



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

JAZZ VESPERS

A Celebration of Life, Spirit and Music

May 25, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Ernie Watts

Ernie Watts, *saxophone*

Bruce Lett, *bass*

Listen to your life.

See it for the fathomless mystery that it is.

In the boredom and pain of it no less than

in the excitement and gladness:

touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it

because in the last analysis all moments are key moments,

and life itself is grace.

—Fred Buechner

WELCOME

Christina Honchell

PRAYER

Minister: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Minister: Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Minister and People:

Loving God of all that is, help us to be still. Loosen our grip on our cares and concerns; clear away all stresses and frustrations. Quiet our busy minds; open a space deep within us; fill us with your grace. Help us to see all you have made as holy, the earth and people as sacred. Help us to live our lives with you at the center. Guide us, encourage us, resource us to articulate your kingdom, in partnership with those who differ most from us. Surround us with your love that casts out fear. Fill us with your hope for the world as it might be. Amen.

MUSIC

Ernie Watts

READING

Christina Honchell

Excerpt from
 Blues for E. W.
 (You Must Listen)

The horn man
 Glides through a smoky crowd
 With purposeful strides.
 Head down, draped in his
 Black-on-black threads,
 Rubber soles crossing a
 Scarred wood floor,
 Warped from years of
 Damp, salty air
 Drifting in off Elliott Bay...

Come the ghost murmurings
 Of gone masters when he plays;
 Hear ancient truths
 Emerge from the golden bell
 Of his tenor.
 Axiomatic line and scalar runs,
 The pushing, clicking keys;
 Impossibly long notes that weep,
 Seep out from under
 His fingertips.
 Echoes of pain and hope,
 Resignation and yearning.

His solos,
 Grounded in an architectonic logic,
 Restate the melody,
 Laying a foundation
 Building, story by story,
 With each turnaround.
 Dynamically crafted
 To peak in the last eight bars,
 Then ease back down
 As the band falls in behind him
 To pick up the melodic line again.
 A river of light,
 Color and sound;
 The stories of a life...

And you must listen.

INTERCESSIONS

Anna Davalos

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Christina Honchell

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MUSIC

Ernie Watts

PRAYER

Minister and People:

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now
and for ever. Amen.

—From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

BLESSING *Standing – all who are able.*

Christina Honchell

Minister: The blessing of God, the eternal good will of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. *Amen.*

—From *Prayer at Night's Approaching* by Jim Cotter

DISMISSAL *Remain standing.*

Gavin McFatter

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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JAZZ VESPER COORDINATORS: Bill Cunliffe, Melissa Hayes, Christina Honchell.

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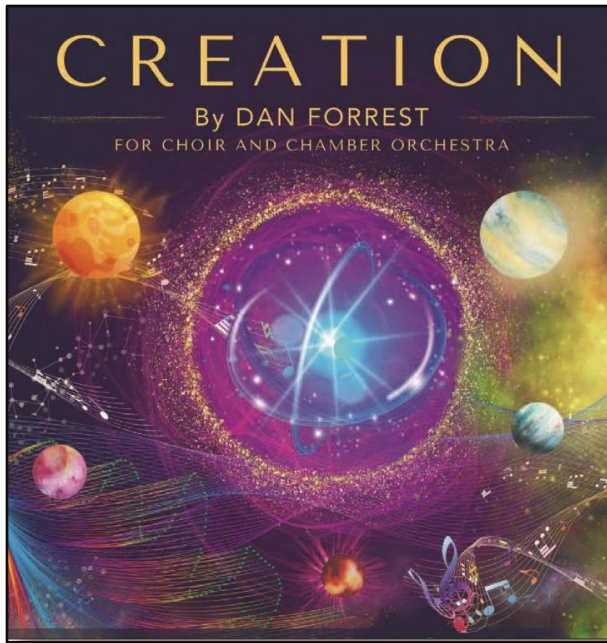
Upcoming Jazz Vespers:

Sunday, July 13, 5:00 p.m.

Mina Choi Orchestra

Mina Choi's debut album *Stories* reflects her journey as an immigrant, capturing themes of struggle, longing, and self-discovery. The album features seven diverse tracks for a 17-piece big band, including her original *You're Still Here*, recorded to honor the 10th anniversary of the Sewol ferry disaster. Alongside four of her original pieces, the album features jazz greats George Cables and Alex Acuña. Co-produced by Grammy Award-winner Bill Cunliffe, her mentor from Cal State Fullerton, *Stories* is a powerful and personal expression of her musical journey.



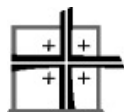


Adult Choirs' Spring Concert:

Creation

Sunday, June 1, 5:00 p.m. in the Church

Join us for *Creation*, a breathtaking choral-orchestral concert that celebrates the beauty, diversity, and interconnectedness of life. Through the powerful music of acclaimed composer Dan Forrest, this work invites us into a deep reflection on the majesty of creation, the dignity of all people, and our shared longing for healing and unity. *Creation* offers an expansive and inclusive vision of our world, one that embraces the wonder of existence and humanity's profound capacity for love, compassion, and justice. Let's come together to celebrate the beauty of the world and the hope that still shines through.



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who need our prayers:**

NAME: _____

TYPE OF PRAYER:

☐ Deceased.

☐ Prayer of Thanksgiving.

☐ **Prayer for any need. Explain:**
