

Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Preacher | Nita Baer

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Alder

For the Future

Planting trees early in spring,
we make a place for birds to sing
in time to come. How do we know?

They are singing here now.

There is no other guarantee
that singing will ever be.

~ Wendell Berry

*From Collected Poems, 1957-1982. North Point Press,
New York (1985)*

Don't Worry

Things take the time they take. Don't
worry.

How many roads did Saint Augustine follow
before he became Saint Augustine?

~ Mary Oliver

From Felicity. Penguin Press, New York (2015)

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

Gathering Song | Prayer of Peace

Text: Based on a Navajo prayer; David Haas | Music: David Haas

1. Peace be - fore us, Peace be - hind us, Peace un - der our feet.

Peace with - in us, Peace ov - er us Let all a - round us be peace.

2. Love before us, love behind us, ...

3. Light ...

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, we stand and sing.

Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia..

People

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia..

The Celebrant proclaims

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Earth and All Stars

Words: Herbert F. Brokering | Music: *Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Refrain
He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy One, your compassion never fails. Lead us into your love. Break down barriers in our lives and renew our vision, that we may take up work that gives life to your world. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 148

We stand and say the Psalm.

Praise the Lord.

○ praise God in the heights above.

Praise the Lord all you angels

○ praise God all you heavenly host.

Praise the Lord sun and moon

praise God all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord you highest heavens

and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord

who commanded, and they were created.

The Lord fixed them in their places for ever

by a law which shall never be broken.

Praise the Lord from the earth

you sea-monsters and ocean depths,

fire and hail, snow and ice

stormy wind obeying God's word,

all mountains and hills

all fruit-bearing trees and cedars,

wild beasts and cattle

reptiles and birds on the wing,

kings of the earth and all peoples

princes and all rulers of the world,

young men and maidens

old people and children together.

Let them praise your name ○ Lord

for your name alone is exalted,

and your glory is above heaven and earth.

You have lifted up your people's head,

with praise from all your servants

from the people close to your heart.

○ praise the Lord.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel song.

Gospel Song | **See I Am Near** *by The Taizé Community*

We will sing the Gospel song twice.



See, I am near, says the Lord. See, I make all things new.



The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.**

We gather in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

During Eastertide, all members of our community are invited to join in voicing our prayers. Please speak your prayers aloud as you desire.

Words: Julian of Norwich | Music: Cynthia Bourgeault

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "All shall be well and all shall be well and". The second staff contains the lyrics: "all man-ner of things_ shall be well be well." The music consists of simple chords and single notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Silence

Leader Holy One, we thank you for the surprise of your life and power of your love.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those whose neighborhoods, families, cities, or nations are
overshadowed by violence. I ask your prayers for peace.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader I ask your prayers for the people of God around the world.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader We give thanks for the beauty of the earth and for relationships that sustain our
lives. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader I ask your prayers for refugees and for all who are separated from loved ones.
We pray for those who are hungry, in prison, sick, or afraid.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader I ask your prayers for the concerns of this congregation, especially those on our
prayer list.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader We give thanks for those in every generation in whom we have known the love of God.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

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The Peace

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

Celebrant Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

After the peace, we are seated.

Offertory Song | All Creatures of Our God and King *Offered by the Music Circle*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi; tr. William H. Draper | Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

Refrain:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way.
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:

Refrain

(Instrumental verse)

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and cast on him your care:

Refrain

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness:
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Refrain

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

We stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.

Celebrant 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.

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, — God — of power and might
Heav - en and earth — are filled with Your glo - ry. Ho -
-san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. — Bless - ed is He — who comes in — the
name — of — the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -
-est. Ho - san - na, ho - san -
-na in the high -
-est.

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 | Another Story *Offered by Julianna Moeller*

by Chris Zasche, Josiah Johnson, Charity Thielen, Kenny Hensley, Tyler Williams, Jonathan Russell

These are just flames
Burning in your fireplace
I hear your voice and it seems
As if it was all a dream
I wish it was all a dream

I see a world
A world turning in on itself
Are we just like
Hungry wolves howling in the night
I don't want no music tonight

Can we go on like it once was

Every time I hear another story
Oh the poor boy lost his head
Everybody feels a little crazy
But we go on living with it
Yeah they go on living with it

These are just flames
Burning in your fireplace
I hear your voice and it seems
As if it was all a dream
I wish it was all a dream

Can we go on like it once was
Can we go on like it once was

Every time I hear another story
Oh the poor boy lost his head
Everybody feels a little crazy
But we go on living with it
Yeah they go on living with it

I'll tell you one thing
We ain't gonna change much
The sun still rises
Even with the pain

I'll tell you one thing
We ain't gonna change love
The sun still rises
Even through the rain

Can we go on like it once was
Can we go on like it once was

Everybody feels a little crazy
Like it once was
Everybody feels a little crazy
Like it once was

Can we go on like it once was

You Make Beautiful Things

by Lisa Gungor & Michael Gungor

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new,
You are making me new
You make me new,
You are making me new

There is More Love

Traditional African American Hymn

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are: "There is more love* some - where. There is more love some - where. I'm gon-na keep on 'til I find it. There is more love some - where." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the words "more love" and "some - where".

*Additional verses: hope, peace, joy

*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 | Rain Down

Words and Music by Jaime Cortez, based on Psalm 33



Rain down, rain down, rain down your



1 love on your peo - ple. 2 love, God of life. *rit. last time* (Fine) *to Verses*

VERSES



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you. *D.C.*

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.

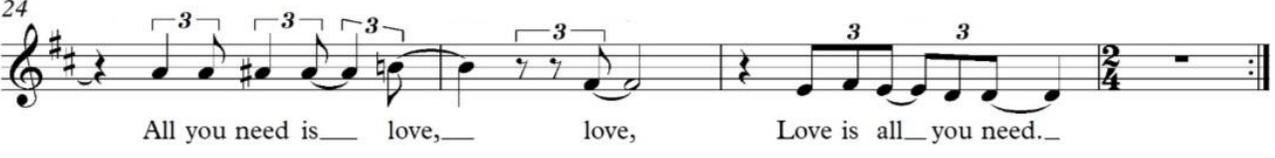
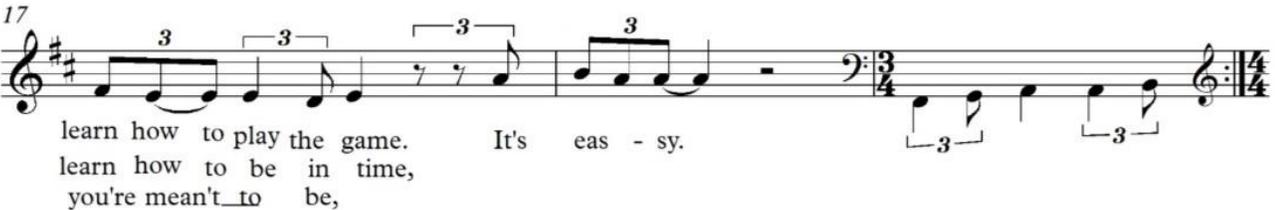
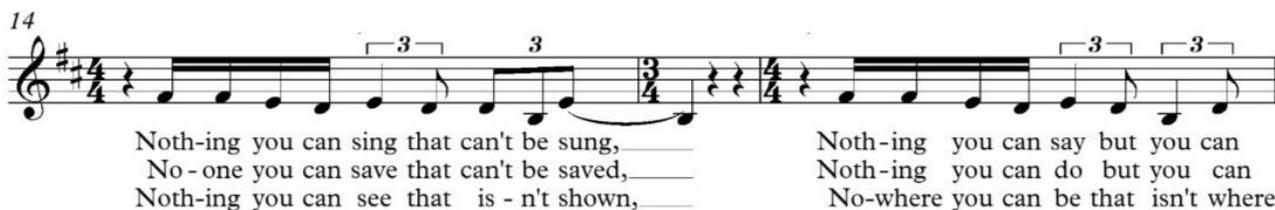
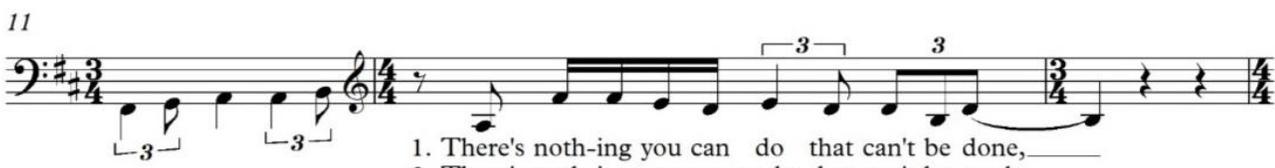
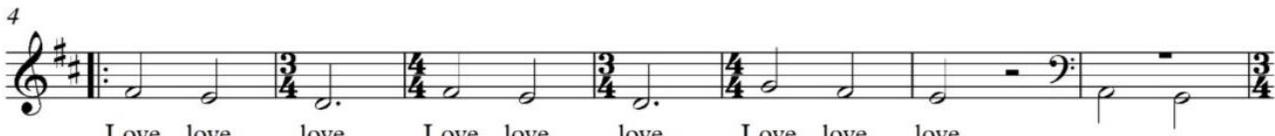
The Blessing

The Celebrant offers a blessing.

Live without fear, with courage and with hope. The blessing of God with guarding hold you, the love of Christ with peace enfold you, the Holy Spirit with joy uphold you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | All You Need is Love

by John Lennon & Paul McCartney



Birthday and Anniversaries

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

Tasting Heaven

Some people say that every poem should have
God in it somewhere. But of course Wallace Stevens
Wasn't one of those. We live, he said, "in a world
Without heaven to follow." Shall we agree

That we taste heaven only once, when we see
Her at fifteen walking among falling leaves?
It's possible. And yet as Stevens lay dying
He invited the priest in. There, I've said it.

The priest is not an argument, only an instance.
But our gusty emotions say to me that we have
Tasted heaven many times: these delicacies
Are left over from some larger party.

~ Robert Bly from *Eating the Honey of Words: New and Selected Poems (1999)*

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

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Upcoming Events & Programs

May 19

Camp Crew Leader Meeting | 11:30 am, Living Room

Summer Camp and Camp Resurrección crew leaders: Please plan to attend our first Crew Leader training session today after church in the Living Room. Questions? Email Kim, kim@gracehere.org.

Grace Newcomers' Dinner | 5-7 pm, Walker Hall

New to Grace? Join us for supper, a welcome by Wren Blessing, and a chance to learn more about the Grace community. Children are welcome. RSVP: Mairead Shutt, maireadshutt@gmail.com or 206.399.3627.

May 21

Streets of Seattle | 5 pm, Grace Kitchen

Streets of Seattle seeks volunteers this Tuesday for prepping and serving! We'll meet and in the Grace kitchen and make a meal for 150+ before heading to Seattle and serve it at the Outdoor Meal Site. Info and signup link are at gracehere.org/streets-of-seattle.

May 26

Service Sunday | After the 9:30 am service

Grace Outreach is excited to introduce the parish to a new rhythm for service. On the 4th Sunday of every month, starting May 26, we invite everyone to linger for an extra hour after the 9:30 am service to work together on community projects. For information, contact Heather Paar, heatherpaar@yahoo.com, or visit gracehere.org/outreach.

Seeking Adults for 2019 Summer Camps

We have an urgent need for adults to serve at this year's summer camps. There's a role for everyone: sports & games, arts & crafts, science, reading, kitchen prep, and more. **Staying overnight is not a requirement – you're welcome to just come and serve for a day!** Sign up on the lists in Walker Hall or email Kim Cockroft, kim@gracehere.org. Thank you!

Ongoing Grace Ministries & Programs

Gather in the sanctuary unless otherwise noted.

Eucharist

8 & 9:30 am Sundays

Poetry as Prayer Practice

11:15 am every other Sunday

Knitting into the Mystery

10-11:45 am 4th Mondays

Centering Prayer

Noon to 1 pm Tuesdays

Healing Eucharist & Bible Study

10:30 am to noon Wednesdays

Grace Music Circle Rehearsals

7 pm Wednesdays. Info: martin@gracehere.org

Streets of Seattle

5 pm 3rd Tuesdays starting in the Grace kitchen

Mom's Morning Retreat

9:30-11 am 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Island Kirtan

7-8:30 pm 1st Thursdays

Compassionate Caring Support Group

9:30-11 am 2nd & 4th Fridays

Friday Friends Bulletin Folding

10:30 am Fridays

Super Suppers

3 pm the last Friday of every other month, Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

Grounds & Trails Work Party

9 am to noon 3rd Saturdays

Team Flower Altar Arrangements

To participate, contact janicejeffcoat@msn.com

May 30

Planning for Memorials at Grace | Noon to 1 pm, Brown Bag, Living Room

Bring lunch and join Wren for a focused session on planning for our memorials. We'll talk and think about how Scripture, story, liturgy, prayers, and song weave together in a funeral liturgy; how we tell our stories in light of God's story; and how we live and die with hope. Information: wren@gracehere.org.

June 1

Men of Grace: A Day at Dabob Bay

Men of Grace, you are invited to a day of relaxation, storytelling, and friendship at Dabob Bay, hosted by Dick Shryock. Sign up for Friday setup and the Saturday event using the link in Friday's eNews or contact Eric Matthews: eric@ericmatthews.com or 206.718.2254. Also save the date for the next Men's Group gathering on Tuesday evening, June 11. Details to come.

Other News of Note

Summer Camp Registration is Open

Summer Camp at Grace offers many laid-back and beloved camp activities – games, music, crafts, storytelling, trail hikes, and service to our community – all provided in the context of love, friendship, and wonder for God's good world. **Details and registration are at gracehere.org/grace-kids.**

GRACE GIVING

And Now...For Something Completely Different

As we celebrate Grace Church's 27th birthday, we invite you to support our 2019 Spring Appeal. In lieu of a fundraising event, auction, and paddle call this year, please consider making a generous gift to help Grace continue to serve our community. With your support, we will reach our goal of \$52,000 needed for our 2019 budget of \$592,829.

Inclusion, Service, Discovery and Gratitude! We are a family of worship, learning, and service and a haven for people seeking peace, healing, friendship, and hope. Your offerings make space for new possibilities. We are simply grateful to you for your past and future generous gifts. Please join us by visiting www.gracehere.org/online-giving, or filling out the giving card located in the narthex. If contributing by check, please write "Fill the Gap" on the memo line.

Blessings to you!

Wendy Tyner and Julie Shryock, Co-chairs