

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



**JULY 7, 2024
11AM WORSHIP**

**SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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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 Leigh Curl-Dove
Prelude	“The Gift to Be Simple” DALE WOOD	Margie Paynton
Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
*Hymn 576	“For the Healing of the Nations”	WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Time with Children		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Scripture	ROMANS 8:18-25 (NRSVUE)	Joanne Wright

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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		Beth Reis
*Hymn 591	“This is My Song”	FINLANDIA
Prayer		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Anthem	“Simple Gifts” <i>arr.</i> JAY ALTHOUSE	Summer Choir

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free.
‘Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight, and by turning, turning, we come 'round right.
'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the gift to be kind.
'Tis the gift of grace we know that we will find.
And when we see the light at the break of day,
We'll know that the truth will show us the way.

Scripture

GALATIANS 5:13-26 (NRSVUE)

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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Sermon

"Free to Be"

Pastor Anita Peebles

Communion

Pastor Anita Peebles and Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

***Hymn 547**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

NEW BRITAIN

Benediction

Pastor Anita Peebles

Postlude

"Sortie Toccata"

Margie Paynton

THÉODORE DUBOIS

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour.

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SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 7/7 **Baptist Women in Ministry Focus Group** 12:30pm in the Peacemaker's Room

Tuesday 7/9—Thursday 7/11 **Senior Retreat** at Rainbow Lodge

Saturday 7/13 **Men's Group** 11am on Zoom

Sunday 7/14 **Worship: Pentecost 8** 11am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 7/14 **Council Meeting** 12:30pm in the Harvard Conference Room

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

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