

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 20, 2023
11 AM

Pentecost 12
Seattle First Baptist Church
www.seattlefirstbaptist.org

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, past and present.
With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the legacy of the First People of Seattle, the Duwamish Tribe.
May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today.
And may we, through God's Spirit, repent and walk forward together,
changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.

Prelude Prelude on Beach Spring – Charles Callahan Christian Broughton

Gathering/Call to Worship Margie Paynton

One: The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains,
The world, and those who dwell in it.

ALL: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

One: The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.

ALL: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

One: Preserve the land for all children, and love it, as God loves us.

**ALL: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
make our broken spirits whole.**

One: "We are part of nature; included in it,
and thus in constant interaction with it."

ALL: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.

Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth #28

Time with Children Margie Paynton

Song The Tide is Rising – Friedman Ben Luedcke and Alex Katschke
The tide is rising and so are we (3X).
This is where we are called to be. (2X)
The task is mighty...
This land is holy...
The storm is raging...
The sun is shining...
The world is ready...

Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer Donna Ward

Hymn Pray for the Wilderness #557

Prayer Linda Zaugg

#569

Job 12: 7-10

Margie Paynton

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

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Margie Paynton

Christian Broughton

Please join in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for coffee and conversation.

The Call to Worship includes words attributed to scripture, to Chief Seattle, and to Pope Francis.

For the Beauty of the Earth - Folliott S. Pierpoint/Conrad Kocher

Overwhelmed by the loveliness of the English countryside, 29 year-old Folliott S. Pierpoint was inspired to write *For the Beauty of the Earth* in 1864. Born in 1835 in Bath, England and educated at Queens' College, Cambridge, Pierpoint later became a classics schoolmaster and spent most of his life near his birthplace. Soon after it was written, the hymn appeared in print and became his most famous anthem, although the last lines were changed or replaced over time. Although the tune we sing is called Dix, which was composed in 1838 by Conrad Kocher, other tunes have been used, including one written by the famed contemporary British composer John Rutter. The hymn, sung in Columbia Pictures' version of *Little Women* in 1994 and performed on Thomas Kinkade's album *Music of Light* in 2000, is sung especially during the Thanksgiving holidays. Pierpoint died aged 82 in 1917.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 20, 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 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!

Young Adults Group Paint & Sip: Tuesday, August 22, 6:30pm at Tapster in South Lake Union, 1011 Valley St. You must register in advance by noon on Monday by emailing smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org. Someone will contact you with the details. There is a sliding scale fee of \$0 to \$35 according to your ability to pay. Everyone ages 21-40 is welcome!

Please note that the **Gay Men's Group** is not meeting in August.

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

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 8/20 **Choir Retreat** 12pm at Volunteer Park

Tuesday 8/22 **SFBC Young Adults Paint & Sip** 6:30pm at Tapster

Thursday 8/24 **Small Groups Ministry Advisory Group** 4:30pm on Zoom

Sunday 8/27 **Party for Pastor Anita & Scotty** 12pm in the Fellowship Hall