“Home” by Warsan Shire (a Kenyan-born, Somali Poet)

The following poem was shared in worship on Sept. 15 as Leah shared stories from her experiences in a shelter for asylum seekers. We hope you'll join us after worship on Sept. 29 for a congregational conversation about hosting an asylum-seeking family in the parsonage basement.

no one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark
you only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well
your neighbors running faster than you, breath bloody in their throats
the boy you went to school with who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory
is holding a gun bigger than his body
you only leave home when home won't let you stay.

no one leaves home unless home chases you, fire under feet
hot blood in your belly
it's not something you ever thought of doing
until the blade burnt-threats into your neck
and even then you carried the anthem under your breath
only tearing up your passport in an airport toilet, sobbing as each mouth of paper
made it clear you wouldn't be going back

you have to understand, that no one puts their children in a boat
unless the water is safer than the land
no one burns their palms under trains, beneath carriages
no one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck
feeding on newspaper unless the miles traveled
mean something more than journey.

no one chooses refugee camps or strip searches where your body is aching
or prison, because prison is safer than a city of fire
and one prison guard in the night is better than a truckload
of men who look like your father
no one could take it, no one could stomach it
no one's skin would be tough enough
the go home blacks, refugees, dirty immigrants, asylum seekers
sucking our country dry, niggers with their hands out, they smell strange
savage messed up their country and now they want to mess ours up
how do the words, the dirty looks roll off your backs?
maybe because the blow is softer than a limb torn off.

or the words are more tender than fourteen men between your legs
or the insults are easier to swallow than rubble, than bone
than your child's body in pieces.

i want to go home, but home is the mouth of a shark
home is the barrel of the gun and no one would leave home
unless home chased you to the shore
unless home told you
to quicken your legs, leave your clothes behind,
CALENDAR

Sunday – September 29
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship
11:30 Conversation on hosting a family at parsonage – F.H.
11:30 Worship Ministry – Library

Monday – September 30
8:30 Altar Guild

Tuesday – October 1
9:00 Fix-It Group
7:00 Personnel Com. – Library

Wednesday – October 2
9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
6:30 Parish Life Ministry - Library

Thursday – October 3
10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
6:30 Bell Choir – Sanctuary
7:30 Choir

Friday – October 4
7:00 Sweet, Sweet Music Talent Show – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – October 6
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship - Communion
1:00 CROP Hunger Walk–Alki Bch.

Monday – October 7
8:30 Altar Guild
7:00 Service & Outreach Min.-Lib.

Tuesday – October 8
1:00 Church/Y Com. – Fish Bowl
6:30 Seaside Sisters – Off-site

Wednesday – October 9
9:45 Staff Meeting – Fish Bowl
6:30 Christian Ed Ministry - Library

Thursday – October 10
10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
10:00 Sisters – tbd
6:30 Ukulele Band – Sanctuary
7:30 Choir

Sunday – October 13
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Library
10:00 Worship – New Members Received
10:00 Sunday School Open House
11:30 Camp 2nd Chance Tour/Lunch
11:30 Nat’l Youth Event Mtg.– 4th Flr

Monday – October 14
8:30 Altar Guild
6:30 Sisters – Beerman home

Tuesday – October 15
3:30 LPS Teachers Mtg – 4th Floor Conf. Room
5:15 Homelessness T.F. – Library

Wednesday – October 16
9:45 Staff – Fish Bowl

Thursday – October 17
10:00 Knitters/Crafters – Library
6:30 Bells
6:45 Executive Com. – Library
7:30 Choir

FUNDRAISERS

2ND TIME SALE WRAP-UP

2019 was the 25th Anniversary of the 2nd Second Time Sale. Pat Gedney has been and continues to be an instrumental part of the Sale Team, which consists of Carolyn Tucker, Judy Pickens, Marilyn Bernahl, Baiba Morris, Vera Holte, Janice Menaul, Terry Gaddis, Sandie Snead, Lisa Fischer, Cathy Phillips, Bill Carroll, Marilyn Whittendale, Marie Sever, Monika Lidman, Tami Schendel, Lisa Corbin, Jackie Gould and Sarah Ackers.

Joining them were Mike Goldfine, Dean Tucker, Phil Sweetland, Al Bernahl, Joan Morgan, Barb Knutsen, Bobbie Reeves, Robb Menaul, Peter and Diana Hartwell, Meredith Maruyama, JoAnn Anderson, Dannie Carcelli, Mitzi Carroll, Cindi VanGilder, Kitty Clark, Bonnie Beerman, Rita Gutterud, Karen Brekke, Robin Akin, Bob Wyss & Diane Sprague, Michelle Gaither, Teagan Gaither, June Carson. They helped plan, price transport, set up, clean up items for the sale.

In addition, Greg Dirks, Pam Goldfine, Steve & Liann Sundquist, Robin VanGilder, LeeAnne Beres, Ev Eldridge, Jenny Mandt, Molly Seaverns, Bruce Grynewski, Katie Ackers, Klem Daniels, Jane Leonard, Susan & Michael Petty Lucy Gaskill Gaddis, Mary Anne DeVry, Izzie Lewis & Tim Hossner, Nancy & Mark Olson, Kari and Morgan Holsberry, Debby Macom, Isaak Friis-Alfers, Eric Wetzel, Josh Miller, Kari & Morgan Holsberry, and Allison Wetzel set up and worked Saturday and Sunday. Bud Schwinger put out neighborhood signs. These people worked 700+ hours. This does not count the sale itself or the hours that people like Baiba Morris spent scouting garage/yard sales for dona-tions to our sale, nor does it take into account the time Pat, Baiba, Carolyn, Bill and Sandie spent sorting and loading items from estate sales, then hauling and unloading into Pat’s garage. This is truly a labor of love. Due to the dedicated volunteers, donors and shoppers we raised over $12,000 to go towards the mission of the church.

Thanks to Sarah Ackers who helped recruit volunteers and to Jackie Gould who arranged donation pick-ups, recruited baggers/cashiers, worked the sale and was there to help wherever needed; and to Marie Sever, Lisa Fischer, Pam Goldfine, Diana Hartwell, Meredith Maruyama, Robb Menaul, Bob Wyss, Patty & Christina Bodzioch, who worked in books.

Judy Pickens does the publicity as well as setting up and working at “A Cut Above”; Vera Holte and Baiba Morris set up and work the fine jewelry area, which has become an important and profitable part of the sale; Marilyn Whittendale, JoAnn Anderson, Sandie Snead and Robin Akin all made sure that sale workers had good food to eat during the two weeks of set up and the two days of the sale.

Following the sale, donations were given to WIN for the Homeless, Camp 2nd Chance, The Asylum Family Project, Discovery Shop, Ryther, Roxhill Elementary, Little Lending Library, West Seattle Food Bank. After that, volunteers boxed up the remaining merchandise and the Goodwill picked up two truckloads under the direction of Lisa Corbin, Charlie Perry and Teagan Gaither.

Please mark your calendars for next year’s sale which will be the weekend of Sept. 19 and 20th. Keep us in mind during the year and set aside clean and gently used items for the sale.

The sale team is not getting any younger and we really need the help of some of the younger, stronger members or our church community. Please consider volunteering to help before, during and after the sale. Thanks, see you next year!

Carolyn Tucker
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CROPWALK!

Our first Ministry Sunday School will be Sept. 29th. During Sunday School, the CROPWalk team will teach all the kids about...well...CROP Walk, of course!

Walk, of course! We’ll help make signs for the Oct 6th walk so that we can be a visible witness to the anti-hunger work of Church World Services and many local agencies, such as the Helpline, Food Lifeline, and the West Seattle and White Center Food Banks.

Fauntleroy engages the gifts of all ages in the full life and ministry of the church—including the gifts of our youth and children. One way we do this is by celebrating Ministry Sundays. Several times a year, one of the ministries takes over the Sunday School classes for the morning. The ministries introduce their members to the kids, share a little about why they are so passionate about what they do, and then invite the kids to help them with a project that serves the church or the wider community.

All the gifts of all the people of all ages—that’s the goal. Be sure your kids are here to be a part of the first Ministry Sunday on Sept. 29! But don’t stop there. Sign up and donate to walk on Oct 6th here: https://www.crophungerwalk.org/seattle/FauntleroyUCC Then we’ll meet at Alki UCC, 6115 SW Hinds St, at 12:30 to check in and to walk at 1:00. As we said at a recent Time with Children, if anyone asks why you are walking, you can say because it is so important to end hunger and so easy to do this one thing towards that goal. How can we not walk?

OCT 13: SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Save the date! The Christian Education Ministry invites you to experience Sunday School with the kids. We’re creating our first annual Open House on October 13. You’re invited to join the children on the 4th floor after the Time with Children. Get a glimpse of the chapel, classrooms, friendships, curriculum, and flow of the day. We’re still working out all the details, but the one thing that’s clear to us is that we’d love for everyone to know more about this faith formation time that’s right at the heart of the church. Stay tuned for more information!

COMMUNION SUNDAY CALLING ALL BREAD BAKERS...

Once again, we hope to be integrating a variety of bread from around the world into our World Communion Sunday worship before the CROPWalk on October 6, and WE NEED BAKERS! Baking bread for this special communion worship is a great way to honor your heritage, loved ones passed, or faraway friends — or just show off your focaccia-making prowess!

If you’d like to help bake or source bread from a particular country, let me know (hilary.j.reeves@gmail.com) or call the church office — and if you don’t have a recipe, I’d be glad to help. Here’s a very incomplete list to inspire you (and maybe make you a bit hungry.)

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Yum! Hilary Reeves, Chair, Worship Ministry

SWEET, SWEET MUSIC

FAUNTLEROY TALENT SHOW

Friday, October 4, 7 PM

Calling all talented musical people out there! Just a reminder that our Fauntleroy Talent Show is coming up in a couple of weeks. If you'd like to sing, play an instrument, or perform some other musically-related act then please reach out to music director Bronwyn Edwards at BronwynEdwards@comcast.net or 206-255-4590 or sirensongbron@gmail.com. If you’d like to support Sweet, Sweet Music, a church fundraiser (all proceeds benefit the mission of Fauntleroy Church) in another way, please consider bringing some sweet treats to share during the show. (That's why we call it "Sweet, Sweet Music")

Please mark your calendars to attend on Friday, October 4 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults $10, Seniors $8, kids are free.

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SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, NOON

Camp Second Chance open house for Fauntleroy Church

After worship, we’ll carpool to the Camp Second Chance homeless community at 9701 Myers Way South for lunch, tours and an opportunity to get to know one another. More information to come soon!
Sunday Worship & Church School: 10 AM
Office Hours: 8:30-3:30 PM Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-2:30 Fri.
Senior Minister
Rev. Leah Bilinski
Acting Associate Pastor
Rev. Karyn Frazier
Music Director
Bronwyn Edwards
Little Pilgrim School Director
Jenny Romischer
Wedding Coordinator
Neenah West
Volunteer & Engagement Coor.
Sarah Ackers
Youth Leader
Kristen Almgren
Nursery Supervisor
Carol Smith
Custodian
Michael Still
Financial Assistant
Aimee Pinckney
Financial Assistant
Pat Gedney
Office Manager
Jackie Gould

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE: TUESDAYS, 1 PM

OVER THE FENCE
PRAYER CHAIN
Please pray for...Lauren Smith; Louisa Wagner; Marilyn Moore; Karyn’s cousin, Becky; Melissa Coudle; Mr. & Mrs. Muul; Laurie Whittford; Elaine Wilson; Jane Leonard’s cousin, Daren; Kersti Muul; Theresa Rasmussen; The Lane Family; Rick Shaw; Beverly Wilson; Lydia Shepherd; JoAnn Powell; Kara Hill; Kathy Grainger’s sister-in-law, Melinda and daughter and son-in-law, Alan; Amy Hallmon’s babysitter, Abby; Chriissy, friend of the Bilinski’s; Yvonne Miles; Ruben Figueroa; Loy Smith, Michael & Susan Petty and Irene Stewart, who lost her brother.

IN MEMORIAM
Marie Armitage, a short-term member, passed away in August. Please keep her husband, Dirck, and the family in your prayers.

FORUM
On Monday, Oct. 14, Seattle Council District 1 will hold a forum with candidates Lisa Herbold and Phil Tavel. Co-hosted by the League of Women Voters and Westside Interfaith Network, this forum will take place at Our Lady of Guadalupe – Walmesley Center, 7000 35th Ave SW. Doors open at 6:30; program begins at 7:30 PM.

As an open and affirming congregation, the members and staff of Fauntleroy Church are committed to fostering community among people of all races, cultures and sexual orientations.

WANTED: Wreath Wranglers
Each year, our church sells beautiful evergreen wreaths as a fundraiser mid-October through mid-November. We are looking for one or two people to be responsible for taking orders and collecting payments after worship services. If this sounds like a task right up your alley, please let Sarah Ackers know ASAP so that she can give you more details.

Admission $10/adults; $8/seniors and kids are free. All are welcome.

NOTE OF THANKS
Thank you to the mighty crew who helped spread fresh wood chips on the playground on 9/1. It looks great and made the playground a safer place for our kids and LPS students to play.

F.Y.I.
On Sept. 23, Froula Alarm installed additional cameras around the building to increase security for church and Y personnel as well as those using our busy building.

THE IDOLATRY OF WHITENESS:
a 6-part study series on Anti-Racist Prophets – presented by Admiral Congregational UCC, 4320 SW Hill St
This Bible study will focus on the concept of “idolatry” as presented in writings of the prophets of the Hebrew Bible. We’ll draw on modern scholars whose work has been focused on the phenomenon of “whiteness” as a racial/political/moral category of human beings. The weekly session will begin on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1-2:30 PM, and run through Nov. 17.

vThe registration fee is $20. To register, call 2106-932-2928 or go to officemgr@admiralchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We need help to register walkers and log donations for the CROP Hunger Walk the afternoon of Oct. 6. We’re looking for 3 volunteers to fill this onsite administrative role. It’s helpful if volunteers have a laptop to use during the event. Please contact Sarah Ackers if you’d like to fill one of these positions.

WELCOME, JACOB THOMAS!
Jacob Thomas Gordon was born on 9/18/2019 to Gina & Isaac Thomas. He joins big sister, Maia. Congratulations to the Thomas’ on this wonderful addition to their family.
CROP HUNGER WALK
Sunday, October 6, 2019 - 1:00 PM – Walk on Alki Beach

This is an invitation for each of you to participate in the CROPWalk, our annual walk-a-thon along Alki Beach. We meet at 12:30 at Alki Congregational UCC, 6112 SW Hinds. Our purpose is to raise awareness AND fund$ to combat hunger and thirst.

What do we know about hunger & thirst? Prolonged hunger causes stunted growth, lower mental abilities and causes health problems; it has life-long effects. Worldwide, 870+ million people are hungry and under-nourished. Every day, 16,000+ kids die from hunger-related causes--1 every 5 seconds. In the U.S., 1-in-5 kids lives below poverty level--which means 'going hungry'. Locally, in White Center area, 1-in-4 kids lives in poverty--about same for the elderly. Most of the guests at our free Saturday meal eat only once a day. A local family I'm working with had to make the choice to use meager funds to buy food for kids or buy gas to get to work. Last week mom bought food--& lost a week of wages due to an empty gas tank. It's a common dilemma.

People must have water; they thirst. Worldwide, 1-in-5 people spend most their time and energy each day getting water--usually it's unsafe. A 5-gallon jug of water weighs 40#; usually carried by women or children--for 2-5 miles. In comparison, every time we flush our toilet, we use 4-7 gal. water...which is more than most families use for a whole day to drink/cook/bathe/wash clothes/clean. The most common cause of death for kids under age 5 is diarrhea caused by unsafe water. The World Health Organization estimates 80% of all illness in the world is attributable to unsafe water and sanitation.

With those shocking statistics, what can you and I do to change such a vast problem? We can do a lot together. It's the Power of One+One+One! For each $1 given, the food banks can make 3.8 meals due to bulk buying; $10=38 meals. Part of CROPWalk money goes to our two local food banks. For each $1000=3,800 people get fed. Give $1 and Church World Service (CWS) can give 30 people in refugee camps micro-nutrient packets. Give more $1's and CWS can give bags of seeds--which grows to feed a family AND give a source of ongoing income for the family. Our $1's will also give chickens/cows/pigs. One+One+One of us each giving $1's enables CWS to dig water wells; create sanitation for a village.

Please join our CROPWalk cause. Give as many $1's as you feel called to give. Ask friends/relatives to join you in giving $1's: 10 people giving $20=$200! We combine our many $1's with $1's from other West Seattle churches in CROPWalk...then combine that with other Crop Walks across our country...and many, MANY lives are changed. Stop at the Get Involved Table to: sign up to walk, learn easy way to collect $$ from others OR to give some $1's. If you cannot walk on Oct. 6 you can still give $1's & ask others to give $1's. Together we can do much in service to our Lord, who asks us to feed the hungry & give a drink to the thirsty. It's the Power of 1+1+1 to infinity!

West Seattle Food Bank covers from Alki Beach to SW Myrtle.
White Center Food Bank covers from SW Myrtle to 140 SW, Burien.

With bulk buying, food banks can stretch $1 to make 3.8 meals; you give $10=38 people eat.

“I go to get water 4 times a day, in a 20-liter (5 gal) clay jar. It’s hard work! I’ve never been to school as I have to help my mother by getting water. If I could change my life, I would really like to go to school.” Elma Kassa, 13-year-old girl, Ethiopia.

The power of One, and One and One...
One person raising money for food,
One $1 to help others,
One loving another.
Many “ones” make a BIG difference!

There is an easy way you can help the hungry and thirsty, locally and globally: support CROPWALK, by (1) being a walker raising $ for food/water, OR (2) giving $ to a walker from our congregation. Stop by the Get Involved Table to get a donation envelope or to give a donation to CROPWalk, or go on-line to https://www.crophungerwalk.org/seattlewa/Team/View/116544/Fauntleroy-UCC.
YOU’RE INVITED!

Sunday, September 29, 11:30 AM

Please come to Fellowship Hall to participate in a congregational conversation about hosting an asylum-seeking family in the lower level of the parsonage.

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.