



**Grace Episcopal Church**  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 11, 2020 | 9:30am  
Ministers | All of Us  
Rector | Wren Blessing  
Curate | Stephen Crippen  
Music | Ann Strickland

**Red Brocade**

The Arabs used to say,  
when a stranger appears at your door,  
feed him for three days  
before asking who he is,  
where he's come from,  
where he's headed.  
That way, he'll have strength  
enough to answer.  
Or, by then you'll be  
such good friends  
you don't care.

Let's go back to that.  
Rice? Pine nuts?  
Here, take the red brocade pillow.  
My child will serve water  
to your horse.

No, I was not busy when you came!  
I was not preparing to be busy.  
That's the armor everyone put on  
to pretend they had a purpose  
in the world.

I refuse to be claimed.  
Your plate is waiting.  
we will snip fresh mint  
into your tea.

~ Naomi Shihab Nye from *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East* (Greenwillow Books, 2002)

# Prelude | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Offered by Jim Quitslund & Isaac Hanto*

*North American Traditional; arr. By Stephen DeCesare*

## Announcements

## Giving Together

*A giving conversation between Russ Powell and Jim Quitslund.*

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

## Gathering Song | El Señor/In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

*Words: Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier*

*Offered by Alissa Moen & Erica Moen*



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord  
El Señ - or es me for - ta - le - za, el Señ - or



I will re - joice! Look to God,  
es me can - ción. El nos da



do not be a - fraid; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is  
la sal - va - ci - ón; En el con - fi - o, no te - me -



near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.  
ré. En el con - fi - o, no te - me - ré

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, the Officiant invites us to stand and says

Officiant We are not alone.  
People **We live in God's world.**  
Officiant We are listening, Holy One.  
People **Give us hope, give us courage.**  
Officiant God, bless every step that we are taking.  
People **And God, bless the earth beneath our feet.**

We remain standing and sing together.

## Opening Song | Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) *Led by Stephanie Coates*

Words: Liturgical text | Music: Anonymous

1 Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem,  
do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2 Do - na no - bis pa - cem,  
do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3 Do - na no - bis pa - cem,  
do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Officiant Let us pray.  
Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of your love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. **Amen.**

# WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 23**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading |** Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

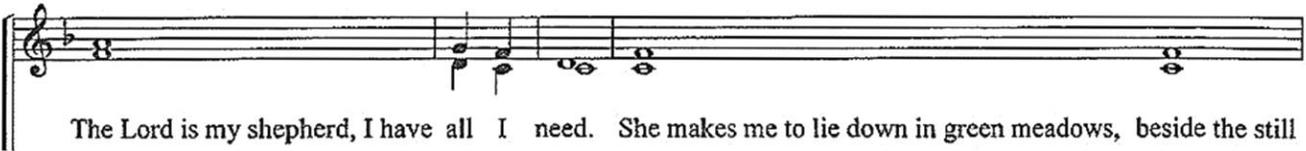
The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

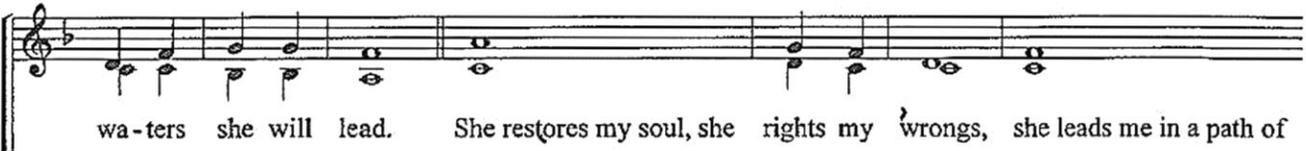
We stand together and sing

# Gospel Song | The Lord is My Shepherd

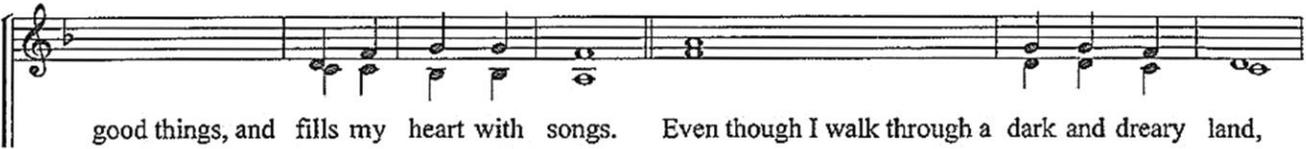
Words: Psalm 23; Bobby McFerrin | Music: Bobby McFerrin



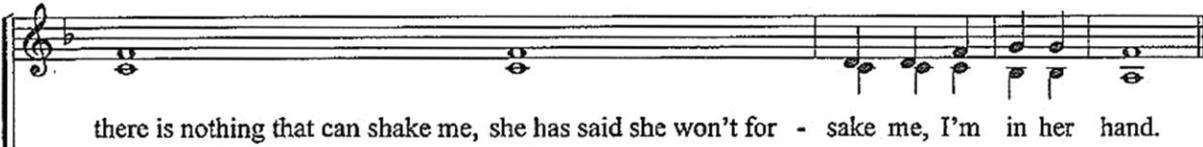
The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need. She makes me to lie down in green meadows, beside the still



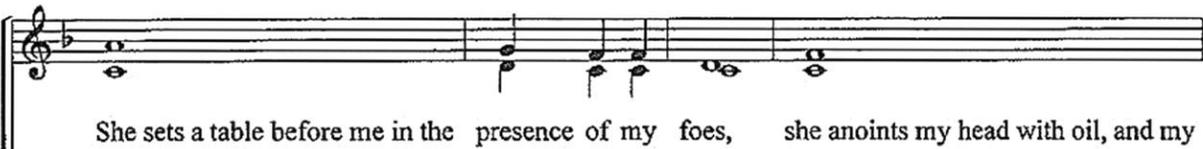
wa-ters she will lead. She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs, she leads me in a path of



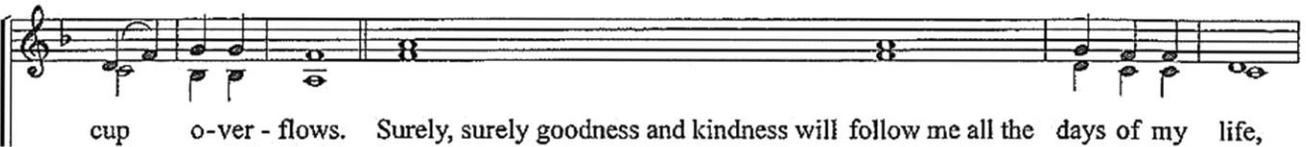
good things, and fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,



there is nothing that can shake me, she has said she won't for - sake me, I'm in her hand.



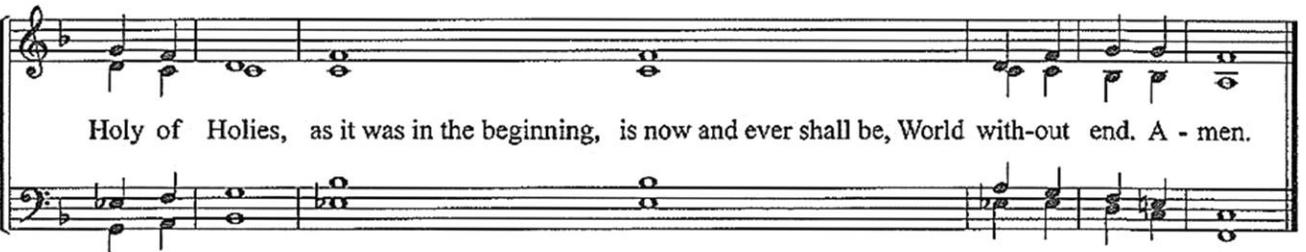
She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes, she anoints my head with oil, and my



cup o-ver - flows. Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,



and I will live in her house forever, for-ever and ev - er. Glory to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the



Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World with-out end. A - men.

*The Officiant introduces the Gospel by saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Gospel | Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*After the Gospel the Officiant will say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People      Praise to you, Lord Christ**

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## **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.**

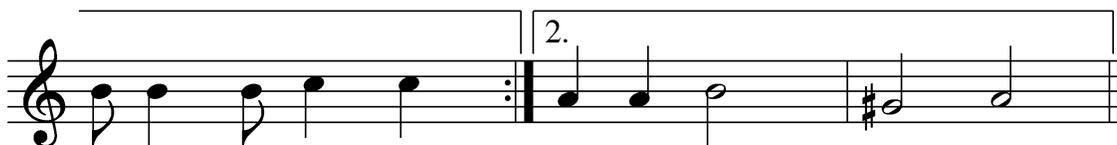
*We gather silently in prayer.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier | Led by Carol Corbus*



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne  
*Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall*



na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
*nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.*

Silence

Leader “Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.” (Phil. 4:9)  
Loving God, help us to remain fully and benevolently engaged in a world beset with disease, disaster, racial and political strife, working faithfully toward peace and justice for all.

*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.*

Leader This is the Lord for whom we have waited. (Isaiah 25:9)

**People Let us be glad and rejoice.**

Leader “He revives my soul and guides me along the right pathways for his Name’s sake.” (Ps. 23:3)  
Loving God, empower our country’s secular and faith leaders with discernment and wisdom, grace and compassion.

*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.*

Leader This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

**People Let us be glad and rejoice.**

Leader “For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.” (Isaiah 25:4)  
Loving God, inspire us to follow in your footsteps by sharing our abundance: feeding the hungry, caring for the ill, speaking for those who are mute and befriending the many who are alone and lonely.

*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.*

Leader This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

**People Let us be glad and rejoice.**

Leader “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” (Ps. 23:4)

Loving God, deepen our gratitude for the Grace community gathered in worship today, for our neighbors, friends and families. Strengthen our voices in thanksgiving for those who labor to meet our needs in the face of disease and disaster, aspiring to serve as a blessing to them as they are a blessing to us.

*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.*

Leader This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

**People Let us be glad and rejoice.**

Leader “Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” (Ps. 23:6)

Loving God, we ask to experience the mystery of your timeless presence. We pray for those who are sick and suffering and in thanksgiving for those who have gone before us.

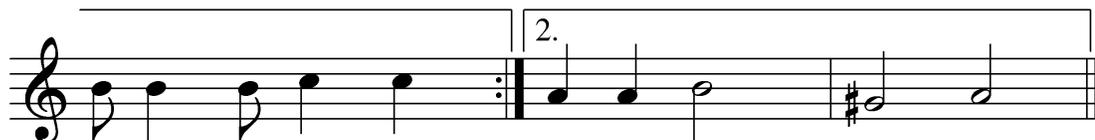
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Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

# Offertory Song | If It Be Your Will *Offered by Stephanie Coates*

*by Leonard Cohen*

*While we cannot gather in person, we make our weekly offerings online here: <https://www.gracehere.org/online-giving/>.*

If it be your will  
That I speak no more  
And my voice be still  
As it was before  
I will speak no more  
I shall abide until  
I am spoken for  
If it be your will  
If it be your will  
That a voice be true  
From this broken hill  
I will sing to you  
From this broken hill  
All your praises they shall ring  
If it be your will  
To let me sing  
  
From this broken hill  
All your praises they shall ring  
If it be your will  
To let me sing

If it be your will  
If there is a choice  
Let the rivers fill  
Let the hills rejoice  
Let your mercy spill  
On all these burning hearts in hell  
If it be your will  
To make us well  
  
And draw us near  
And bind us tight  
All your children here  
In their rags of light  
In our rags of light  
All dressed to kill  
And end this night  
If it be your will  
  
If it be your will

## The Blessing

*The Officiant offers a blessing.*

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**

# Closing Song | Draw the Circle Wide

Words: Gordon Light | Music: Mark A. Miller



Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the



cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by



side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the



wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this



be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,



draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Using the Zoom chat window, please share a milestone that we can recognize together.  
We will sing, “God Grant Them Many Years.”

## The Peace

We conclude with the sharing of God’s peace.

Officiant      Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All              **And also with you.**



## Seeing for a Moment

I thought I was growing wings—  
it was a cocoon.

I thought, now is the time to step  
into the fire—  
it was deep water.

Eschatology is a word I learned  
as a child: the study of Last Things;  
facing my mirror—no longer young,  
the news—always of death,  
the dogs—rising from sleep and clamoring  
and howling, howling,

nevertheless  
I see for a moment  
that's not it: it is  
the First Things.

Word after word  
floats through the glass.  
Towards me.

~ Denise Levertov from *Oblique Prayers*. © 1981

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### **Living into God's Grace**

Thank you for your generous support of Grace Church! We have received 85 pledges in the first half of the campaign, totaling \$287,445. That's 50% of our vestry's projected financial goal of \$575,000!

Every pledge is needed to reach our goal by October 18 so that we may all continue "living into grace" in this challenging time. To give online: [gracehere.org/give](https://gracehere.org/give)

Questions? Please email Development Trustee Ann New, [anjnew@gmail.com](mailto:anjnew@gmail.com).

### **Story & Song | Sunday's from 9 – 9:30 am on Zoom**

Calling all kids to join us for a special time of story and song before the 9:30 am service each Sunday. See friends and experience a special time created just for you. Just click on the link to Grace's online worship found on the website ([www.gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/](https://www.gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/)).

If you have questions please email Kim ([kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org)).

### **End of Life: The Conversations & Work of Planning | Beginning Thursday, October 29**

Join us in late October-November for four online sessions that pair discussion and the real work of planning. We will learn from panelists and have a chance to engage in small groups. Learn from experts and experienced friends, and connect with others who are asking the same questions.

Learn more details about our sessions on our website: [gracehere.org/blog/end-of-life-planning/](https://gracehere.org/blog/end-of-life-planning/).

To sign up for a session or for the series, please email Kim Cockroft at [kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org).

### **Newcomers**

Are you new or visiting? Please email one of our clergy, Stephen Crippen

([stephen@gracehere.org](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org)) or Wren Blessing ([wren@gracehere.org](mailto:wren@gracehere.org)), to get more connected.

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### **October 12 | Men's Group Gathering | 7:30 pm**

Please contact Eric Matthews for the Zoom link: [eric@gracehere.org](mailto:eric@gracehere.org)

### **October 14 | Wednesday Healing Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am**

Please find links to the Zoom login and worship bulletin on our website: [www.gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/](https://www.gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/).

## October 15

### **Under the Eaves | 3:30 – 5 pm**

Current fourth through sixth graders are invited to join as we gather under the eaves at Grace to play gaga ball and enjoy a video series about ancestors in faith. We'll meet on Thursdays, from 3:30 - 5pm. Contact Wren Blessing for more information: [wren@gracehere.org](mailto:wren@gracehere.org)

### **Seek Peace | Do Justice | 5 – 6:15 pm**

Current high schoolers are invited to join Wren and Stephen where we'll hang out near Grace's labyrinth, connect with one another, and talk about an individual who uses their gifts to seek peace or do justice. We'll get to know each other and explore how we might seek peace and do justice in our own contexts. Contact Wren: [wren@gracehere.org](mailto:wren@gracehere.org).

### **Movies that Matter | 6 – 8 pm**

Middle schoolers, let's gather online to watch a movie together and discuss the big questions and challenges it presents. Contact Faith for details: [youthgroup@gracehere.org](mailto:youthgroup@gracehere.org)

## October 16 & 17 | Men's Group Annual Retreat via Zoom

Men of Grace will gather online for a series of Zoom sessions, welcoming our curate, Stephen Crippen, to join us with an exciting program on the theme *Our Companionship and our Challenge: Jesus and the Gospel of Mark*. For details and a full schedule, please visit our website: [www.gracehere.org/blog/grace-mens-group-retreat/](http://www.gracehere.org/blog/grace-mens-group-retreat/)

## October 18 | Poetry as Prayer Practice | 11 am

The group will gather in a Zoom breakout session after the service on October 18 and meet the first and third Sundays of each month after that. All who have participated in the past can expect an email invitation from Susan Lick; to be added to the list, please email Jon Quitslund: [jonquitslund@att.net](mailto:jonquitslund@att.net).

## October 20

### **Building Bridges: Healing Conversations on Climate Change | 7 – 8:30 pm**

For our final session we'll view a talk by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, climate scientist and evangelical. If you're interested, please sign up in advance by contacting Marcy Lagerloef at [mlagerloef@seanet.com](mailto:mlagerloef@seanet.com)

### **Parents Zooming Together | First & Third Tuesdays | 8 – 9 pm**

First Tuesdays will focus on content for discussion, such as pandemic parenting challenges, and spiritual resources for the home. Third Tuesdays are more low-key: discussion, support, and evensong. To sign up please contact Stephen ([stephen@gracehere.org](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org)) or Kim ([kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org))