

“Autumn Sycamores” by Frances H. Gearhart.

## Grace Episcopal Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020 | 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Curate | Stephen Crippen

Music | Martin Cockroft

### Grace

The woods is shining this morning.  
Red, gold and green, the leaves  
lie on the ground, or fall,  
or hang full of light in the air still.  
Perfect in its rise and in its fall, it takes  
the place it has been coming to forever.  
It has not hastened here, or lagged.  
See how surely it has sought itself,  
its roots passing lordly through the earth.  
See how without confusion it is  
all that it is, and how flawless  
its grace is. Running or walking, the way  
is the same. Be still. Be still.  
“He moves your bones, and the way is clear.”

~ Wendell Berry from *Poetry Magazine* (June 1967)

# Announcements

## Giving Together

*Pearle Paar and Tootie Kuhn share in a conversation about giving.*

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

## Gathering Song | Open My Heart

*by Ana Hernandez*

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

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## 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 | Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose

Words: Charles Wesley | Music: O WEARY TRAVELER

Thou hidden source of calm repose,  
thou all-sufficient love divine,  
my help and refuge from my foes,  
secure I am, if thou art mine:  
and lo, from sin, and grief, and shame,  
I hide me, Jesus, in thy name.

Thy mighty name salvation is,  
and keeps my happy soul above;  
comfort it brings, and power, and peace,  
and joy, and everlasting love:  
to me, with thy dear name, are given  
pardon, and holiness, and heaven.

Jesus, my all in all thou art:  
my rest in toil, my ease in pain,  
the medicine of my broken heart,  
in war my peace, in loss my gain,  
my smile beneath the tyrant's frown,  
in shame my glory and my crown;

## The Collect

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Officiant     Let us pray.

You are with us, Holy One. You call each of us by name. Guide us into ways of justice and generosity, that we may return to you the goodness, hope, and endurance that is at the heart of your creation. **Amen.**

# WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 96:1-9**

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading | I Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded

*(Reading continues on the following page.)*

forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

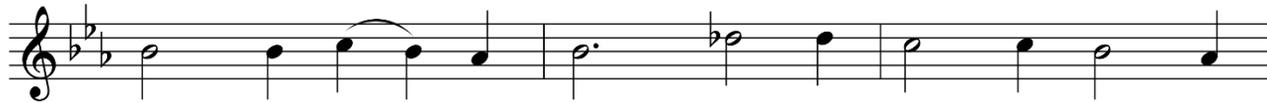
We stand together and sing

## Gospel Song | Come, My Way

Words: George Herbert | Music: THE CALL; Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a  
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a  
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a



way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; Such a love as none can



strife; Such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; Such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; Such a heart as joys in love.

*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 22:15-22**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*After the Gospel the Officiant will say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People      Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY**

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### **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.**

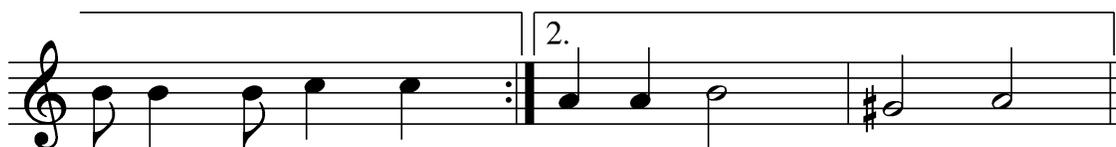
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## The Prayers of the People

*Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier  
Offered by Dusty Collings & Marcus Lang*



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 “let the field exult, and everything within it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.” (Ps. 96:12)

God, we are your church community, both here and throughout the world. We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, and all others who serve you. May they sow your world with gladness.

*We pause for further prayer.*

Leader God of growth,  
**People plant the seeds of change in us.**

Leader Guide our nation’s leaders and those throughout the world toward justice and peace. Help us to see how we, too, can make a difference in this fractious world.

*We pause for further prayer.*

Leader God of unity,  
**People plant the seeds of change in us.**

Leader Help us to see the wonder of your creation and our place within it. Make us mindful of our call to steward the earth, its creatures and its resources.

*We pause for further prayer.*

Leader God of abundance,  
**People plant the seeds of change in us.**

Leader Draw near to us in our community, where we learn, where we work, and where we care for others. Give us an abiding sense of togetherness at a time when coming together is so difficult.

*We pause for further prayer.*

Leader God of enfolding,  
**People plant the seeds of change in us.**

Leader Lord, you know our needs better than we can tell you. There are many who are ailing now. Lay your healing hands upon the sick and suffering.

*We pause for further prayer.*

Leader God of grace,  
**People plant the seeds of change in us.**

Leader Receive all those who have died. Give strength and courage to those who mourn.

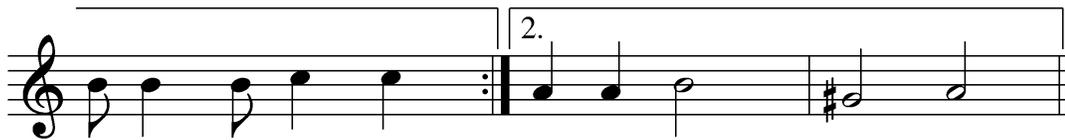
*We pause for further prayer.*

Leader God of compassion,

People **plant the seeds of change in us.**



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*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.*

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 | Walk On *Offered by Kim Cockroft*

*by Paul David Hewson, Adam Clayton, David Evans, Laurence Mullen*

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

And if the darkness is to keep us apart  
And if the daylight feels like it's a long way off  
And if your glass heart should crack  
And for a second you turn back  
Oh no, be strong

Walk on, walk on  
What you got they can't steal it  
No, they can't even feel it  
Walk on, walk on  
Stay safe tonight

You're packing a suitcase for a place none of us  
has been  
A place that has to be believed to be seen  
You could have flown away  
A singing bird in an open cage  
Who will only fly, only fly for freedom

Walk on, walk on  
What you've got they can't deny it  
Can't sell it, or buy it  
Walk on, walk on  
Stay safe tonight

And I know it aches  
And your heart it breaks  
And you can only take so much  
Walk on  
walk on

Home, hard to know what it is if you've never  
had one  
Home, I can't say where it is but I know I'm  
going home  
That's where the hurt is

Walk on, walk on  
What you've got they can't deny it  
Can't sell it, or buy it  
Walk on, walk on  
Stay safe tonight

Walk on, walk on  
Stay safe tonight

## The Blessing

*The Officiant offers a blessing.*

The encouragement of God, the guidance of the Spirit, and the companionship of Christ be yours as you labor in love and hold steadfast to hope. The blessing of God rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# Closing Song | Lord of the Dance *Offered by Dusty Collings & Marcus Lang*

Words: Sydney Carter | Music: Traditional Shaker tune adapt. by Sydney Carter

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I  
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I  
they would not dance, and they would - n't fol - low me; I

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At  
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They

Beth - le - hem and I had my birth.  
came with me and the dance went on.

Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the

Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -

ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

## 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.**



## **A Small Needful Fact**

Is that Eric Garner worked  
for some time for the Parks and Rec.  
Horticultural Department, which means,  
perhaps, that with his very large hands,  
perhaps, in all likelihood,  
he put gently into the earth  
some plants which, most likely,  
some of them, in all likelihood,  
continue to grow, continue  
to do what such plants do, like house  
and feed small and necessary creatures,  
like being pleasant to touch and smell,  
like converting sunlight  
into food, like making it easier  
for us to breathe.

~ Ross Gay from Split This Rock's *The Quarry: A Social Justice Poetry Database*

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### **For Those We Love but No Longer See**

Because we cannot meet in person this All Saints' Sunday, we won't be able to display photos of "those we love but no longer see" on the altar at Grace.

This year instead, we'll display photos in the All Saints' Sunday bulletin on November 1.

To include your photo or photos of your loved ones, please email digital copies to Diane, [office@gracehere.org](mailto:office@gracehere.org), by Monday, October 26.

### **End of Life: The Conversations & Work of Planning | Four-Part Series Begins October 29**

End-of-life planning is a subject that touches all of us, whether we're young parents who have not gotten around to making a will; struggling with conversations and plans with aging parents; caring for a loved one; or pondering choices about our own death.

Join panelists, experts, and peers for four Thursday evening online sessions that pair discussion and the real work of planning.

Visit our website for a detailed session breakdown: [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, email Kim Cockroft: [kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org).

### **Story and Song | Sundays 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 ([gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/](https://gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/)).

If you have questions please email Kim ([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

### **Today | 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)).

## October 21 & 28 | Wednesday Healing Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am

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

## October 22 | Under the Eaves – Final Gathering | 3:30 – 5 pm

Fourth graders through middle-schoolers, join Wren and adult mentors for the last in our outdoor series. Let Wren know if you plan to participate: [wren@gracehere.org](mailto:wren@gracehere.org)

## October 23 | Compassionate Caring Support Group | 9:30 – 11 am

The Compassionate Caring group meets online every second and fourth Friday at 9:30 am. Please contact Diane at [office@gracehere.org](mailto:office@gracehere.org) for the Zoom link information.

## October 25 | Youth October Spooktacular | 5 – 6:30 pm

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to our next large group gathering on Sunday, October 25. We'll meet outside, rain or shine, for some epic glow-in-the-dark adventures. Questions? Contact Faith, [youthgroup@gracehere.org](mailto:youthgroup@gracehere.org).

## October 26 | Men's Group Gathering | 7:30 pm

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

## October 29 | End-of-Life: The Conversations and Work of Planning | 7 – 8:30 pm

This is the first of the four-session series, meeting Thursdays through November 19. Discerning decision-making for end of life: Presentation by End of Life Caregivers & Professionals. Please contact Kim Cockroft to sign up: [kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org).