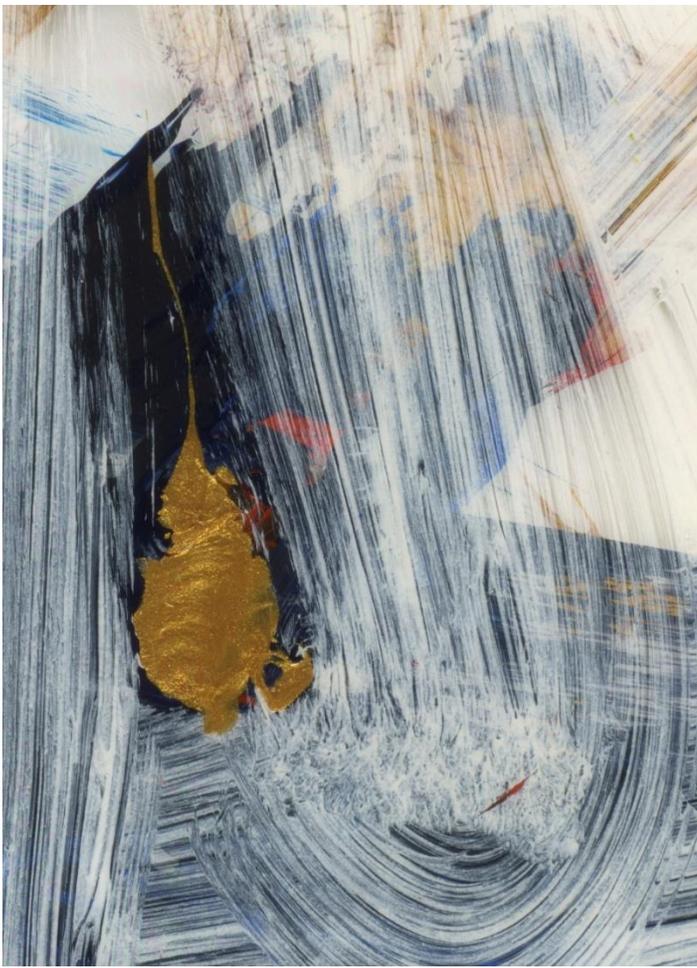


“So That You May Know the Hope” by Jan Richardson



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Feast of Christ the King  
November 22, 2020 | 9:30am  
Ministers | All of Us  
Rector | Wren Blessing  
Curate | Stephen Crippen  
Music | Ann Strickland

## Citizenship

it was clear they were hungry  
with their carts empty the clothes inside their empty hands  
they were hungry because their hands  
were empty their hands in trashcans  
the trashcans on the street  
the asphalt street on the red dirt the dirt taxpayers pay for  
up to that invisible line visible thick white paint  
visible booths visible with the fence starting from the  
booths  
booth road booth road booth road office building then the  
fence  
fence fence fence  
it started from a corner with an iron pole  
always an iron pole at the beginning

those men those women could walk between booths  
say hi to white or brown officers no problem  
the problem I think were carts belts jackets  
we didn't have any  
or maybe not *the* problem  
our skin sunburned all of us spoke Spanish  
we didn't know how they had ended up that way  
on *that* side  
we didn't know how we had ended up here  
we didn't know but we understood why they walk  
the opposite direction to buy food on this side  
this side we all know is hunger

~ Javier Zamora from *Unaccompanied* (Copper Canyon Press, 2017).

## Announcements

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

### Gathering Song | Bless the Lord My Soul

*Words: Psalm 103, Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier*

Ostinato Refrain



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## 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 | I've Got Peace Like a River *Offered by Holly White and her grandson Forrest* African American Spiritual

1. I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a  
ri-ver in my soul, I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a  
ri-ver I've got peace like a ri-ver in my soul.

2. I've got joy like a fountain ....
  3. I've got love like an ocean ....
- Repeat verse 1.

## The Collect

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Officiant     Let us pray.

Destitute king, one with the hungry, the naked and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least; through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. **Amen.**

~ Steven Shakespeare

## WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

### The First Reading | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts

*(Reading continues on the following page.)*

of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 95:1-7a**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand together and sing*

## **Gospel Song** | **Christ Be with Me** *Offered by Barbara Hume*

*Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander*

*Music: Irish melody; adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford, harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams*

Christ be with me. Christ with - in me. Christ be - hind me.  
Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,

*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 25:31-46

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*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

*by Ken Medema | Led by Dusty Collings and Marcus Lang*

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.

*Silence*

Leader “Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.” (Ps 95:2)  
Dear God, guide us as we seek new and more meaningful ways to share your blessings with those here and afar who live with fear, oppression, hunger, and disease.

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

Leader Give thanks to the Lord  
**People and call upon his name.**

Leader “I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.” (Eph 1:15)  
Dear God, bless leaders in the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Olympia, and this Grace community: especially our bishops Justin, Michael, Greg, and Brian; and our priests Wren and Stephen. Bless, too, the quiet volunteers who serve alongside us, often without recognition, and the people of many faiths, or no faith, who do good in the world.

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

Leader Give thanks to the Lord  
**People and call upon his name.**

Leader “In his hands are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.” (Ps 95:4-5)  
Dear God, strengthen our resolve to be faithful stewards of your creation. Embolden us to take the actions needed to save the flora and fauna dependent on us for their survival.

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

Leader Give thanks to the Lord  
**People and call upon his name.**

Leader “I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation.” (Eph 1:16)  
Dear God, give us the strength and courage needed to confront and resolve those issues that divide us, not just from country to country but from neighbor to neighbor. We seek your forgiveness for injuries we may have inflicted and dissension we may have unwittingly helped to foment.

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

Leader Give thanks to the Lord  
**People and call upon his name.**

Leader "Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." (Ps 100:2)  
Dear God, cast your healing light on the many who are troubled and suffer. Join us as we embrace those who mourn and in giving thanks for the many who enriched us with their presence but whom we no longer see.

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

Leader Give thanks to the Lord  
People **and call upon his name.**

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.

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

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

## The Blessing

The Officiant offers a blessing.

Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

## Closing Song | Legacy *Led by Barbara Hume, Holly White, and Ann Strickland*

by Terry Garthwaite

1. I will lay down the bur-dens of my mo - ther and car-ry on the le-ga-cy of  
love. If I stum - ble and fall, help me  
up one and all, And we will car - ry on with love.  
joy.  
peace.  
grace.  
light.  
hope.  
life.  
love.

2. I will side step the sorrow of my father  
and carry on the legacy of joy.

3. I will understand the anger of my sister  
and carry on the legacy of peace.

4. I will let go of the ego of my brother and carry on the legacy of grace.

5. I will honor the intentions of my teachers and carry on the legacy of light.

6. I will attend to the nurturing of my children and carry on the legacy of hope.

7. I will listen to the call of my relations and carry on the legacy of life.

8. I will lay down the burdens of my mother and carry on the legacy of love.

## 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.**

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### To Prisoners

I call for you cultivation of strength in the dark.  
Dark gardening  
in the vertigo cold.  
in the hot paralysis.  
Under the wolves and coyotes of particular silences.  
Where it is dry.  
Where it is dry.  
I call for you  
cultivation of victory Over  
long blows that you want to give and blows you are going to get.

Over  
what wants to crumble you down, to sicken  
you. I call for you  
cultivation of strength to heal and enhance  
in the non-cheering dark,  
in the many many mornings-after;  
in the chalk and choke.

~ Gwendolyn Brooks from *To Disembark* (Third World Press, 1981).

# News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

November 22, 2020

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude .....

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

Click on the link to Grace's online worship ([gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/](https://gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/)) for the Zoom link. 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 | Movies that Matter | 6pm**

For 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We'll watch the movie "Millions" together and discuss themes of faith, honesty and Heaven. Contact Faith for the Zoom link and other details: [youthgroup@gracehere.org](mailto:youthgroup@gracehere.org)

### **November 23 | Men's Group Gathering | 7:30 pm**

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

### **November 25 | 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/](https://gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/)

### **November 27 | Compassionate Caring on Zoom | 9:30 – 11 am**

The Compassionate Caring support group meets online every second and fourth Friday at 9:30 am. Newcomers are welcome. Please contact Diane McGrew at [dilmcgrew@gmail.com](mailto:dilmcgrew@gmail.com) for the Zoom link information.

### **November 29 | Advent Wreath Supplies: Pickup at Grace | 1 – 3 pm**

Due to COVID updates for our county, our wreath making will no longer be in person. But we invite you to stop by Grace any time from 1-3 pm to pick up wreath making supplies: forms, wire, candles, and readings. Advent calendars will also be available for pickup at that time, and Kim will be there to assist you.

### **December 4 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4 - 5 pm**

Caregivers, and friends of caregivers, are invited to make connections by sharing experiences, asking questions, and talking over problems. For more information, or to get the Zoom link, contact Florrie Munat: [fmunat@aol.com](mailto:fmunat@aol.com)