



# Grace Episcopal Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Sean Bendickson

Tribe | Cherry

“For waters shall break forth on the wilderness ...”

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

## Gathering Song | In the Morning When I Rise

*African American Spiritual*

C Am F C

In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise, in the

6 Am F Dm G C Em

morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus. Give me Je - sus. give me

12 F C F/A C/G F C

Je - sus. you may have all the world, give me Je - sus.

# 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 | Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Text: Alex F. Bayly | Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

# The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Living God, we are of a fearful heart and you meet us with compassion and mercy, nourishment and hope. Break forth in our midst as waters in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Shape our lives by your generosity, your goodness, and your faithfulness. **Amen.**

## WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

**The First Reading** | Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*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 | 146**

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

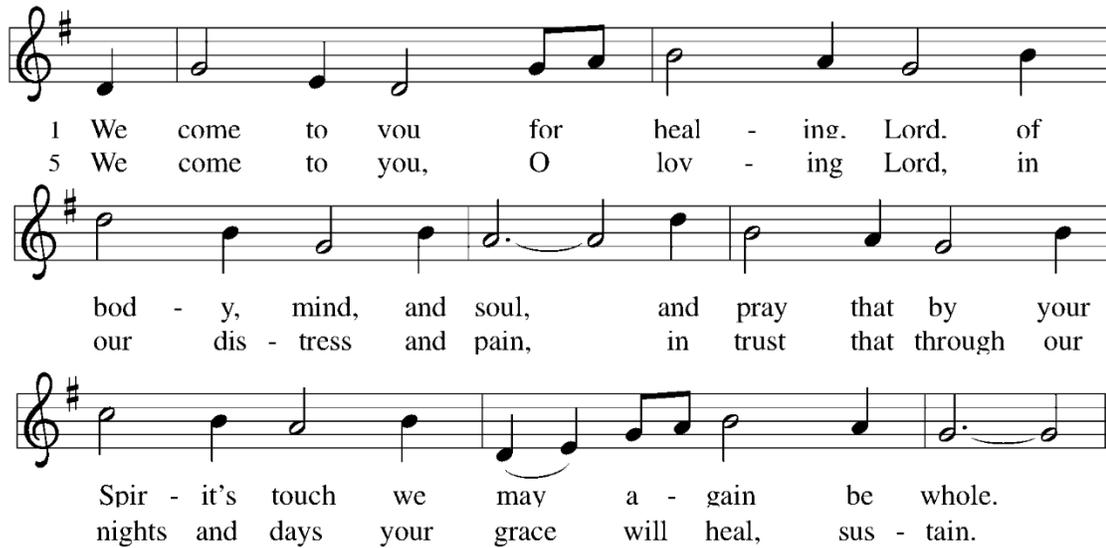
The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

## Gospel Song | We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. | Music: Hugh Wilson



1 We come to you for heal - ing. Lord. of  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in  
bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our  
Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke

*(The reading continues.)*

plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

*After the Gospel the Celebrant will say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

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### 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.**

*We gather in prayer.*

## The Prayers of the People

### Gathering

Leader God, who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them, keeps his promise forever.

All **God, in this abundant season, prune, weed, and water us. Nurture your Spirit within this community.**

### Relationships

Leader “The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow.”

We pray for all who are estranged, alone, or in danger this day. We pray for children near to us and around the world, and for all who care for them.

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

Leader Loving God,

All **hear our prayers.**

### Prayer Requests

Leader “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

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 Loving God,

All **hear our prayers.**

### Environment

Leader “Waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

God inspire us to hold your earth and its creatures sacred.

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

Leader Loving God,

All **hear our prayers.**

## World and Faith Leaders

Leader “The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down.”  
Replace fear and prejudice with love and kindness in the hearts of our leaders, and in our own hearts.  
*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.*

Leader Loving God,  
All **hear our prayers.**

## Gratitude

Leader “Let me sing to God as long as I live.”  
God, thank you for loving us, for receiving us, for abiding with us.  
*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.*

Leader Loving God,  
All **hear our prayers.**

## Closing

Leader “God gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.”  
All **In this time of beginnings and growth, O God, open our hearts to love, to give, to serve.**

## 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.

# Offertory Song | I've Got Peace Like a River

Text: Traditional | Music: African American Spiritual

1. I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble staff for the melody and a bass staff for the accompaniment. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords.

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ri-ver in my soul, I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody includes a half note G4 and a half note A4, with a fermata over the A4. The accompaniment continues with a consistent bass line.

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ri-ver I've got peace like a ri-ver in my soul.

The third system concludes the piece. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody ends with a half note G4 and a half note A4, with a fermata over the A4. The accompaniment provides a final harmonic support.

2. I've got joy like a fountain ....
3. I've got love like an ocean ....

# 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 during Communion | Come Healing by Leonard Cohen

*Offered by Sean Bendickson*

○ gather up the brokenness  
And bring it to me now  
The fragments of those promises  
You never dared to vow

The splinters that you carry  
The cross you left behind  
Come healing of the body  
Come healing of the mind

And let the heavens hear it  
The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit  
Come healing of the limb

Behold the gates of mercy  
In arbitrary space  
And none of us deserving  
The cruelty or the grace

○ solitude of longing  
Where love has been confined  
Come healing of the body  
Come healing of the mind

○ see the darkness yielding  
That tore the light apart  
Come healing of the reason  
Come healing of the heart

○ troubled dust concealing  
An undivided love  
The Heart beneath is teaching  
To the broken Heart above

○ let the heavens falter  
And let the earth proclaim:  
Come healing of the Altar  
Come healing of the Name

○ longing of the branches  
To lift the little bud  
○ longing of the arteries  
To purify the blood

And let the heavens hear it  
The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit  
Come healing of the limb

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# Let us Break Bread Together

*African American Spiritual*



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

# Day by Day

*by Stephen Schwartz*



Day by day\_\_\_ Day by day\_\_\_ Oh dear Lord three



things I pray\_\_\_ To see Thee more clear - ly\_\_\_ Love Thee more dear



- ly\_\_\_ Fol - low Thee more near - ly\_\_\_ Day by day\_\_\_



Day by day\_\_\_ Day by day\_ by Day by day\_ by Day by day\_ by



Day by day\_ by Day

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

## Song after Communion | There is a Balm in Gilead

African American Spiritual

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

# GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

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## 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

*The Celebrant offers a blessing.*

The Spirit of our Living God well up in our life together as a spring in the desert. And the blessing of God who made heaven and earth, who raises up those who are bowed down, who cares for the stranger in our land be upon you and abide with you always. **Amen.**

# Closing Song | Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Text: Omer Westendorf | Music: Welsh folk tune



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,



the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—



The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed  
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,



the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing



to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.  
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

# Birthday and Anniversaries

## Announcements

### Dismissal

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **The Mississippi River Empties into the Gulf**

and the gulf enters the sea and so forth,  
none of them emptying anything,  
all of them carrying yesterday  
forever on their white tipped backs,  
all of them dragging forward tomorrow.  
it is the great circulation  
of the earth's body, like the blood  
of the gods, this river in which the past  
is always flowing. every water  
is the same water coming round.  
everyday someone is standing on the edge  
of this river, staring into time,  
whispering mistakenly:  
only here. only now.

*Lucille Clifton,  
The collected poems of Lucille Clifton 1965-2010*

## **Where Many Rivers Meet**

All the water below me came from above.  
All the clouds living in the mountains  
gave it to the rivers  
who gave it to the sea, which was their dying.

And so I float on cloud become water,  
central sea surrounded by white mountains,  
the water salt, once fresh,  
cloud fall and stream rush, tree root and tide bank  
leading to the rivers' mouths  
and the mouths of the rivers sing into the sea,  
the stories buried in the mountains  
give out into the sea  
and the sea remembers  
and sings back  
from the depths  
where nothing is forgotten.

*David Whyte,  
River Flow: New & Selected Poems*