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Grace Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb. 10, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Preacher | Deanna Gemmer

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Maple

I know for a while again
the health of self-forgetfulness,
looking out at the sky through
a notch in the valley side,
the black woods wintry on
the hills, small clouds at sunset
passing across. And I know
that this is one of the thresholds
between Earth and Heaven,
from which even I may step
forth from my self and be free

~ Wendell Berry

Prelude | La Beauté Existe dans la Monde *Solo by Merry Cockroft*

Words: Martin Cockroft & Merry Cockroft | Music: Martin Cockroft

(Translation: In the world there is beauty)

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

Gathering Song | All Shall Be Well

Words: Julian of Norwich | Music: Cynthia Bourgeault

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "All shall be well and all shall be well and". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "all man-ner of things_ shall be well be well." The music is simple and contemplative.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Call to Worship

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

Celebrant In the beginning

People was the Word.

Celebrant The Word was with God,

People and the word was God.

Celebrant In the beginning was God.

People All things came into being through God. What has come into being is life,

Celebrant and that life is the light of all people.

People The light shines in the darkness,

Celebrant and the darkness did not

People will not

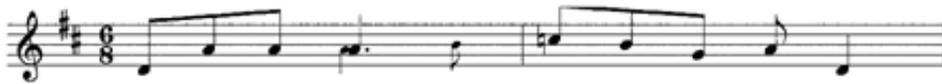
Celebrant can not

People overcome it.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Gather Us In

by Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing.



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



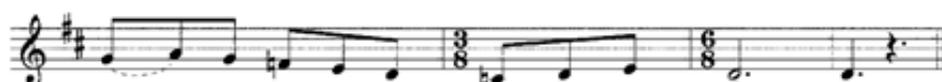
Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The whole earth is full of your glory, Holy One. Grant us a clear vision of your steadfast love, that we may hear your voice and find what is ordinary made holy in your presence. Strengthen us to respond to your call with joy. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 138

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

**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | I Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | **Take, O Take Me as I Am**

by John Bell



Take O take me as I am Sum-mon out what I shall be

Set your seal u-pon my heart and live in me.

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Gathering

Leader "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of the robe filled the temple."

Holy God, your enduring love is our eternal song.

All Fill us with praises that never end.

Environment

Leader "O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands."
Give us wisdom to care for the earth as your creation. Strengthen us to conserve and protect the gifts that sustain our lives.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,

All lead us in our prayers.

World and Faith Leaders

Leader "All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth... Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar."

Inspire leaders in government, learning, service, and faith communities to seek the well-being of all people. We pray for justice and peace.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,
All **lead us in our prayers.**

Prayer Requests

Leader "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe."
Sustain those close to us who walk in places of trouble. We pray for the disabled, for those who are sick or afraid, for the aging and their helpers, and for those who have asked for our prayers.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,
All **lead us in our prayers.**

Vocation

Leader "Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him."
Inspire around the world those who sense your Spirit calling them to a new or deepening place of faith. We pray especially for our confirmands who begin their journey together today.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,
All **lead us in our prayers.**

Gratitude

Leader "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

Thank you for those in every generation who carry a clear vision of your love, and who respond faithfully to your call. Give us grace to respond to you in our time and place.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,
All **lead us in our prayers.**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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 | Longing

Words: Psalm 139: 1-10; tr. Stephen Mitchell | Music: Vaughan Williams, Charles Rus, Martin Cockcroft

Solos performed by Barbara Hume, Daniel Love, Dusty Collings, & Holly Renfrew

Lord, you have searched me and known me;
you understand everything I do;
you are closer to me than my thoughts.

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

You see through my selfishness and weakness,
into my inmost self.

There is not one corner of my mind
that you do not know completely

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

You are present before me, behind me,
and you hold me in the palm of your hand.
Such knowledge is too awesome to grasp;
so deep that I cannot fathom it.

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

Where can I go from your spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I take the wings of the morning,
and fly to the ends of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me,
and your spirit will give me strength.

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

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. My heart, my heart a - dore you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!



My heart is glad to say the words you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor! (Repeat first verse)

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 | Be Still and Know

by Martin Cockroft

Be Still and know that I am God Be still and know
 Be still and know Be still and know

In God Alone My Soul

Words: Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
 Mon â-me se re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de
 God my peace and joy. On-ly in God my
 lui vient mon se-lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
 soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
 â-me se re-po-se, se re-pose en paix.

Last time

Come Aching Hearts

Words: Anis Mojgani | Music: Ann Strickland

Come— ach - ing hearts you're al - most home Come ach - ing hearts you're al -
 most home Come ach - ing hearts you're al - most home. Come clos - er, come clos - er, come

Healer of Our Every Ill

by Marty Haugen

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Verses

1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
 2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing,
 3. Give us strength to love each oth - er,
 4. You who know each thought and feel - ing,
 Grace us with your peace and glad - ness,
 How your grace is still un - fold - ing,
 Ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er,
 Teach us all your way of heal - ing,

D.C.

Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
 Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
 Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
 Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

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 | Listen, God is Calling

Tanzanian traditional. Text translated by Howard S. Olson, music arranged by Austin C. Lovelace

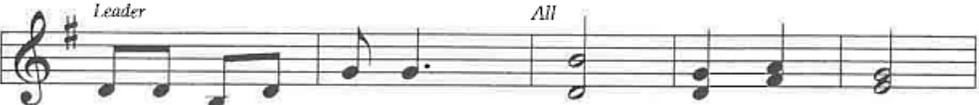
Cantor: Barbara Hume



Lis - ten: lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the word in - vit - ing,



of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy.



1 Je - sus tells his peo - ple: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,



that he came to save us — and sets us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, — led by your Word.

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.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God, the peace of Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit be yours today and always.
Amen.

Closing Song | You Can't Stop the Spirit

by Ana Hernandez

You can't stop the spir - it She goes on and on, She is
3
like a moun - tain hold - ing strong.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



An excerpt from “Mass for the Day of St. Thomas Didymus”

ii Gloria

Praise the wet snow
 falling early.

Praise the shadow
 my neighbor’s chimney casts on the tile roof
even this gray October day that should, they say,
have been golden.

 Praise

The invisible sun burning beyond
 the white cold sky, giving us
light and the chimney’s shadow.

Praise

god or the gods, the unknown,
that which imagined us, which stays
out hand,
our murderous hand,
 and gives us

still,

in the shadow of death,
 our daily live,
 and the dream still

of goodwill, of peace on earth.

Praise

Flow and change, night and
The pulse of day.

~ *Denise Levertov*

Blessing of Wings

I want to tell you
the first thing I saw here
was wings.

Not like the ones
you see in the paintings,
dazzling and ethereal—

the wings here
shine, yes,
but think of
the osprey we watched
that day,
how it flashed
in the sunlight
as it loosed itself
from the sky,

plummeting between
the two worlds
like a taloned angel,
not so much fallen
as flung,

all heart
and sinew
and nerve
as it went for
the catch it had found—
impossibly, it would seem—
from that far distance.

The wings here,
they belong
to something like that—
something that knows
how to go for the throat,
something with
piercing sight
that can find you from
that other realm,
except that here
we are so willingly caught,
carried into something
I can hardly say.

What else?

This light that
never leaves,
even when night comes—
and night does come, here—
but then the light
is more felt
than seen,
or—and I know this
is hard to fathom,
but trust me—
more heard,
like a singing brilliance
that goes straight
to your bones.

And time—
I will save that
as a surprise, but
I will say for now
you will find it both
more familiar

and more strange
than you imagined.

Keep listening
to your heartbeat,
and that will tell you
something.

I want to say
you should be at peace
about it all,
but it is hard
to find the words
for what I mean

when mostly
I want you
to know that,
of any blessing
I could give you
right now,
it would be
those wings.

~ Jan Richardson

from *The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*, Wanton Gospeller Press, © 2016

News from Grace | February 10, 2019

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Upcoming Events & Programs

February 10

Deepen, Connect, and Explore: Grace's 2019 Confirmation Program Begins

4-6 pm Youth, 5:30-7:30 pm Adults

If you're seeking renewal in faith, have come to Grace from another tradition and have not yet been confirmed, or are simply interested in reflecting on the big questions of life and faith, please join in Grace's Confirmation series. Get details and fill out an interest form at gracehere.org/confirmation-program-2019.

February 12

Discussion: Race and Equity in America | 7-8:30 pm

A presentation and discussion with Cheryl Nuñez, experienced community organizer and equity consultant, and Vice President for Equity & Inclusion at Olympic College. Together we'll enter into a conversation about race and equity as we seek to understand justice and live more fully into our calling for love and inclusion.

February 16

Gaga Ball Court | 9 am

Construction of the Gaga Ball Court has been postponed from February 9 until February 16, starting at 9 am. Please bring or loan cordless drills if you have them! Info: Martin Garthwaite, martin@garthwaite.biz

February 17

Grace Parents' Meeting to be rescheduled

With some school districts' winter break falling during this time, the parents' meeting will be rescheduled from February 17 to a different date. Stay tuned for info, and email kim@gracehere.org for more information.

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 in the middle classroom.

Knitting into the Mystery

10-11:45 am each 4th Monday

Centering Prayer

Noon to 1 pm Tuesdays

Healing Eucharist & Bible Study

10:30 am to noon Wednesdays

Streets of Seattle

5 pm each 3rd Tuesday starting in the Grace kitchen

Mom's Morning Retreat

9:30-11 am each 1st & 3rd Thursday in Walker Hall.

Island Kirtan

7-8:30 pm each 1st Thursday

Compassionate Caring Support Group

9:30-11 am each 2nd & 4th Friday in the Grace living room

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 each 3rd Saturday

Team Flower Altar Arrangements

To participate, contact janicejeffcoat@msn.com

February 19

Streets of Seattle | 5 pm

Streets of Seattle provides a warm, healthy dinner each month to Seattle's homeless community. Meet in the Grace kitchen, cook, and then head over by ferry. Volunteers are welcome and needed for cooking and serving. Get details and a sign-up link at www.gracehere.org/streets-of-seattle.

February 22

Super Suppers | 3 pm at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

The next Super Suppers will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019. We're always looking for new volunteers to help prepare and serve a free meal for our neighbors in Winslow. For information or to join in, email Cindy Logan, cindyanola@gmail.com.

February 24

Grace Annual Meeting | 11:30 am

This year's Annual Meeting will take place in the sanctuary directly following coffee hour. Reports from members of the Vestry and PMC are due to Diane (office@gracehere.org) by February 11.

Other News of Note

Helpline House Needs

Our collection for Helpline House is ongoing. Right now they could use cereal, oatmeal, jams & jellies, and broths. Look for our donation station in the narthex.

Warm and Dry Drive for KIAC

Thanks to those who have contributed to our KIAC Warm and Dry drive! Continued donations of new or like-new towels, washcloths, and toiletries are welcome and can be dropped in the kid-decorated box in the narthex. Read the latest KIAC blog post on our website to learn more about KIAC's work and how you can get involved.

Save the Dates

Grace Summer Camp July 9-12, 2019 • Camp Resurrección July 14-19

Planning for both camps is under way. Applications will be available for camp counselor positions on February 15. For more information, email kim@gracehere.org.