

**THE FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



**MAY 26, 2024  
11AM WORSHIP**

**SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
1111 HARVARD AVENUE  
SEATTLE, WA  
[seattlefirstbaptist.org](http://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.

*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.*

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Announcements		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Prelude	“Sicilienne” MARIA-THERESIA VON PARADIS/P. GOUIN	Christian Broughton
Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
<b>*Hymn 277</b>	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	NICAEA
Time with Children		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Song	“Give Me Strength” BEN LUEDCKE	Ben Luedcke

Give me the strength to speak up, give me the strength to hear.  
Give me the strength to let go, and give me the strength to love.  
I'll give you space to speak up, I will listen to you.  
I will let you let go, and I'll see the Holy in you.

Scripture	JAMES 2:5-13	Metta Williams
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Listen, my beloved sisters and brothers [or friends and kin]. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the majesty promised to those who love God? But you all have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you all into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the worthy name that was invoked over you? You all will do well if you actually fulfill the majestic law according to the scripture, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” But if you show favoritism, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point becomes accountable to the whole. For the one who said, “*You shall not commit adultery,*” also said, “*You shall not murder.*” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be merciless to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy shouts victory over judgement.

Reader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
and for the word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Call to Giving

<b>*Hymn 278</b>	“Creator God, Creating Still”	ST. ANNE
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Prayer Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Anthem “Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?” Sanctuary Choir

KYLE PEDERSON

What if instead of more violence, we let our weapons fall silent? No more revenge or retribution; no more war or persecution. It could be beautiful. What if instead of our judgement, we soften our hearts that have hardened? Instead of certainty and pride we love and sacrifice. It could be beautiful. Can we see the other as our brother? Can we sing the darkness to light sounding chords of compassion and grace? Set the swords of judgement aside, let mercy’s eyes see the other human face.

Scripture MATTHEW 5:21-26

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not murder,*’ and ‘whoever murders shall be subject to judgment.’ But I say to you all that if you are angry with a sister or brother, you will be liable to judgment, and if you call a sister or brother an idiot, you will be subject to the council; and if you say, ‘you fool,’ you will be subject to the hell of fire. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and you remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to favorable terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way with them or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the court officer, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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Sermon “Truth and Reconciliation” Pastor Anita Peebles

**\*Hymn 575** “O for a World” AZMON

Benediction Pastor Anita Peebles

Postlude “Allegro maestoso e vivace” (Sonata No. 2, Op. 65) Christian Broughton  
FELIX MENDELSSOHN

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon honoring the retirement of Office Manager Judy Scott.*

*You may give financially to SFBC online here:*



The scripture texts are from *A Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year B*, translated by Dr. Wil Gafney.

**SFBC Choir Concert:** Sunday, June 2 at 1pm. The SFBC Choir will give a concert titled “Can We See the Other?” with themes of reconciliation, hope, and an end to violence across the globe. Please come and support this ministry! War and violence hurts the vulnerable most, including all civilians and especially children: proceeds will benefit World Central Kitchen, a non-profit with a world-wide reach providing food to those in times of crises. There will be a light lunch served immediately after worship, and the concert will begin at 1pm with guest vocalists, bass, and percussion.

### **SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

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

Sunday 5/26 **Judy Scott Retirement Lunch** 12pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 5/26 **Women’s Group** 12:30pm in the Peacemaker’s Room

Tuesday 5/28 **Prayer and Reflection** 12pm on Zoom

Tuesday 5/28 **Parents of Adult Children Living with Mental Illness** 7pm

Wednesday 5/29 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm

Thursday 5/30 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom

Saturday 6/1 **Men’s Group** 10am on Zoom

Saturday 6/1 **Play Reading Circle** 3pm on Zoom

Sunday 6/2 **Worship: Pentecost 2** 11am in the Sanctuary

Sunday 6/2 **All Church Lunch** 12pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 6/2 **SFBC Choir Concert: “Can We See the Other?”** 1pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday 6/2 **Seattle Jazz Vespers: Danny Quintero** 6pm 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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