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Grace Episcopal Church

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 17, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Fern

The Patience of Ordinary Things

It is a kind of love, is it not?
How the cup holds the tea,
How the chair stands sturdy and foursquare,
How the floor receives the bottoms of shoes
Or toes. How soles of feet know
Where they're supposed to be.
I've been thinking about the patience
Of ordinary things, how clothes
Wait respectfully in closets
And soap dries quietly in the dish,
And towels drink the wet
From the skin of the back.
And the lovely repetition of stairs.
And what is more generous than a window?

~ Pat Schneider from *Another River: New and Selected Poems*.

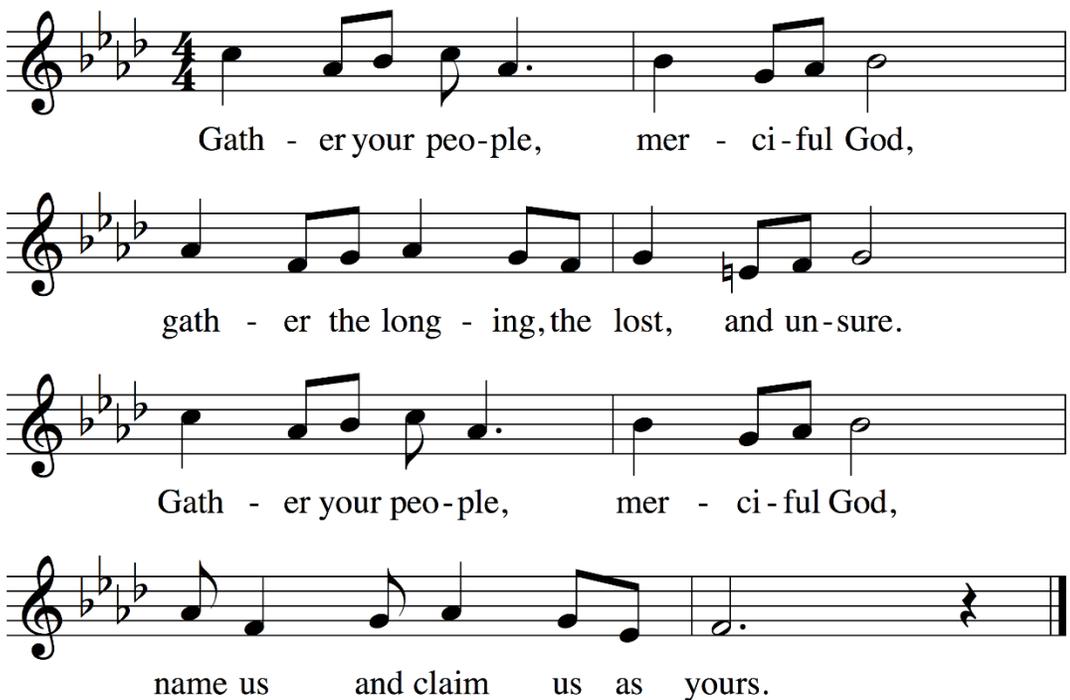
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Songs & readings omitted at the 8:00 service are marked with an *

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.

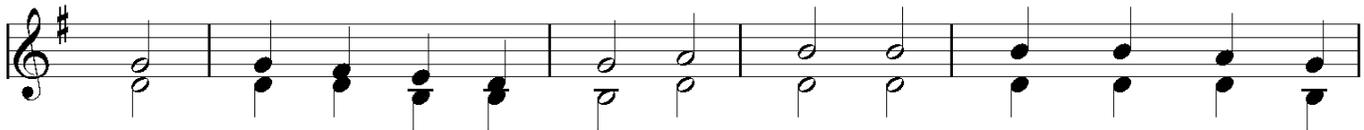
Celebrant We rejoice in your promise:

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

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | All People That on Earth Do Dwell *

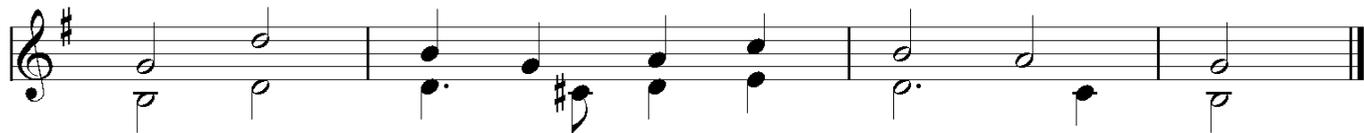
Words: William Kethe | Music: *Old Hundredth*; Genevan Psalter 1551 edition



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his



1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Receive our gratitude, Holy One, and meet us with your joy and delight. Continue your creative work in us. Renew us today and guide the work of our hands. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

(Reading continues on the following page.)

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent— its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

After the reading, the reader will say
The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the canticle.

The First Song of Isaiah | Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | **You Are All We Have**

Words & Music: Francis Patrick O'Brien



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 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: God please make a way for us. The second staff is a piano accompaniment consisting of chords: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

Leader You promise to answer before we call, and while we are yet speaking, you already hear us.

We gather silently in prayer.

Leader “For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.”

Thank you for your creative work unfolding in our lives and in the world. Guide us and our leaders to cooperate with your Spirit in the work that we offer, and through us give hope to those who are vulnerable, fearful, or in transition

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your renewing spirit,

People we pray to you.

Leader “. . . for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity.”

We pray for all who need dependable work, or who are seeking a life-giving vocation. Equip your people around the world to use resources prudently so that children and grandchildren may flourish, knowing that their lives are treasured.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your nurturing love,

People we pray to you.

Leader “By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Strengthen us to persevere in our working lives and in relationships with those we love. Renew us when we are distracted or exhausted. Give us wisdom, and guide us to extend your compassion to the world around us.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your presence with us,

People we pray to you.

Leader “Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense and God will be my Savior.”

We bring before you the hopes we cherish, the cares of our hearts, and the needs of your people. We name now those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your mercy,

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 the same words. 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.

We remain seated.

Offertory Song | The Prayer * *by David Foster & Carole Bayer Sager*

Offered by Stephanie Coates

Lyrics include:

I pray you'll be our eyes
And watch us where we go
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know

Let this be our prayer
When we lose our way
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe
La luce che to dai ...

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

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 - 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 | Not Just for Me ^{*} Offered by the Music Circle

by Jenny Wahlström, Orlando Palmer, Stuart Garrard

You're the God who crosses lines
To meet the ones who've been denied
You're always near, no one's too far from you
And you're the God that knows the song of
Every tribe and every tongue, and
As we are we all belong to you.

Not just for me, Jesus, you're
Not just for me.

All Creatures of Our God and King ^{*}

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



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



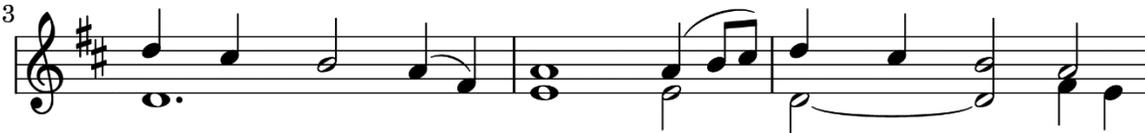
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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



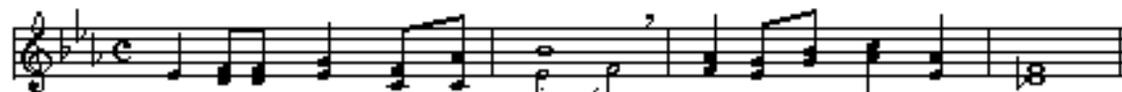
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*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 | See, I am Near *

by The Taizé Community



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



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.

Do not be weary in doing what is right. Go forth from this place with good courage! God's blessing be upon you, Christ's peace meet you at every turn, and the Spirit's outpouring fill your lives, today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Lean on Me * *by Bill Withers*

Offered by Holly White | All join in as invited

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow.

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show.

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load

If you just call me ...

Birthday and Anniversaries *

We pray together then sing “God Grant Them Many Years.”

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.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Creature to Creature

Almost too late to walk in the woods, but I did,
anyway. And stepping aside for a moment
from the shadowy path to enter
darker shadow, a favorite circle of fir trees,
received a gift from the dusk:

a small owl, not affrighted, merely
moving deliberately
to a branch a few feet
further from me, looked
full at me—a long regard,
steady, acknowledging, unbiased.

~ Denise Levertov from *Sands of the Well*.
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Famous

The river is famous to the fish.

The loud voice is famous to silence,
which knew it would inherit the earth
before anybody said so.

The cat sleeping on the fence is famous to the birds
watching him from the birdhouse.

The tear is famous, briefly, to the cheek.

The idea you carry close to your bosom
is famous to your bosom.

The boot is famous to the earth,
more famous than the dress shoe,
which is famous only to floors.

The bent photograph is famous to the one who carries it
and not at all famous to the one who is pictured.

I want to be famous to shuffling men
who smile while crossing streets,
sticky children in grocery lines,
famous as the one who smiled back.

I want to be famous in the way a pulley is famous,
or a buttonhole, not because it did anything spectacular,
but because it never forgot what it could do.

~Naomi Shihab Nye, from *Words Under the Words: Selected Poems*,
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News from Grace | November 17, 2019

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Grace's Month of Giving: Coats for Kids

Help collect new or gently used warm jackets for immigrant children served by Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC). Coats (all children's sizes are welcome) may be dropped off at Grace until November 17. We need one volunteer to deliver donations to KIAC by November 19. Contact David Moen, moen6665@bainbridge.net, for more information.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Today, November 17

Merry Cockroft at Bethany Lutheran | 11 am

Grace High School senior Merry Cockroft will present about her experience attending Gore Climate Reality Leadership Corps.

Rule of Life Series | 4 – 5:15 pm

This is the third 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 | 5 – 7 pm

Youth grades 6-12 will be meeting for shenanigans, dinner and middle and high school discussion on how we can make an impact in our community and the world.

November 19

Streets of Seattle | 5 pm, Grace Kitchen

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).

Book Group | Tuesdays | 7 – 8:30 pm

Join us for our third meeting 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.

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

November 21

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

Scarf and Blanket Making for Foster Children. Donate fabric or join in to help sew. Contact Jenny Lange (langejj@msn.com) with questions.

Angels of the Bible Book Study | Thursday | noon – 1:30 pm

Meeting in the living room Thursdays, except Nov. 28, through December 12. Contact Beulah Downing (bdowning@seanet.com) or Wayne Herbert (r.herbert@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

November 24

Service Sunday | 11am-12:30 pm

Join in projects supporting our outreach partners.

Youth Socks for Seattle | 11:15 am – 2:30 pm

Youth Socks for Seattle (open to youth 5th grade and older): We will deliver socks, handwarmers & good cheer in the streets of Seattle. Contact Faith for more information: youthgroup@gracehere.org.

Rule of Life Series | 4 – 5:15 pm

This is the final 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.

Climate Evening at Grace Church | 7 –9 pm

Presentation by Drs. Gary Lagerloef & Bob Bindschadler. This is a joint activity with Grace's Earth & Spirit Ministry and Bethany Lutheran Church. Contact Marcy Lagerloef: (mlagerloef@seanet.com)

November 26 | Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Cecelia's | 7 pm

Join in an uplifting evening celebrating this season of gratitude.

December 1

Advent Wreath Making & Cider | 11am

Bring greens from home and join us during coffee hour, as we enjoy cider and make Advent Wreaths that illumine the path of expectation and hope we enter together!

Youth Group | 5 – 7 pm

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for dinner and discussion.
Contact Faith youthgroup@gracehere.org.

December 3 | Notes on Hope: An Evening of Music, Poetry, Silence, & Candlelight | 7pm

Community members are warmly welcomed. Nursery care available by advance request.

Young Actors Needed for Pageant!

This year, our pageant will be on **December 15** during the 9:30am liturgy. This original play (written just for Grace) is an Advent Pageant called "The Whole World Waits." You can be involved as a Crew member or Costumer, Directing Assistant, Musician, Speaking Part, or Nonspeaking Part.