 10th Anniversary Celebration** 4pm in the Fellowship Hall