

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, August 13, 2023
11 AM

Pentecost 11
Seattle First Baptist Church
www.seattlefirstbaptist.org

Welcome to Worship at Seattle First Baptist. All are Welcome.

Children are a treasured part of our community.

Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyer.

Children are free to use these resources in the pews or the Wiggle Room.

Prelude *Variations on Azmon*, II and III – Robert Hobby

Margie Paynton

Gathering

Christine Warren

One: Jesus Christ, who reached across the ethnic boundaries
of Samaritan, Roman, and Jew,

All: Who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives,

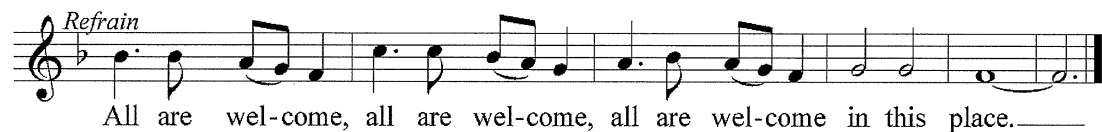
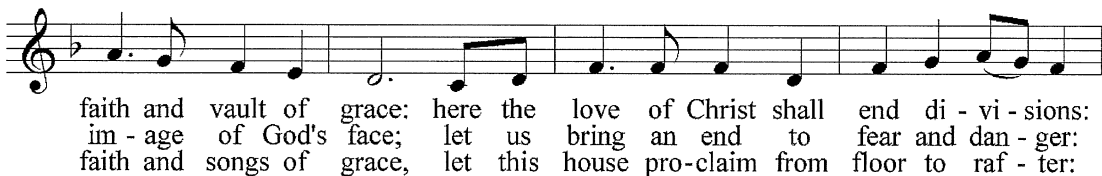
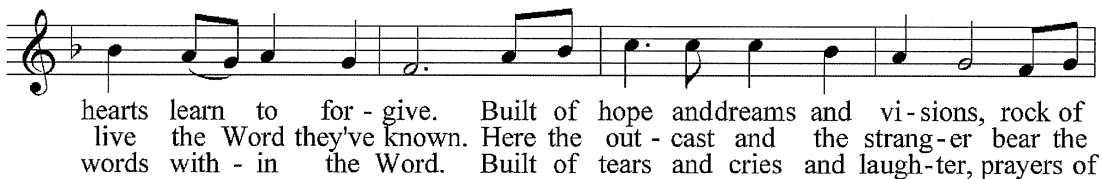
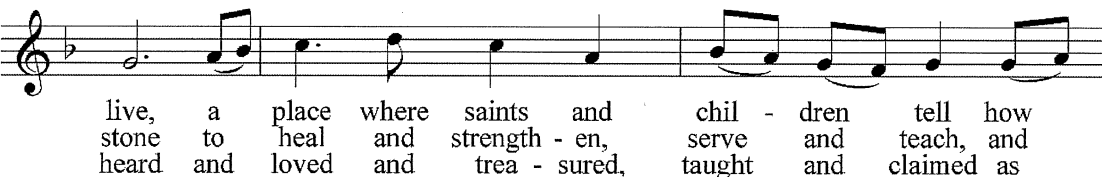
One: Help us to break down the barriers in our community.

All: Enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry,

One: Free us to challenge it and all its forms.

**All: Grant us strength to uproot all systems of oppression
from within ourselves, our society, and our world.**

*Hymn All Are Welcome



Time with Children / Time with Elders Cherry Johnson

Song Compassion Prayer – Amanda Meisenheimer Ben Luedcke

May we be filled with compassion;
May we be filled up to the top of our hearts.
When we have the power to make something right, may we show God's love.

May we be shown compassion;
may we be found in the center of peace.
When we have needs that others can meet, may we find God's love.

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

*Hymn O For a World NCH 575

*If it is comfortable, you are invited to stand where indicated.

Prayer Pat Kile

*Hymn Lead Us From Death to Life NCH 581

Scripture Acts 8:26-39

Sermon Walk Humbly? Cherry Johnson

*Hymn In the Midst of New Dimensions NCH 391

Benediction Cherry Johnson

Postlude *Variations on Azmon*, V – Robert Hobby Margie Paynton

Call to Worship comes from John Bucki, S.J. (from *Living God's Justice: Prayers and Reflections*.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 13, 2023

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! 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!

Nonagenarian Birthday Celebration: Today, Sunday, August 13th in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Join us to celebrate the 99th birthday of Renna Pierce and all the nonagenarians in our congregation.

SFBC Women's Retreat: "Spiritual Companionship" October 20-22 at Rainbow Lodge.

The Small Groups Ministry Advisory Group is looking for new ideas for future groups! Send in your ideas to smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org or talk to Vanessa Perkinson.

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 8/13 **Nonagenarian Birthday Celebration** 12pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 8/15 **Grief Support Group** 6:30pm on Zoom

Thursday 8/17 **Red Cross Blood Drive** 1-6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 8/20 **Choir Retreat** 10am in the Choir Room and 1pm at Volunteer Park