

Grace Episcopal Church

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
March 3, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us
Rector | Wren Blessing
Music | Martin Cockroft
Tribe | Cherry

Photo from pilgrimage by Kathie McCarthy



"Then from the cloud came a voice ..." Luke 9.35

the light that came to lucille clifton

came in a shift of knowing
when even her fondest sureties
faded away. it was the summer
she understood that she had not understood
and was not mistress even
of her own off eye, then
the man escaped throwing away his tie and
the children grew legs and started walking and
she could see the peril of an
unexamined life.
she closed her eyes, afraid to look for her
authenticity
but the light insists on itself in the world;
a voice from the nondead past started talking,
she closed her ears and it spelled out in her hand
"you might as well answer the door, my child,
the truth is furiously knocking."

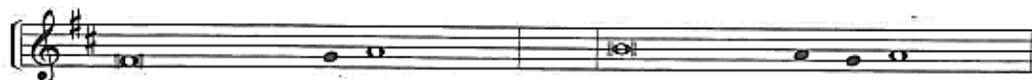
~ Lucille Clifton, 1980

This week, children join their families for worship and the homily, after which they will process out for the Little Community, a special time to meet together for prayers and music. The Little Community will take place the first Sunday of every month.

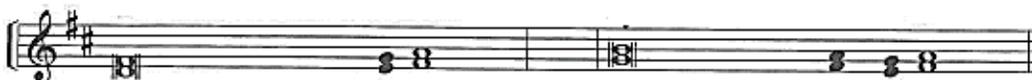
A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts. We remain seated.

Gathering Song | In Beauty Happily I Walk

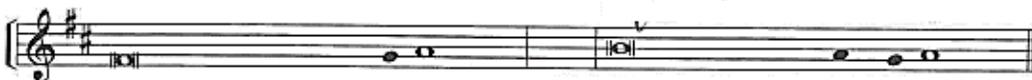
Navajo Dawn Chant | Music: Johannes Somary



In beauty happily I walk * in beauty happi-ly I walk



With beauty before me I walk * with beauty before me I walk



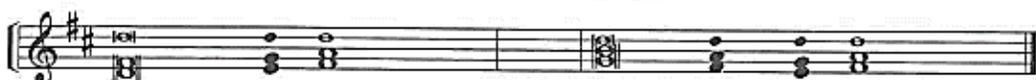
With beauty behind me I walk * with beauty behind me I walk



With beauty above me I walk * with beauty above me I walk



With beauty all around me I walk * with beauty all around me I walk



It is finished in beauty * it is fi - nished in beauty

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 | There is More Love Somewhere

Traditional African American Hymn

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'There is More Love Somewhere'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: 'There is more love* some - where. There is'. The second staff continues: 'more love some - where. I'm gon-na'. The third staff continues: 'keep on 'til I find it. There is'. The fourth staff concludes: 'more love some - where.'.

* Additional verses: hope, peace, joy

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Make your dwelling among us, God of hope. Call us your beloved again today. As we wait for your voice, transform us in the freedom of your Spirit. Through us, draw near to those who do not know that they are beloved. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

After the reading, the reader will say

 The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 99

The Lord is King;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

**The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

**"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | **Our Darkness is Never Darkness**

Words: Taizé Community | Music Jacques Berthier



Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
deep - est night is clear as the day - light.

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 9:28-36

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" --not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

At the 9:30am service, children are invited to join Wren for a brief conversation. Afterwards, children are invited to process out together to gather for the Little Community. They will return for Communion.

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 “Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.”

In this season of growing light, move us to respond to your voice in our midst, in our hometown.

All May we see Christ's spirit and energy in many people near to us.

Prayer Requests

Leader “Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.”
We offer prayers for those we carry in our hearts, for the disabled, the aging and their helpers, and for those on our prayer list.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,

All lead us in our prayers.

Gratitude

Leader “Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill.”
God, we give thanks for ways that we encounter your love in our community, in our neighbors, and in our families and companions.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,

All lead us in our prayers.

Relationships

Leader “We have such a hope, we act with great boldness.”
We pray for those whose emotional, spiritual, or physical journey is fearful or dangerous.
Christ, open us, and all in need to experience your hope and love.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,

All lead us in our prayers.

Environment

Leader “As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.”

Move us to act out of love for the earth that you have made, so that we conserve and protect the diverse life around us.

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 “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
Fill the leaders of our world and of faith communities with compassion to seek peace and
serve others with generosity.

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

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

Closing

Leader “Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to
him!’”

All **Hear our prayers, God of love, and open us to your presence in the world.**

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 | Let Your Little Light Shine

Trad. Georgia Sea Island Spiritual

Refrain:

**Let your little light shine, shine, shine,
And let it shine, O my lord,
There might be someone down in the valley trying to get home.**

**It may be you or it may be me traveling over the land or the deep blue sea,
Yes there might be someone down in the valley trying to get home.
Travelin’ from near or from lands afar, travel by morning sun or the evening star,
yes there might be someone down in the valley trying to get home.**

Refrain

**It may be me or it may be you. It might be your brother or your sister, too,
There might be someone down in the valley trying to get home.
In times of joy or in times of woe, now don’t you ever let your lamp burn low,
‘cause there might be someone down in the valley trying to get home.**

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. 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 | Count on Me

by Ari Levine / Peter Hernandez / Philip Lawrence

Offered by Dani Gemmer

If you ever find yourself stuck in the middle of the sea,
I'll sail the world to find you
If you ever find yourself lost in the dark and you can't see,
I'll be the light to guide you
Find out what we're made of
When we are called to help our friends in need

Chorus:

You can count on me like one two three
I'll be there
And I know when I need it I can count on you like
four three two
You'll be there
'Cause that's what friends are supposed to do, oh yeah.

If you tossin' and you're turnin' and you just can't fall asleep
I'll sing a song
Beside you
And if you ever forget how much you really mean to me
Everyday I will
Remind you

Ooh

Find out what we're made of
When we are called to help our friends in need

Chorus

You'll always have my shoulder when you cry
I'll never let go
Never say goodbye
You know you can

Chorus

Oh, oh
You can count on me 'cause I can count on you

Be Love

by Ann Strickland



Within Our Darkest Night

Words: Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -
way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The lyrics 'With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the' are aligned under this staff. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, and a quarter note E3. The lyrics 'fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -' are aligned under this staff. The third staff continues with a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The lyrics 'way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the' are aligned under this staff. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, a quarter note F#1, a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, and a quarter note C1. The lyrics 'fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.' are aligned under this staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*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 | The Lord is My Light

by Lillian Bouknight

1 The Lord is my light and my___ sal - va - tion, the

Lord is my light and my___ sal - va - tion, the

Lord is my light and my___ sal - va - tion;

whom___ shall I___ fear?

Refrain

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; whom

shall I fear? 2 In the time of trou - ble,

he shall hide me, O in the time of trou - ble,

he shall hide me, in the time___ of trou - ble,

he shall hide me; whom shall I fear?___

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: your Creator has made you holy, protects you, and loves you without end. The blessing of God be upon you, the love of Christ grown in you and the freedom of the Spirit move through your hands and your feet today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All in my house
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, all in my house
I'm going to let it shine
All in my house
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Out in the dark
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, out in the dark
I'm going to let it shine
Out in the dark
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

The flowers on the table in Walker Hall today are given in gratitude for the work of Anne Kundtz and Rachel Yobs who are completing their work as Membership Ministers at Grace.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Transfiguration

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

~ *Malcolm Guite*

When I Am Among the Trees

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."

~*Mary Oliver*

Light

And then there was Mr. Luman, the teacher
whose death they announced on Tuesday.
He vowed to donate ten thousand dollars
to whichever of us named our first kid
Igor Stravinsky. We should send him a telegram,
he said. He'd cut off his thumbs for culture.
He'd be happy to dive five stories naked
from the window of English to make us
understand "To Be or Not To Be."
He knew we thought he had no life,
that he was a cardboard cutout
they wheeled from the closet every
morning. And really, what was he
but the longing he wanted to instill
in us for the finer things? He was nothing
but fumes that lingered after the last note
of the Brahms *Requiem*. He dodged through
subjects like a bumper car at a carnival.
He had to teach us everything!
He begged us not to smoke, to see *The Nutcracker*.
He claimed Hamlet was the only character
smart enough to have written the play he's in.
When the bell rang,
he was still talking about Queen Elizabeth,
how Lord Burghley brought a ten-pound note
to the coronation to buy back the British crown
from God, who is the true king.
We unfolded our bright limbs from his old desks
and filed past him to Math. The last thing
I heard him say before he met the train
at the blind crossing, was how in Egypt
when the dead knock to get into heaven
if their good deeds equal the weight
of one feather, they are let in.

~ Jeanne Murray Walker, from *Poetry* (March 1998)

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Upcoming Events & Programs

March 5

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | 5:30-7:30 pm

As we prepare for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, share a plate of pancakes during our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The Men of Grace will prepare a feast of buttermilk and gluten free pancakes, pork and veggie sausages, and applesauce. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Join us! Men of Grace: We are looking for volunteers from 4:15-8:30 pm for setup, serving, and cleanup. Come give a hand during this fun Grace tradition! See Friday's eNews for a signup link, or contact Eric Matthews: eric@ericematthews.com or 206.718.2254.

March 6

Ash Wednesday Liturgies | 10:30 am and 7 pm

Prayer, music, silence, the imposition of ashes, and Eucharist. On Ash Wednesday we will pause together, taking time to consider where we come from and where we are going. This slowing down and paying attention, this opportunity to do so with one another, with ashes and embrace, in song and in prayer, is for all of us, in all phases of life. Nursery care will be available at 7 pm.

March 7

Movies that Matter: *Chasing Coral* | 7 pm, Bainbridge Public Library

Divers, photographers, and scientists filmed the underwater world near more than 30 countries to discover why coral reefs are disappearing and reveal the underwater mystery to the world. Earth and Spirit invites you to attend this beautiful, urgent film. Info: www.sustainablebainbridge.org.

March 10

Sandwiches for Seattle (Volunteers needed!) | After coffee hour

Attention middle schoolers: our next trip to Seattle will take place after church. We'll be inviting volunteers to help make lunches, after which we'll hop on the ferry together. We're looking for volunteer drivers, chaperones, lunch assembly people, and a brave soul to shop for supplies – list and funds provided. To join in and help out, contact Kim, kim@gracehere.org.

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 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

Island Kirtan

7-8:30 pm each 1st Thursday

Compassionate Caring Support Group

9:30-11 am each 2nd & 4th Friday

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

Upcoming Events & Programs, continued

Whales to Wells – Protecting our Waters | 12:30-5 pm at IslandWood

At this year's Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) Environmental Conference, participants will explore issues of sustainability of water quality and quantity, and examine the science, impact, and infrastructure in local and global systems. Earth and Spirit invites you to participate! Info and registration: www.islandwood.org.

March 12-April 9

Tuesday Evening Lenten Series | 5:30 pm

Gather on Tuesday evenings in Lent to play, pray, and share in large and small group discussions centered around the theme of journeying home, anchored by a shared reading of Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.

- **5:30-6:30 pm** – Games and activities for all ages
- **6:30 pm** – Soup Supper. (*Soup chefs are needed! Please sign up in Walker Hall and contact Rachel Yobs for info: rachelyobs@comcast.net.*)
- **7 pm** – Large and small group discussion

Nursery care will be provided. Info: kim@gracehere.org.

March 14

***The Return of the Prodigal Son*: Expanded Discussion Series Begins | 11 am**

Beginning March 14, those interested in a deeper discussion of our shared reading are invited to gather on Thursday mornings at 11 am. Please contact Jim Quitslund, jquitslund@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining this group.

March 24

Agate Pass Threshold Choir, Songs and Stories of Compassion and Comfort | 3 pm

The choir will present an afternoon of calming and compassionate songs that uplift the human spirit and create moments of grace during difficult times. Free; reception to follow. Info: thresholdchoir.org or Fran Moen, fmmoen@gmail.com.

Other News of Note

Second Youth Pilgrimage Opportunity

Apply now: Pasayten Wilderness Pilgrimage | July 21-25, 2019

Join friends from Grace and Pilgrim Trekking as we venture north and also cross our own boundaries of challenge and friendship. This trip is designed for current high schoolers ready for a short wilderness pilgrimage, and is open to rising freshmen. Cost: \$600 (financial assistance available). A wonderful way to prepare for a longer pilgrimage in future years. Find the signup link in this past Friday's eNews, or email communications@gracehere.org.