



Grace Episcopal Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 10, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am
Ministers | All of Us
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Tribe | Alder

Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

-Mary Oliver

Words are Birds

words
are birds
that arrive
with books
and spring

some can stand
the cold
others migrate
with the sun
to the south

they
love
clouds
the wind
and trees

some words
die
caged—
they're difficult
to translate

some words
are messengers
that come
from far away
from distant lands

feed them
and others
build nests
have chicks
warm them

for them
there are
no borders
only stars
moon and sun

teach them
how to fly
and one day
they go away
in flocks

some words
are familiar
like canaries
others are exotic
like the quetzal bird

the letters
on this page
are the prints
they leave
by the sea

-Francisco X. Alarcion

A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts.

Gathering Song | How Far I'll Go

Words and music Lin-Manuel Miranda. Offered by the Kids Sing choir.

I've been staring at the edge of the water
'Long as I can remember, never really knowing why
I wish I could be the perfect daughter
But I come back to the water, no matter how hard I try

Every turn I take, every trail I track
Every path I make, every road leads back
To the place I know, where I cannot go
Where I long to be

See the line where the sky meets the sea? It calls me
And no one knows, how far it goes
If the wind in my sail on the sea stays behind me
One day I'll know, if I go there's just no telling how far I'll go

I know, everybody on this island seems so happy on this island
Everything is by design
I know, everybody on this island has a role on this island
So maybe I can roll with mine

I can lead with pride, I can make us strong
I'll be satisfied if I play along
But the voice inside sings a different song
What is wrong with me?

See the light as it shines on the sea? It's blinding
But no one knows, how deep it goes
And it seems like it's calling out to me, so come find me
And let me know, what's beyond that line, will I cross that line?

See the line where the sky meets the sea? It calls me
And no one knows, how far it goes
If the wind in my sail on the sea stays behind me
One day I'll know, how far I'll go

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Call to Worship

After the gathering song, the Celebrant invites us to stand.

Celebrant Open our hearts.

People **New every morning are your mercies.**

Celebrant Set free our voices.

People **New every morning is your song**

Celebrant Guide our feet.

People **New every morning is your faithfulness. Amen.**

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | One Love

by Bob Marley

One love, one heart

Let's get together and be all right

Hear the children cryin' (one love)

Hear the children cryin' (one heart)

Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right

Singin' let's get together and feel all right.

One love, one heart

Let's get together and be all right

Hear the children cryin' (one love)

Hear the children cryin' (one heart)

Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right

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Singin' let's get together and feel all right

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of all creation, open us to surprise. Multiply in our midst your mystery, your mercy, and your joy. Fill our hearts with gratitude and love. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | I Samuel 8:4-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm responsively.

Psalm | 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | You Don't Have to Walk

Music by Ann Strickland

Words adapted from a poem by Mary Oliver

4 You don't have to walk on your knees you don't have to walk on your
knees you don't have to walk on your knees you don't have to walk on your knees.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff begins with a treble clef and contains a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff begins with a bass clef and contains a series of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the staves, with a '4' at the start of the first line and a '3' above the second triplet of notes in the second line.

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | Mark 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

We believe in God above us,

maker and sustainer of all life,

of sun and moon,

of water and earth,

of all humanity.

We believe in God beside us,

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.

He was tortured and nailed to a tree.

Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present.

And his Kingdom will one day be known.

We believe in God within us,

The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,

Life-giving breath of the Church,

She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

Source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Gathering

Leader “Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”

All **In this season of ordinary time we celebrate the Holy Spirit as it moves in, around, and through us.**

Leaders, Followers and Collaborators

Leader “Though the Lord be high, the Lord cares for the lowly.”
Help us, and our world and faith leaders to cultivate respect and care for all people. Cause each of us to step forward with bold initiative and thoughtful responses.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Emerging Concerns

Leader “Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe”
Oh, God help us when we hear of violence in cities, schools and war. Awaken in us your compassion, your presence, your creative action and care for the earth and living beings.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Prayer Requests

Leader “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”
We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and those we carry in our hearts.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Gratitude

Leader "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise."

We give thanks for being alive and for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Closing

Leader "O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands."

All **O God, immerse us in your inspiring love, draw us to reach out to those in need, and open our hearts to hope.**

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace.

Celebrant We turn to one another with outstretched arms, saying: the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

After the peace, we are seated. Please join in singing the chorus.

Offertory Song | Circle Game

By Joni Mitchell

Yesterday a child came out to wonder
Caught a dragonfly inside a jar
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder
And tearful at the falling of a star

**And the seasons they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return we can only look behind
From where we came
And go round and round and round
In the circle game**

Then the child moved ten times round the
seasons
Skated over ten clear frozen streams
Words like, when you're older, must appease
him
And promises of someday make his dreams

**And the seasons they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return we can only look behind
From where we came
And go round and round and round
In the circle game**

Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now
Cartwheels turn to car wheels through the town
And they tell him,
Take your time, it won't be long now
Till you drag your feet to slow the circles down

**And the seasons they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return we can only look behind
From where we came
And go round and round and round
In the circle game**

So the years spin by and now the boy is twenty
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur
coming true
There'll be new dreams, maybe better dreams and
plenty
Before the last revolving year is through

**And the seasons they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return, we can only look behind
From where we came
And go round and round and round
In the circle game
And go round and round and round
In the circle game**

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

The people are invited to stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My
San - to, san - to, san - to, Mi cor - a - zon te/a - dor - a. Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My

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heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to/e - res Se - nor.
heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. And whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We are now invited to share the gifts of communion.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music is offered by Zelig, Hannah, Annabelle, Julianna, Olivia, Nina, Izzy, Taylor, Arielle and Sydney

Music During Communion

Let it Be by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Orange Sky by Alexi Murdoch

Rivers and Roads by Head and the Heart

Far Away by Carole King

Just Breathe by Eddie Vedder

*Following Communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

We remain seated and sing together.

Song After Communion | Thank You for Loving Me

By Sinéad O'Connor



1. Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for

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lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me.

2. Thank you for finding me
3. ... hearing...
4. ...healing...
5. ...saving...
6. ... loving...

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and say together

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

A blessing is offered.

Closing Song | With a Little Help from My Friends

By John Lennon and Paul McCartney

What would you do if I sang out of tune?
Would you stand up and walk out on me?
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song
I will try not to sing out of key
Oh I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends

What do I do when my love is away?
Does it worry you to be alone?
How do I feel at the end of the day?
Are you sad because you're on your own?
No, I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends

(Do you need anybody?) I need somebody to love
(Could it be anybody?) I want somebody to love

(Would you believe in a love at first sight?)
Yes I'm certain that it happens all the time
(What do you see when you turn out the light?)
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine
Oh I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends
Oh I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

(Do you need anybody?) I just need someone to love
(Could it be anybody?) I want somebody to love

Oh I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends
Oh I get high with a little help from my friends
Yes I get by with a little help from my friends
With a little help from my friends

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude Song | Say Hey!

By Michael Franti

**Say hey, I'll be gone today
But I'll be back around the way
It seems like everywhere I go
The more I see, the less I know
But I know one thing
That I love you
I love you, I love you, I love you**

**I've been a lot of places all around the way
I've seen a lot of joy and I've seen a lot of pain
But I don't want to write a love song for the world
I just want to write a song 'bout all the boys and the girls**

**Say hey, I'll be gone today
But I'll be back around the way
It seems like everywhere I go
The more I see, the less I know
But I know one thing
That I love you
I love you, I love you, I love you**

**I love you, I love you, I love you!
I love you, I love you, I love you!!**

Let's Put It To Music

How do you feel about me
Now that you've learned to know me?
Why don't we both admit
That something is happening.
And we would feel better if
We'd just tell each other
No need to keep it to ourselves.
Let's put it to music
Let's put it to music
Let's sing about it
Laugh about it
Clap our hands
And shout about it
Let the whole world hear it
In a sweet, sweet melody
Let's put it to music, you and me.

-Johnny Cash