



“Golden Hour Grace” by Elizabeth VanDuine

Grace Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Blackberry

What We Need is Here

Geese appear high over us,
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,
as in love or sleep, holds
them to their way, clear
in the ancient faith: what we need
is here. And we pray, not
for new earth or heaven, but to be
quiet in heart, and in eye,
clear. What we need is here.

~Wendell Berry

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

Gathering Song | Lay Me Low

Words: Shaker Traditional | Music: Daniel Schwandt

Musical score for the song "Lay Me Low". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lay me low, where the Lord can find me. Lay me low, where the Lord can hold me. Lay me low, where the Lord can bless me. Lay me low, Lord, lay me low. Lay me".

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Celebrant God above us, God beside us, God beneath us,
People God at our center, God at the edge, God with us.
Celebrant God, you are gracious and full of compassion.
People Your mercy endures forever.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Lord Have Mercy

by Stefan Andre Waliger

Musical score for the song "Lord Have Mercy". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, on us." The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy One, thank you for waiting for us, for receiving with joy all who come home to you. Enfold us in your kindness and mercy. As we gather around your table, open our hands, hearts, and minds to seek the reconciliation from which your new creation grows. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

After the reading, the reader will say

 The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness 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 | I am Walking a Path of Peace

by Janet Bauman Tissandier

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the first line, and a final double bar line at the end of the third line.

I am walk-ing a path of peace*, I am walk-ing a path of
peace*, I am walk-ing a path of peace*, lead me home,
lead me home. I am home.

* "I am walking a path of love ...",
"I am walking a path of hope...",
"I am walking a path of joy..."

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 the season of Lent, we join Grace's children in the prayers they offer each week.

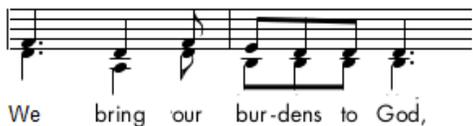
Traditional South African song



We bring our bur-dens to God, we bring our
bur - dens to God, we bring our bur - dens to God for
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

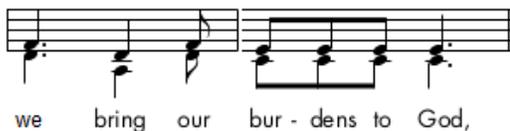
Silence

Leader We pray for all people in their daily life and work;
All **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**



We bring our bur-dens to God,

Leader For this community, for the nation, and the world;
All **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**



we bring our bur - dens to God,

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
All **For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression,**

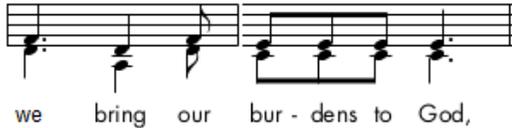


we bring our bur - dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
All **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and to all who are in need.**



Leader For the peace and unity of the people of God;
All **For all who proclaim the good news, and all who seek the truth.**



Leader For Grace's tribes and their leaders for Grace's pastoral care team, for our Bishops,
Michael and Greg;
All **For all who serve God in the World.**

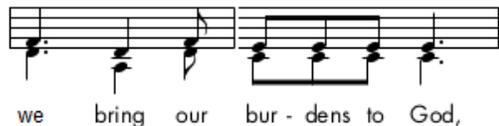


Leader For the needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts

Leader For all who have experienced trauma, loss, or despair.
All **For those who have no one to pray for them.**



Leader For healing of broken relationships in our lives
All **and for communities torn by violence.**



Leader We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts

**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 Jesus said, “your sins are forgiven.” In the name of God who created you and waits to welcome you home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness, you have been forgiven and set free. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

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

After the peace, we are seated.

Offertory Song | Homeward Bound *by Paul Simon*

I'm sitting in the railway station
Got a ticket to my destination
On a tour of one-night stands my suitcase and
guitar in hand
And every stop is neatly planned for a poet and
a one-man band

Refrain:

Homeward bound
I wish I was
Homeward bound
Home where my thought's escaping
Home where my music's playing
Home where my love lies waiting
Silently for me

Every day's an endless stream
Of cigarettes and magazines
And each town looks the same to me, the movies
and the factories
And every stranger's face I see reminds me that I
long to be

Refrain

Tonight I'll sing my songs again
I'll play the game and pretend
But all my words come back to me in shades of
mediocrity
Like emptiness in harmony I need someone to
comfort me

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:

by Bernadette Farrell

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of power,
Lord God of might, Lord God of power and might, —
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na —
— in the high - est. — Ho - san - na, Ho - san -
na ho - san - na — in the high - est. —
Bless - ed bless - ed bless - ed bless - ed is he who
comes in the name who comes in the Lord's own name. Ho - san -
na, 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 | You Are My Hiding Place

by Michael James Ledner

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of seven lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line begins with a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a common time signature change to 4/4. The lyrics are: "You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When - ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you, I will trust in you. Let the weak say, 'I am strong in the strength of the Lord.'" The final line is marked "Last time" and ends with a double bar line. A box labeled "To repeat" is placed above the final line of music.

You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways
fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When -
ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you,
I will trust in you. Let the weak say,
"I am strong in the strength of the Lord."
strength of the Lord, I will trust in you."

Can't be Long

By Barbara Hall

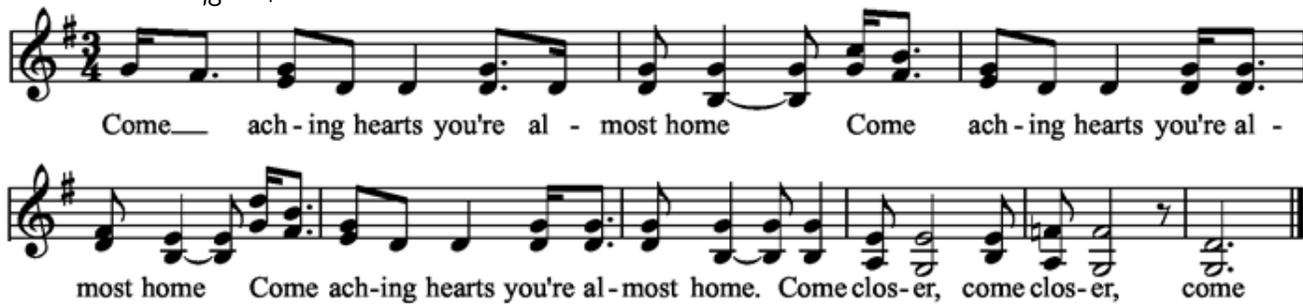


1. Well I think I'll go down___ to the ri- ver_ and let that wa-ter wash o-ver me,___
Yes I think I'll go down___ to the ri ver_ and let that wa-ter wash o-ver me,___
'Cause it can't be long,___ no it can't be long,___ un-til my Lord___ re-mem-bers me.

2. Well I think I'll go into the forest and let that darkness rush over me.
Yes I think I'll go into the forest and let that darkness rush over me.
'Cause it can't be long, no it can't be long until my Lord remembers me.
3. Well I think I'll go into the mountains and let that cold wind cut through me.
Yes I think I'll go into the mountains and let that cold wind cut through me.
'Cause it can't be long, no it can't be long until my Lord remembers me.
4. Well I think I'll go into the valley and let that green grass grow over me.
Yes I think I'll go into the valley and let that green grass grow over me.
'Cause it can't be long, I hope it won't be long until my Lord remembers me.
'Cause it can't be long, I hope it won't be long until my Lord remembers me.

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

What We Need is Here

by Amy McCreath

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "What we need is here." The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note, and the second staff 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 King of Love My Shepherd is

Words: Henry Williams Baker from Psalm 23 | Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed
3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he's lead - ing, And where the ver - dant
love he sought me; And on his shoul - der
I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.
pas - tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me."

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 you know the hope of God who waits for you with open arms, the friendship of Christ our true brother, and may you walk in the peace of the Spirit as you go from this place. The blessing of God who was and is and is to come be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Thank You for Loving Me

by Sinead O'Connor

1. Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for
5
lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

in time of daffodils (who know
the goal of living is to grow)
forgetting why, remember how

in time of lilacs who proclaim
the aim of waking is to dream,
remember so (forgetting seem)

in time of roses (who amaze
our now and here with paradise)
forgetting if, remember yes

in time of all sweet things beyond
whatever mind may comprehend,
remember seek (forgetting find)

and in a mystery to be
(when time from time shall set us free)
forgetting me, remember me.

~e.e. cummings

Home Again, Home Again

The children are back, the children are back—
They've come to take refuge, exhale and unpack;
The marriage has faltered, the job has gone bad,
Come open the door for them, Mother and Dad.

The city apartment is leaky and cold,
The landlord lascivious, greedy and old—
The mattress is lumpy, the oven's encrusted,
The freezer, the fan, and the toilet have rusted.

The company caved, the boss went broke,
The job and the love affair, all up in smoke.
The anguish of loneliness comes as a shock—
O heart in the doldrums, O heart in hock.

And so they return with their piles of possessions,
Their terrified cats and their mournful expressions,
Reclaiming the bedrooms they had in their teens,
Clean towels, warm comforter, glass figurines.

Downstairs in the kitchen the father and mother
Don't say a word, but they look at each other
As down from the hill comes Jill, comes Jack.
The children are back. The children are back.

~ Marilyn L. Taylor

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Resources for Lent

Stop by the resource table in the narthex to find Lenten meditations, reading guides, and other information to enrich your Lenten journey. For a schedule of Grace liturgies and programs, visit gracehere.org and under the **Worship** tab, click **Lent and Holy Week 2019**.

Upcoming Events & Programs

March 31

Safeguarding Training | 11:30 am in the Music Room

If you volunteer with children or have keys to the church property, the Diocese requires you to participate in Safeguarding Training. Email kim@gracehere.org to RSVP or if you're unsure whether you need to attend. Can't make it this time? Other sessions will be held later in the year. Note: This is not a training for teens; a separate Safeguarding Training will be held soon for our teen helpers.

Memorial for Doug Ferguson | 3:00 pm, Grace Church

A memorial for our brother, Doug Ferguson, will be held at Grace this Sunday, March 31st, at 3:00 pm.

April 2

Open Mic Science | 8 pm, Treehouse Cafe

Earth and Spirit invites you to the next installment of this series, presented by Dr. Jodi Young and exploring photosynthesis in the ocean. Info: openmicscience.weebly.com.

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

April 2 & 9

Tuesdays Together in Lent | 5:30 pm

Our Tuesday evening Lenten gatherings continue. Nursery care will be provided.

5:30-6 pm all-ages games & activities | **6:15 pm** soup supper | **7 pm** group discussions

On April 2 while adults meet for reflection and discussion, kids will have a special opportunity to plant sugar snap pea seeds and take a moonlit walk on Grace's trails. If you want to participate, bring warm clothes and a flashlight! Info: kim@gracehere.org.

April 4

Movies that Matter: *Idle Threat* | 7 pm, Bainbridge Public Library

Earth and Spirit invites you to a lively look at one man's spirited struggle to improve public health by raising awareness of the impact of idling cars on public health. Info: sustainablebainbrige.org.

April 4 & 11

***The Return of the Prodigal Son: Thursday's Deeper Look* | Noon-1 pm**

Beginning March 21, those interested in a deeper look at our shared Lenten reading are invited to gather on Thursdays at noon for a brown bag book discussion. Prior attendance at Tuesday's discussion is not required. To join in, contact Jim Quitslund, jquitslund@gmail.com.

Other News of Note



Memorial Gifts for Easter

Team Flower invites the Grace community to contribute to the Easter Flower fund in memory of a loved one. Gifts are welcome in any amount, and remembrances will be listed in a special Easter bulletin insert. Look for a submission form in today's bulletin, or download it at gracehere.org/lent-and-holy-week-at-grace.

Deadline: Monday, April 15.

Grace Camp and Camp Resurrección: Apply to Be a Crew Leader Today

Camp is coming! Sixth graders and older are invited to be counselors for Grace Camp. To be a counselor in Camp Resurrección, you must be a rising 8th grader (you will be in 8th grade in fall 2019) and serve as a counselor at Grace Camp 2019. Email kim@gracehere.org for the online application link.