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Grace Episcopal Church

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

November 10, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Cherry

Song for Autumn

In the deep fall
don't you imagine the leaves think how
comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the
nothingness of air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don't you think
the trees themselves, especially those with mossy,
warm caves, begin to think

of the birds that will come — six, a dozen — to sleep
inside their bodies? And don't you hear
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,
the everlasting being crowned with the first
tuffets of snow? The pond
vanishes, and the white field over which
the fox runs so quickly brings out
its blue shadows. And the wind pumps its
bellows. And at evening especially,
the piled firewood shifts a little,
longing to be on its way.

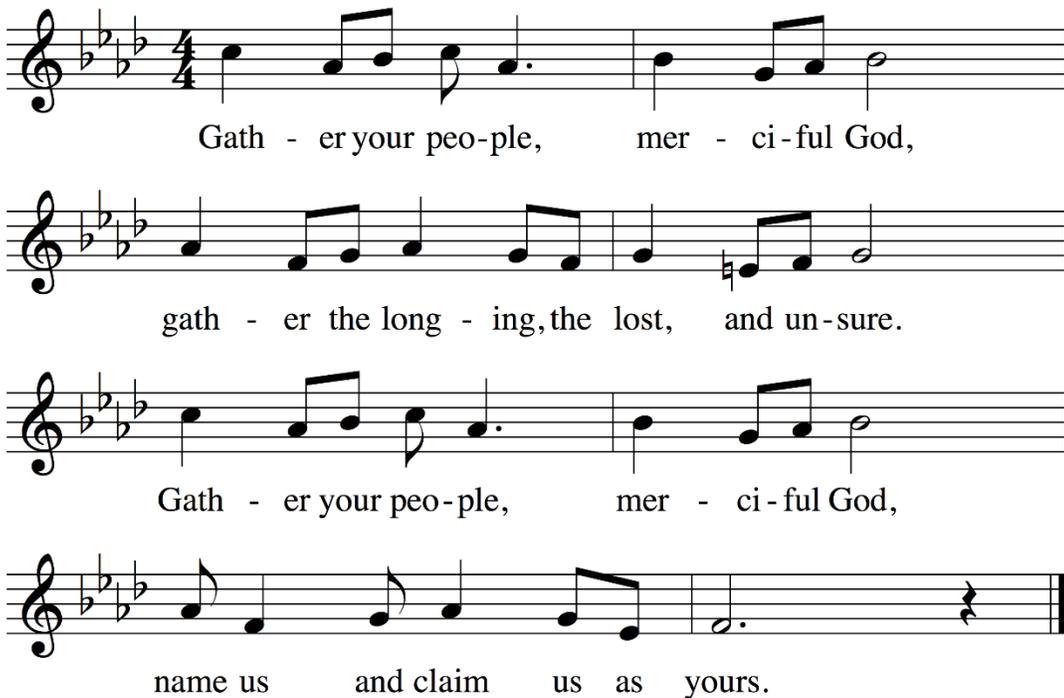
~Mary Oliver from *Poetry*, May 2005

Songs & readings omitted at the 8:00 service are marked with an *

A bell rings. We listen to the longing of our hearts.

Gathering Song | Gather Your People

Words: Mary Louise Bringle | Music: Tony Alonso



Gath - er your peo-ple, mer - ci - ful God,
gath - er the long - ing, the lost, and un - sure.
Gath - er your peo-ple, mer - ci - ful God,
name us and claim us as yours.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Celebrant From many places, with many stories,

People we come. Meet us here.

Celebrant With gratitude and uncertainty, anxieties and joys,

People we come. Give us rest.

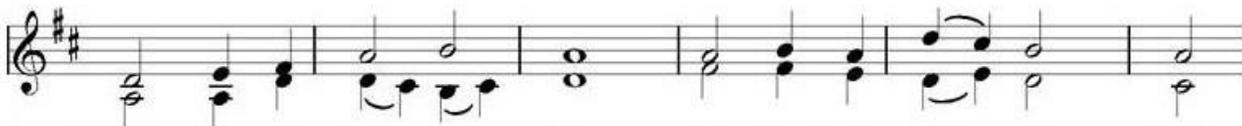
Celebrant We rejoice in your promise:

People nothing can separate us from your love. Welcome us home.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Come Down O Love Divine *

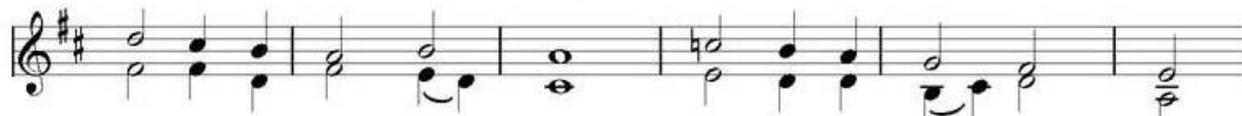
Words: Bianco da Siena; tr. Richard Frederick Littledale | Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of the living, draw us to know you as the One who brings life and the One in whom life never ends. By your Spirit, strengthen us day by day to walk in your good hope, so that our work and words may bring life to others. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

 O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead

 they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

 and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed,

 then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,

 and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

After the reading, the reader will say

 The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the psalm.

Psalm | 17:1-9

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
I have heeded the words of your lips.**

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

From the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 *

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | **See, I am Near**

The Taizé Community

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

The Celebrant 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 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Words & Music: Martin Cockroft

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'The Prayers of the People'. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is a single melodic line with lyrics: 'God please make a way for us'. The second staff is a harmonic accompaniment consisting of two voices (treble and bass clefs) with the same lyrics: 'God please make a way for us'. The music is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

Leader We wait upon you, Holy One. Show us your marvelous lovingkindness.

We gather silently in prayer.

Leader “But we must always give thanks to the Lord for you, brothers and sisters, beloved by the Lord.”

We thank you for those who will serve the needs of all in elected office, and for those whose planning, effort, and care provide a structure for us to thrive within.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your guidance,

People we pray to you.

Leader “Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage...’”

We pray for all who are in committed life-partnerships. Give encouragement and wisdom to any who fear their partnership may be broken. Heal all of us for whom home has held painful challenges, and strengthen us to open our hearts to each other.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your grace,

People we pray to you.

Leader “Now he is God not of the dead but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

Sustain and provide for all people who lack food, water, or shelter. Give safety for those who are living in the midst of conflict, and bring your invigorating love near to any who have lost their will to live.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your abundant vitality,

People we pray to you.

Leader “So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught.”

We give thanks for the work of the Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center, and for all who help us to welcome strangers into our midst. Help us to see and respond to the needs of those around us. Strengthen each of us to offer hospitality and material support to our neighbors.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in the refuge you offer to all,

People we pray to you.

Leader “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loves us and through every grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.”

We entrust to you the needs of all gathered here, those in poor health, and those who are grieving. We lift up those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your constant presence,

People we pray to you.

Words & Music: Martin Cockroft

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is a single melodic line with notes for 'God', 'please', 'make', 'a', 'way', 'for', and 'us'. The second staff is a harmonic accompaniment with chords for each word. The lyrics 'God please make a way for us' are written below both staves.

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My
 San - to, san - to, san - to, Mi cor - a - zon te/a - dor - a. Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My

heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.
 cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to/e - res Se - nor.
 heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. And whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We are now invited to share the gifts of Communion.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer alcohol free wine, or a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Music During Communion | 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**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight *

Words: Henry Alford | Music: Samuel McFarland



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

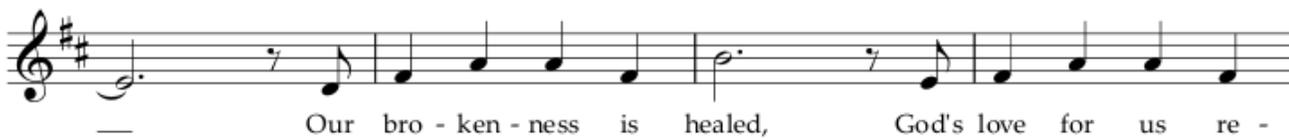
We Are Made Whole * by Scott Lawrence



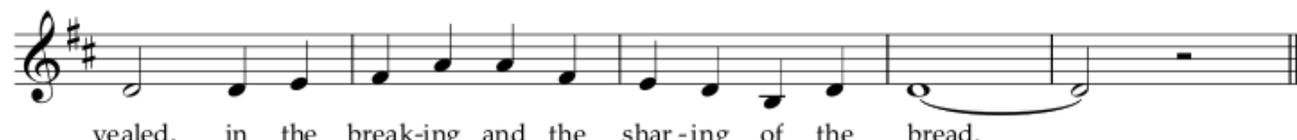
In the break - ing of the bread we are made whole._____



— In the shar - ing of the wine we are made one._____



— Our bro - ken - ness is healed, God's love for us re -



vealed, in the break-ing and the shar-ing of the bread._____

Much Abides *

by Ann Strickland

Freely

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Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is tak-en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features two staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'Freely' instruction and contains two triplet markings over the first and last measures. The lyrics are: 'Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is'. The second staff starts with a measure rest marked '5' and continues with the lyrics: 'tak-en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

We remain seated and sing together.

Song After Communion | We Are Not Alone *

by Martin Cockroft

We are not a lone. We are not a lone.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of a single line of music with the lyrics: 'We are not a lone. We are not a lone.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

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, has always protected you, and strengthens you in every good work and word. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.** *(adapted from St. Clare)*

Closing Song | Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying *

by Ken Medema

Lord lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,

Lord send your spir - it in this place,

Lord lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Send us

love, send us power, send us grace.

Birthday and Anniversaries *

We pray together then sing "God Grant Them Many Years."

Annual Giving Update and Announcements *

A list of Grace's events and activities is printed on the back pages of your bulletin. During this season, spoken announcements are limited to three. Please contact Wren (wren@gracehere.org) in advance to schedule a verbal announcement about a Grace program or event.

Thank you, Grace! (*Danke Schoen*) * Melody by Bert Kaempfert | Words by Wendy Tyner

Offered by Harry Carder

Thank you, Grace, oh, thank you Grace
Thanks for giving us this holy lovely place
Sunday morn, Walker Hall, is the place we meet
Every week, where we greet, life is sweet

Danke schoen, oh danke schoen
Thank you for God's blessings once again
We can pray on every Sunday
Children laugh and sing, all the time
Yours and mine, that is fine

Thank you, Grace, oh, thank you Grace
Thank you for your loving warm embrace
The alter invites us to receive
Or believe on Christmas Eve
My heart says- let's not leave

Danke schoen, oh, danke schoen
I want to thank you for supporting us again
Grace supports us in so many ways
We give thanks and praise, with such amaze
My heart says "Danke schoen"

Thank you, Grace, oh, thank you Grace
Thanks for giving us this lovely holy place
Sunday morn, Walker Hall, is the place we meet
Every week, where we greet, life is sweet

Thank you, Grace
Thank you, Grace
Thank you, Grace

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The Fox

It was an ordinary morning: November, thin light,
and we paused over our pancakes to watch
something red move outside. Our house is on

an untamed patch of land and, across the lagoon,
another house surrounded by trees. On the banks
of their shore, facing us: a fox. We thought

he might be a dog at first for he trotted and sniffed
like a dog but when he turned to us
we knew he was nobody's pet. His face was arranged

like a child's face — playful, dainty — and his eyes
were liquid and wild. He stood for awhile, looking out,
as if he could see us in our pajamas, then found

a patch of sand beneath a tree and turned himself
into a circle of fur: his head tucked into his tail.
It was awful to watch him sleep: exposed,

tiny, his eyes closed. How can any animal
be safe enough to rest? But while I washed
our dishes he woke again, yawned, and ran

away to the places only foxes know. My God
I was tired of being a person. Even now his tail
gestures to me across the disapproving lagoon.

~ Faith Shearin from *Moving the Piano*. © Stephen F. Austin, 2011.

News from Grace | November 10, 2019

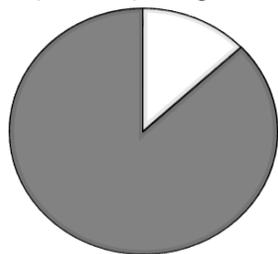
Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

2020 Annual Giving Campaign: Extending the Circle

September 15 to November 10, 2019

Thank you for your generosity!



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A Letter from the Wardens

This weekend marks the end of our 2020 Annual Giving Campaign. We are all deeply indebted to the Annual Giving Team – Julie, Wendy, Joe, Mairead and Wren – for the good and Graceful work done by their good and graceful work. We should once again feel humbled by, and thankful for, the remarkable generosity and commitment shown by the community of Grace.

We anticipate that we will end our Annual Giving Campaign with pledges totaling approximately \$546,000.00 (92% of the goal of \$594,000). In the next couple of months, the Vestry will craft a budget for 2020 based on the results of the Annual Giving Campaign and guided, as always, by our four guiding principles of discovery, gratitude, inclusion and service. That 2020 budget will reflect the Vestry's commitment to our hard-working staff, our beautiful building and grounds, and our many ministries and activities for parishioners of all ages.

Although our Campaign fell short of our goal, we will not lose sight of the strong calling we feel to continue to grow and to expand our impact in the world. As a result of careful planning and conservative financial management by this and past Vestries, we have built up operational reserves which are available to provide seed money in the coming year to jump start or continue growth in critical programs necessary to meet the spiritual and corporal needs of the Grace community. The budget created by the Vestry for 2020 will be presented to the Grace congregation at the Annual Meeting in February for discussion and approval.

Author and musician Kinky Friedman once said that, "Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail." Similarly, the Annual Giving Campaign is of critical importance to the continued existence of Grace as a church, but it's what we do with that money that makes Grace Grace.

Thanks again for your loving support for Grace.

Tom Tyner and Daphne Davies

Ongoing Grace Ministries & Programs

Gather in the nave unless otherwise noted.

Eucharist

8am & 9:30am Sundays

Youth Group Gathering

5 – 7pm 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
11:15 – 2pm Service Sundays on 4th Sundays

Poetry as Prayer Practice

11am 1st & 3rd Sundays

Centering Prayer

Noon to 1pm Tuesdays

Healing Eucharist & Bible Study

10:30am to noon Wednesdays

Grace Music Circle Rehearsals

7pm Wednesdays. Info:
martin@gracehere.org

Streets of Seattle

5pm 3rd Tuesdays starting in the Grace kitchen

Mom's Morning Retreat

9:30-11am 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Thursdays
September through May

Island Kirtan

7-8:30pm 1st Thursdays

Compassionate Caring Support Group

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

Friday Friends Bulletin Folding

10:30am Fridays

Super Suppers

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

Grounds & Trails Work Party

9am to noon 3rd Saturdays

Service Sundays

11:30am-12:30pm 4th Sundays

Team Flower Altar Arrangements

To participate, contact
janicejeffcoat@msn.com

Upcoming Events & Programs

Today, November 10

The Gallery at Grace Artist Reception | 10:30am

Welcome photographer Susan McDonald to The Gallery at Grace at her reception at 10:30am. Her candid photographic images reflect her love and fascination with vast expressions of humanity and various cultures.

Rule of Life Series | 4 – 5:15pm

This is the second in the series of four afternoon sessions. Wren will facilitate small group reflection and large group discussion on different aspects of a rule of life. Contact Wren (wren@gracehere.org) for information.

Youth Group 80's Movie Night & Pizza | 5 – 7pm

Youth in grades 6-12 are going to have a rad night watching *The Princess Bride*, eating pizza and discovering the totally tubular snacks the 80's had to offer.

November 12 | Book Group | Tuesdays | 7 – 8:30pm

Join us for our second of three Tuesdays where Earth & Spirit Ministry offers a book group discussion of [Climate—A New Story](#) by Charles Eisenstein. Contact Deborah Milton (deborahmltn@gmail.com) for more information.

November 14 | Strategic Plan Talk Session | 6:30 – 8pm

Join us for the third session where we will discuss the Strategic Plan. We will explore how God is calling us to pray, grow, hope and serve in our world. Contact Diane (office@gracehere.org) by November 12 if childcare is needed.

November 15 | Wisdom Circle | 9:45 – 11am

Join Rector Wren Blessing, Florrie Munat, and Andrea Barrineau for Wisdom Circle conversations.

November 17 | Youth Group | 5-7pm

Youth in grades 6-12 will be decorating the giving tree for Camp Resurrección and Helpline, in addition to doing our regular activities.

November 19

Streets of Seattle | 5pm

Join us as we make a meal for 150+ and then head to Seattle and serve it at the Outdoor Meal Site. If you would like to help prep the meal in the kitchen and/or come serve in Seattle, sign up on the SignUpGenius on Grace's website (gracehere.org/streets-of-seattle).

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November 21

Mom's Morning Retreat | 9:30-11am

Join us at this gathering, where we will be making blankets and scarves for local children entering foster care. Contact Jenny Lange (langejj@msn.com) with questions.