

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 17 May 2026
+ Ascension of Our Lord Sunday of Easter, Year A

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude To a Wild Rose

Edward MacDowell

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn #524

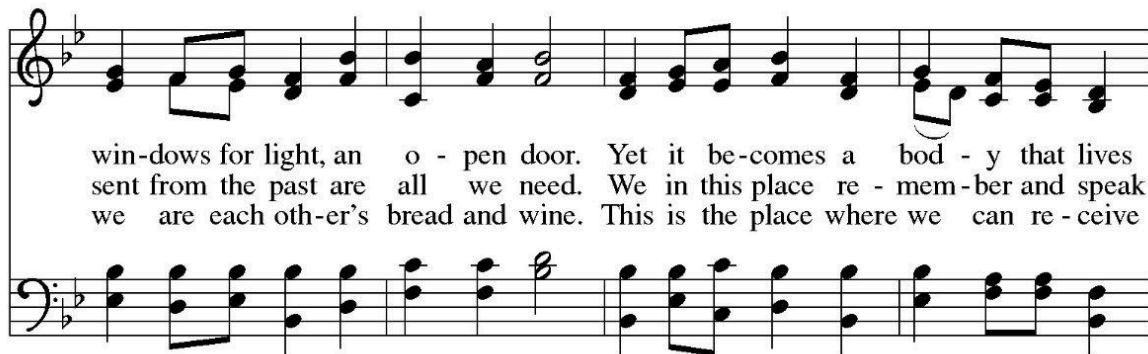
What Is this Place



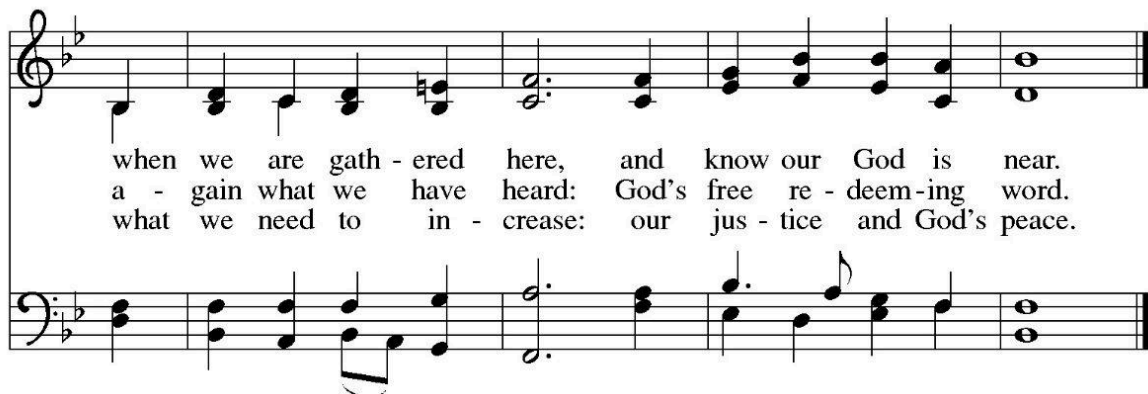
1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the dominion of God. While staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore dominion to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by divine authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “You Galileans, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Sung Congregational Refrain

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. **Refrain**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore. **Refrain**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Luke 24:44-53

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #579

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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Prayers and Peace

P:Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

Offering Elegie

Jules Massenet

Offertory Anthem

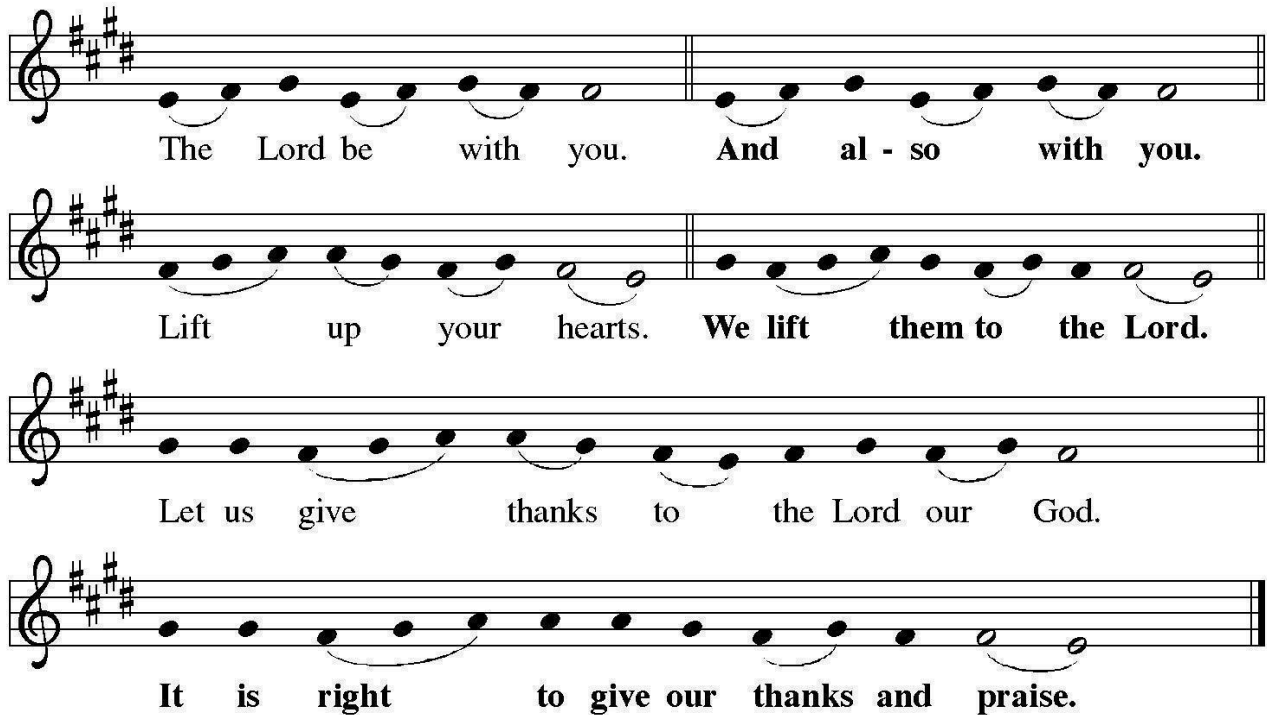
Offertory Prayer

Please stand

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,
intercedes for us as our great high priest.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Liturgy

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
 Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
 the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
 In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his
 resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and
gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the
dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.
Amen, and Amen.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Distribution of Holy Communion

You may be seated

Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister and a glass of either wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. There will be a basket off to the side where you can dispose of your used cup. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table.

You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn NCH #257

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing

scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are
 earth our food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!
 near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful flee to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,

Communion Hymn #482

I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Post-communion Prayer

P: Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn #576

We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Postlude Sonata (Allegro movement)

Mozart

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser

Chrissie Goldstein

Laurie Meade

Carolyn Boswell & Lynne Greenup

Julie Moe (1st)

Chris Foss (2nd)

Laurie Meade

Christine Lawson

Preacher/Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Broadview Transport

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Acts 2:1-21*

Psalm: *Psalms 104:24-34, 35b*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

Gospel: *John 20:19-23*

Financial Reports

LMLC April Income Report

Gross - \$16,141.73

Net - \$9935.82

Feeding Ministry - \$120.00

Room Use - \$256.00

Roof Fund - \$335.00

Feeding Ministry

Balance January 1 2026	4104.84
Donations	
Cash	1120.00
In kind (Where known)	772.73
Expenses (including 'in kind' goods)	<u>-2185.30</u>
Balance April 30 2026	<u>3812.27</u>

Roof Fund

Received Jan 1 2024 – April 30 2026	26910.69
Giving In Kind	<u>296.09</u>
	<u>27206.78</u>
Paid from Roof Fund direct to roofing company	-8447.09
Repayment to MGF (A)	-12000.00
Giving In Kind utilized	<u>-296.09</u>
	<u>-20743.18</u>
Balance in BECU (for MGF reimbursement)	<u>6463.60</u>

(A) – Rather than actually transferring repayment of \$12,000 to MGF and, at the same time, requesting \$12,000 be transferred from MGF to LMLC as the 2nd quarter withdrawal, the same result was accomplished by a journal voucher entry. No money actually moved.

MGF Account	12000.00
LMLC BECU Account (Roof Fund)	
Repayment to LMLC's MGF account for funds withdrawn for roof repair.	
LMLC BECU Account	12000.00
MGF Account	
Quarterly withdrawal of funds	

Announcements:

Memory Garden Committee Meeting: If you serve on the Memory Garden Committee, there will be a meeting today, right after worship to begin discussing plans for the Memorial Garden. Talk to Donna if you have any questions.

Art Exhibition: Lynne Greenup and Leia Smith are inviting you to view their current photo exhibit at La Copa Cafe on 2410 NW 80th St (near Larsen's Bakery). Their artwork will be on display until May 31. We hope you can stop by!

May Grief Group: Our grief group will be gathering during the following times in May. As always, if you are interested in the grief group, but are unable to attend any of these sessions, please talk to Pastor Sara.

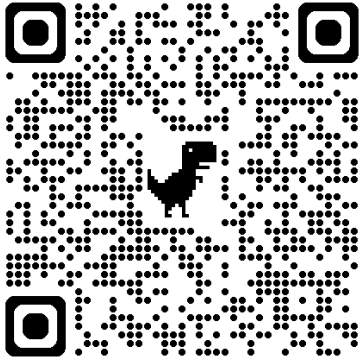
- Saturday, May 23rd at 11:00 A.M. on Zoom
- **Tuesday, May 26th at 11:00 A.M.** *Please note this meeting was rescheduled from May 19th.

May Food Pantry Theme: Sandwiches (Continued)!

Thank you for all of your support of our Little Free Pantry! One of the biggest things that people who use our pantry are asking for right now are items to make sandwiches, please consider donating any of the following:

- Mayo
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Tuna
- Canned lunch meat or pouches
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Bread
- Soup
- Crackers
- Apples
- Oranges
- Carrots
- Avocados
- Anything else that you find which is a good buy!

Pride Parade: Are you interested in walking with Pastor Sara and other Loving Lutherans of the Northwest Washington Synod in the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday, June 28th? If so, please let Pastor Sara know by May 23rd so that she can get our group registered. She hopes you'll join her for this annual tradition!



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! After talking about it for several years, we are finally planning a group outing to a Seattle Mariners game this summer! Pastor Sara is currently working on putting together some potential options for dates, but in order to do so, she needs an estimate on who would be interested in attending. Please fill out this form by today to help us gauge interest and begin putting together some options for dates and seating locations.

<https://forms.gle/74nRa1YPT2WiPqCK7>

Upcoming Events

17	MAY, SUN	● 10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
		● 11:45am – 12:45pm	Committee for Memory Garden Meeting Celebration Hall
		● 4 – 6pm	Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	NA Pink Progress Club Celebration Hall
18	MAY, MON	● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
19	MAY, TUE	● 1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting Zoom
20	MAY, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Seekers Bible Study Library
21	MAY, THU	● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
22	MAY, FRI	● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
		● 6 – 8pm	NAMI Library
23	MAY, SAT	● 10am – 12pm	Ryan Grasso's Wedding - NM Sanctuary
		● 11am – 12pm	Grief Group Zoom

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