



Ephesians 4:3. Unity of the Spirit, Mark Lawrence

Grace Episcopal Church

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024 | 8:00 & 9:30 am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Eric Mason

Deacon | Scott Deasy

Guest Preacher | Nels Flesher

Guest Music Director | Ann Strickland

Home Group | Family

We Gather in God's Name

"Then the Lord God formed Adam from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." —Genesis 2:7

Gathering

We take a moment to be still and know God. Our world is full of many noises, even as we sit together in silence. Let the noises be, and listen for the deep stillness that underlies all being. This moment will begin and end with the ringing of a bell.

Call to Worship

We stand as we're called to worship.

Celebrant Breath of God,
Breath of life,
Breath of deepest yearning,
All Come Holy Spirit come.

Celebrant Comforter,
Disturber,
Interpreter,
Encourager,
All Come Holy Spirit come.

Celebrant Heavenly friend,
Earthly companion,
Lamplighter,
Revealer of truth,
Midwife of change,
All Come Holy Spirit come.

Celebrant Our Holy God is here.
All God's spirit is with us.

Opening Song | Wind Upon the Waters

Gm Dm7 Gm Bb Gm F

1 Wind up - on the wa - ters, Voice up - on the deep,
 2 Show - ers from the heav - ens, wa - ter from the earth,
 3 Rock and hill and gar - den, wood and des - ert sand,
 4 Blaz - ing light of won - der, flame that pierc - es night,
 5 Wind up - on the wa - ters, rains up - on the sand,

Cm7 F Eb F Gm F

rouse your sons and daugh - ters, wake us from our sleep, breath - ing
 gift so whol - ly giv - en, source of ev - ery birth, joy of
 prai - rie, field, and mead - ow, shaped by Love's own hand, love that
 burst the dark a - sun - der, fill our souls with light. Lord of
 grace your sons and daugh - ters, new - born by your hand. Come, O

Bb Gm F Gm Eb D7 Gm D

life in - to all flesh, breath - ing love in - to all hearts, Liv - ing
 ev - ery liv - ing thing, mak - ing all cre - a - tion sing, show - er
 fills the world a - round, spring - ing up from bar - ren ground, grow your
 glo - ry, fill the skies, make an end to ha - tred's cries, be the
 Spir - it, and re - new all the life that comes from you, send your

Eb Cm7 F Dm7 Gm C 1-4 Gm 5 Gm

Wind up - on the wa - ters of my soul.
 down up - on the dry earth of my soul.
 love with - in the gar - den of my soul.
 blaz - ing sun of jus - tice in our lives.
 winds up - on the wa - ters of my soul.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,
**All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Spirit of truth: guide us into all the truth; consume the lies that shroud the world in hate; pray in us with sighs too deep for words; and let the victim's voice ring out with hope for a new world; through Jesus Christ, who goes to the right hand of God. **Amen.**

During the 9:30 service, children and youth are invited to come forward to the altar for a children's moment before joining their teachers for Sunday School. The children will return in time for communion. They are also welcome to remain with their families in the sanctuary if that is their choice.

We Hear and Respond to the Story

We are seated for the first lesson.

First Lesson | Acts 2:1-21

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs— in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

We stand and sing the Refrain twice, then speak the Psalm responsively.

Come, O Ho-ly Spir-it, Come. Come, Al-might-y Spir-it,
Come. Come, come, come. _____

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O Holy One, how manifold are your works;
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

Refrain

**May the glory of God endure for ever;
may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.**

God looks at the earth and it trembles;

God touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine find favor;

I will rejoice in the Holy One.

Bless the Holy One, O my soul.

Alleluia!

Refrain

We are seated for the second lesson.

Second Lesson | Romans 8:22-27

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 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 is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel acclamation and reading.

Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia



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Gospel | John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Deacon May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We are seated for the homily.

The Homily | Nels Flesher

After the homily, we observe a moment of silence. This time begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

The Prayers of the People

We remain standing for the prayers. Our prayers are written by members of Grace; all are encouraged to join in, adding your own prayers after each intercession, silently or aloud. To submit names to our prayer list, and/or to receive weekly updates from our prayer team, email us at prayerlist@gracehere.org. We would love to include those you love in our prayers for thanksgiving, healing, support, or peace; and we also welcome your prayers for particular persons who have died.

Gathering

Leader “When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.”

All On the day of Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as it bursts forth within us.

We gather silently in prayer with deepened breath and intention.

Homelessness and Loss

Oh, God, ground us now with you in your compassion, your presence, and your care for those who suffer throughout the world.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All Inspire our prayers

Attacks on “Others”

Open our hearts to your love and quell the fear that keeps us from seeing others as ourselves.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All Inspire our prayers

Prayer Requests

We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and those we carry in our hearts.

Those on our current prayer list are named. You are invited to speak aloud (or simply remember quietly) the names of those for whom you are praying. Please also pray for these persons on our long-term prayer list:

Healing for Jon, Marc, Katie, Vivian, James, Gretchen, Linda, Jon, Bob, Doug, Sam, Whitney and Eleanor Grace, Alyson, Timothy, Margie, Harold, Jas, MJ, Mary, Patty, Scott, Marty, Judy, Mary Ann, Dick, Johan, Aunt Linda, Christine, Susan M, Larry, Teri, Cathy, Debbie, Amy Sue, Rebecca, Ben, Lizzie, Mary Anne, Carrie, Tom, Susan, Mike, Frank, Pearle, Nancy, Ted, Len, Dena

Support for Loanna, Haini, Connie, Matt & Gretchen and children, Linda's family, Kate & Neil, Delia, Suzy, Barb, Rich, Mollie, Ben, Samara, Isobel, Wendy, James, Macy, Lori, People in Ethiopia, Ted, Macy, Andrew, Nancy P, Charlie, Chelsea, Aunt Linda's family, Ann, Afghan friends and colleagues, Cindy, Henry, Amy Sue's family, Jody, Martha, Mary, Cecile, Rose, Cherry, Heather, Joe, Beth

Peace for Evelyn, Alan, April

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All Inspire our prayers

Gratitude

We give thanks for the heart-filling gift of the Holy Spirit.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All Inspire our prayers

Closing

Leader "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being."

All On this Day of Pentecost, O God, immerse us in your inspiring love, and draw us out of ourselves to reach out to those in need and to open our hearts to hope through the Holy Spirit.

Collecting the Prayers of the People

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please respect others' choice to do so socially distanced.

We are seated after the Peace.

We Share in the Sacred Meal

The Offering



Out of gratitude for all we've been given, we give ourselves back to God. Bread, wine, and money all symbolize the fruit of our labor. Together, our gifts make possible this community of inclusion, service, discovery, and gratitude. All worshipping in person are invited to place their offering in baskets as they are passed through the rows, but anyone in person or online may give via this link: www.gracehere.org/give/, or by accessing our OnRealm system with this QR code. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your presence with us today.

We remain seated while the bread and wine are brought forward.

Offertory Song | Spirit of Gentleness 9:30am only

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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We stand as the baskets are brought forward, lifting up the offering of our hearts and hands.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our strength and our salvation,

All receive our gifts, our lives and the offering of our joy. Awake our souls and inspire us with your life. Lead us on the path of wisdom and compassion. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus | Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and a triplet of eighth notes over the word "san" in the phrase "san - na!".

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Celebrant O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation,
All hear us as we praise you, call us to your table, grant us your life.

Celebrant When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing,
All and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

Celebrant You entered our lives and sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In 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 this, and eat it: this is my body which is 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:

Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Celebrant Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
All Amen.

Celebrant Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
All Amen.

Celebrant Trusting his presence in every time and place, we proclaim Amen.
All Amen.

Celebrant O God, you are Breath:
All send your Spirit on this meal.

Celebrant O God, you are Bread:
All feed us with yourself.

Celebrant O God, you are Wine:
All warm our hearts and make us one.

Celebrant God, you are Fire:
All transform us with hope.

Celebrant O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the
nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Holy One to the Son, the life of the Spirit
of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept. The silence is broken with these words.

Celebrant Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to come forward into the circle to receive Communion. Please tell the bread minister if you prefer to receive a wafer free from gluten, soy, and dairy. Please tell the chalice bearer if you prefer non-alcoholic wine. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, cross your arms in front of your chest, and when the minister brings the chalice near you, they will simply say the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Finally, if you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest and the bread minister will ask God's blessing on you.

Communion Song | Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 9:30am only



Lord lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,

Lord send your spir - it in this place,

Lord lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Send us

love, send us power, send us grace.

Ken Medema.

Communion Song | Loving Spirit 9:30am only



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.



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After communion, we share in silent reflection and prayer, begun and ended by the ringing of a bell.

Our Prayer After Communion

We stand and pray.

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Celebrations *9:30am only*

After we share milestones, please join us in singing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

We are Sent into the World

The Blessing

Celebrant Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life. Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear. And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight. May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming, and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter, set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

All We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing Song | She Comes Sailing on the Wind 9:30am only

Refrain (Unison)

C G/B F/A (G6) Em F

She comes sail - ing on the wind, her wings flash - ing in the

G F G7 Am Em F Dm Gsus C

sun; on a jour - ny just be - gun, she flies on.

G C G/B F/A G7 Em E7

And in the pas - sage of her flight, her song rings out through the

Am F Dm7 Em7 F G C *Fine*

night, full of laugh - ter, full of light, she flies on. (3 To a)

Em Am F G7 C (Dm C/E)

1 Si - lent wa - ters rock - ing on the morn - ing of our birth, like an
 2 Ma - ny were the dream - ers whose eyes were giv - en sight when the
 3 gen - tle girl in Gal - i - lee, a gen - tle breeze she came, a
 4 Fly - ing to the riv - er, she wait - ed cir - cling high a -

Continued

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. Chords are indicated above the guitar line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: F, (Dm), C/E, F, Gsus, G. Lyrics: emp - ty cra - dle wait - ing to be filled. And Spir - it filled their dreams with life and form. — whis - per soft - ly call - ing in the dark, the bove the child now grown so full of grace. As he

System 2: Chords: Em, Am, G, F, G7, C, (Dm C/E). Lyrics: from the heart of God the Spir - it moved up - on the earth, like a Des - erts turned to gar - dens, bro - ken hearts found new de - light, and then prom - ise of a child of peace whose reign would nev - er end, Ma - ry rose up from the wa - ter, she swept down from the sky, and she

System 3: Chords: F, C/E, Dm, C, Gsus (1, 3), G. Lyrics: moth - er breath - ing life in - to her child. (To Verse 2) down the a - ges still she flew sang the Spir - it song with - in her heart. (To Verse 4) car - ried him a - way in her em -

System 4: Chords: Gsus (2, 4, 5), G, D.S. Lyrics: on. She comes brace.

5 Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Pentecost Blessing

On the day
when you are wearing
your certainty
like a cloak
and your sureness
goes before you
like a shield
or like a sword,

may the sound
of God's name
spill from your lips
as you have never
heard it before.

May your knowing
be undone.
May mystery
confound your
understanding.

May the Divine
rain down
in strange syllables
yet with
an ancient familiarity,
a knowing borne
in the blood,
the ear,
the tongue,
bringing the clarity
that comes
not in stone
or in steel
but in fire,
in flame.

May there come
one searing word:
enough to bare you
to the bone,
enough to set
your heart ablaze,
enough to make you
whole again.

— Jan Richardson

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Home Groups at Grace | Looking to Connect with Others at Grace Church? Getting involved in a Home Group at Grace is one of the best ways to meet people, develop friendships, and discover more of what Grace has to offer you and your family. Over 200 people are involved in seven different Home Groups. They gather periodically for fellowship and fun, serve together on Sundays, and offer support to one another when needed. Do you want to meet some near neighbors? Many of our groups are geographically based. Do you want to meet other families with young children? Then our “Family Group” might be for you. If interested in learning more, contact Jeff Bassette (jeff.bassette@gmail.com), our Home Group Coordinator.

Sunday programming for children and youth during the 9:30 a.m. service in the Family Hall:

- **Ages four and under** are welcome in our beautiful, interactive nursery with adjoining playground under the supervision of trained staff.
- **Children ages 3 or 4 through 12** begin with their families in the sanctuary for a children’s moment with our priest, after which they go to their classrooms for rich and creative programming, and then return to the sanctuary for communion with their families.
- **Youth in grades 6-12** may stay after the 9:30 a.m. service (or arrive at 10:30) and check out our youth room at the end of the Children & Families hallway on the left.

We are thankful to our volunteers, Lon, Mike, Mel, and Dave, who joined Eric Matthews to fix and add to our play area fence! We’re ready for some wonderful play outdoors this summer!

The Good Immigrant Book Group continues at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays, May 23 and 30.

Women’s Art Night with Isobel Coney | Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. Women of all ages, and youth welcome! All materials for felting are provided. Invite a friend! Please bring a drink or a snack to share; there is no cost. **RSVPs encouraged** (so we can have enough materials): kim@gracehere.org

Women’s Conversation Circles | June 10, July 8, August 12, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. A time for women to share their stories & lives together. Invite Friends! *June Theme: Blessing.* Contact Kim with questions.

Outreach | May is for Maui: During the month of May, we will be collecting donations of men’s T-shirts (preferably black, all sizes), Flip Flops (especially sizes 10, 11, 12), men’s shorts, sizes 30 – 36 (fast drying if possible), large Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment (Neosporin), and towels. We will send them to **A Cup of Cold Water**, a community organization that provides donations to disaster survivors in Maui.

Sunday, June 16 from 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon | A Celebration of the Life’s Work of Dennis Carlson & Beulah Downing and A Book Launch for Dennis’ Memoir: *Scalpel, Spirit and Seeds: My Life Promoting Health in Ethiopia and around the World*. Learn more at gracehere.org/events.

You Are Invited to be a Grace Night Owl. Each member of the Night Owl team volunteers for a week at a time. We walk the exterior of the building, verify all the doors are locked and latched, and that all windows and the gate are closed and latched. The team members arrive after 9:00 p.m. or a bit later, after all the folks involved in a rental or other Grace activities have left. This takes about 15-20 minutes. Call Eric Matthews (206) 718-2254, or email him at eric@gracehere.org. There is a link to sign up in our newsletter.

Knitting into the Mystery is a prayer shawl ministry. The shawls are knitted by wonderful, gracious people who choose the colors and patterns. The shawls bring comfort and prayers to whomever receives them. **More kind prayer shawl knitters are needed.** If you are interested, contact Beulah Downing: bdowning@seanet.com.

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