

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
IN CELEBRATION OF
EARTH DAY**



**APRIL 21, 2024
11AM WORSHIP**

**SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1111 HARVARD AVENUE
SEATTLE, WA
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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.

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.

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

Announcements		Pastor Anita Peebles
Prelude	“Earth and All Stars” KEITH KOLANDER	Christian Broughton
Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
*Hymn 28	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	DIX
Time with Children		Keith Ervin
Song	“The Tide is Rising” SHOSHONA & FREIDMAN/ <i>arr.</i> LUEDCKE	Ben Luedcke and Ross Gililand
	The tide is rising and so are we. (3x) This is where we are called to be. (2x) The tide is rising... The task is mighty... The land is holy... The storm is raging... The sun is shining... The world is ready... The tide is rising...	
Scripture	ISAIAH 55:12-13 (NRSVUE)	Linda Zaugg
	For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.	
Call to Giving		Linda Zaugg
*Hymn 31	“All Things Bright and Beautiful”	ROYAL OAK

Poem "Do the Trees Speak" by Mary Oliver

Do the trees speak back to the wind
when the wind offers some invitational comment?
As some of us do, do they also talk to the sun?
I believe so, and if such belief need rest on
evidence, let me just say, Sometimes it's
an earful.
But there's more.
If you can hear the trees in their easy hours
of course you can also hear them later,
crying out at the sawmill.

Prayer Pastor Anita Peebles

Anthem "For this Joy" Sanctuary Choir
arr. SUSAN LABARR

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens:
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens:
Each glittering star shining from ages afar,
Driving away all that frightens.
Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing,
Free us from all that restrains us.
Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers seeping,
Cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again;
Love now in memory keeping.
Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise,
Singing in glad celebration!

Scripture GENESIS 1

Sermon "What Did God Tell the Trees?" Rev. Keith Curl-Dove

***Hymn (insert)** "The Trees of the Field" STUART DAUERMANN

Benediction Rev. Keith Curl-Dove

Postlude "Power of Life" Christian Broughton
MONS LEIDVIN TAKLE

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a vegan and vegetarian luncheon.

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Special thanks to **Ross Gililand** for joining us in worship today, and for his musical contribution to our service.

Rev. Keith Curl-Dove is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), a certified Wild Church Leader, and an environmental justice activist. He previously pastored congregations in North Carolina, leading each of them in becoming certified Earth Care Congregations. He is currently the Fossil Fuel Campaign Manager at Washington Conservation Action, working to bring about a just future free from dependence on fossil fuels. Keith enjoys playing guitar and banjo, carving spoons and bowls, and fly fishing. He's married to Pastor Leigh, and together they have a loving dog, Bells, and a vindictive cat, Aurora.

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 4/21 **Gay Men's Group** 12:30pm in the Parlour

Tuesday 4/23 **Prayer and Reflection** 12pm on Zoom

Wednesday 4/24 **Youth Group** 6:30pm in the Youth Lounge

Wednesday 4/24 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm

Thursday 4/25 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom

Saturday 4/27 **East Duwamish Watershed Restoration Project** 10am

Saturday 4/27 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Sunday 4/28 **Planet vs. Plastics: Prayerful Actions to Save the Earth** 9:30am in the Parlour

Sunday 4/28 **Worship: The Fifth Sunday of Easter** 11am in the Sanctuary

Sunday 4/28 **Celebration of Life: Dennis Raymond** 1pm in the Sanctuary

Please see This Week in your email and on our Facebook page for further information and other announcements.

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