

The  
Twenty-third  
Sunday after  
Pentecost

October 27, 2024  
11AM Worship



# Welcome to Seattle First Baptist Church. All are welcome.

*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.*

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

Announcements Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Prelude Christian Broughton

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”

J. G. WALTHER

Gathering Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

**\*Hymn 439** EIN' FESTE BURG

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Time with Children Brooke Rolston

Song Ben Luedcke and Alex Katschke

“Help Me See”

MARQUES BOVRE

We live in an age where a blind angry rage  
Has been trading eye for eye year after year.  
It seems there always more rope than there ever is hope  
So our faith must be stronger than our fear.

*Refrain:*

Help me see I've been living in the darkness,  
Help me see that you're standing next to me.  
Help me see in my mind, in my heart, in my soul,  
Your gentle face for all eternity.

On the road to his death, Jesus Christ shared his breath  
With a blind beggar down in Jericho.  
My Father's glory is revealed, Bartimeus you are healed,  
Your faith has made a miracle to grow.

I live in the world and I'll die in the world;  
My eyes are open to it everyday.  
So when things that I see start to eat away at me,  
I just close my eyes and bow my head and pray.

Scripture

PSALM 34:1-8 (NRSVUE)

Erin McGlenn

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.  
I sought the Lord, and God answered me and delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to the Lord, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.  
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear God and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.

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.**

Stewardship Moment

Margie Paynton

**\*Hymn 449**

“Softly and Tenderly”

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Prayer

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Anthem

“Testify to Love”

Sanctuary Choir

*arr.* TEENA CHINN

Terence Mejos, soloist

All the colors of the rainbow, all the voices of the wind,  
Every dream that reaches out, that reaches out to find where love begins,  
Every word of every story, every star in every sky,  
Every corner of creation lives to testify.

For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love;  
I'll be a witness in the silences when words are not enough.  
With every breath I take, I will give thanks to God above  
For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.

From the mountains to the valleys, from the rivers to the sea,  
Every hand that reaches out, every hand that reaches out to offer peace.  
Every simple act of mercy, every step to kingdom come,  
All the hope in every heart will speak what love has done.

Scripture

MARK 10:46-52 (NRSVUE)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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Sermon

“Seeing”

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

**\*Hymn 319**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

WORDS OF LIFE

Benediction

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Postlude

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”

Christian Broughton

J. PACHELBEL

*Fall flower arrangement compliments of Stephen Gilbert.*

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour.*

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 in the Wiggle Room (on the north end of the sanctuary, a mostly-soundproof room where young worshippers and people who need to move around can see and hear the service). Every minor in the Wiggle Room must be attended by an adult.



*You may give financially to SFBC online here:*



**You Are Invited to Discuss “Saving Us” Tomorrow Evening  
Monday, October 28, at 7 P.M. on Zoom**

Please join Interfaith Climate Action members and friends for a discussion of the book “Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World” on Zoom on Monday, October 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474603114>. Linda Zaugg will lead the conversation and will share a short video of an interview with the author, Katharine Hayhoe. Throughout the book Hayhoe shares insights on bringing her Christianity to the forefront of her climate activism. Even if you have not read the book, it will be an inspiring conversation.

This morning is the last chance to get a copy of “Saving Us” at coffee hour. Copies are \$18 by card, check, or cash, or pay what you can, no questions asked.

**SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

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

- Sunday 10/27 **Interfaith Climate Action**, 6:30-8pm on Zoom
- Monday 10/28 **Interfaith Climate Action Book Discussion**, 7-8:30pm on Zoom
- Tuesday 10/29 **Prayer & Reflection**, 12-12:30pm on Zoom
- Tuesday 10/29 **Building Lasting Bridges**, 6-7:30pm on Zoom
- Thursday 10/31 **Bible Study**, 12-1pm on Zoom
- Friday 11/1 **Exploring Contemplation**, 11am-12pm on Zoom
- Saturday 11/2 **Men’s Group**, 11am-12pm on Zoom
- Saturday 11/2 **Play Reading Circle**, 3-4:30pm on Zoom
- Sunday 11/3 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS—TURN CLOCKS BACK**
- Sunday 11/3 **Seattle Jazz Vespers**, 6pm in the Sanctuary

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

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