



*“Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord...” (Ps. 130.1)*

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 6, 2021 | 9:30am  
Ministers | All of Us  
Rector | Wren Blessing  
Curate | Stephen Crippen  
Music | Ann Strickland  
Tribe | Fern

### Ordinary Time

Not hesitant Advent  
when we wait for God  
in the dark—  
a birth,  
an epiphany,  
anything to tell us that light  
will come again,  
that man  
will become sick of folly,  
of knavish deceit.  
Not grim Lent  
when the darkness  
lets go little by little  
marching toward Jerusalem.  
and we realize, finally,  
that our tirades  
are tiring,  
our promises easily  
broken.  
We're forgiven, but  
we scarce believe it—  
so we go on.

After all the hoopla and ribbons  
of Easter and those  
curious days afterwards, when  
we're blind to God walking  
beside us  
Until he breaks,  
once again,  
bread,  
then vanishes—  
too late we see—  
curse the disbelief  
we carry like a stone  
in our shoe.  
After the fire and wind  
the voices fade;  
we step into that long stretch  
of ordinary time.  
Schools close  
dark gives over to light  
without a struggle  
we garden, we walk, we sit  
on the bottom step  
and for a moment  
we stop  
and breathe.

~ Anne Kundtz

# Announcements

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

## Gathering Song | Creating God

Words: Jeffrey Rowthorn; Music: Caroline Clucas; offered by Barbara Hume

1. Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace - the bold de -  
2. Let wat - er's fra - gile blend with air - en - ab - ling

5  
signs of far - thest space; Let sun and moon and stars and light, and  
life pro - claim your care. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all

9  
what lies hid - den praise your might. Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up -  
now des - pised for creed or race; Let peace, de - scend - ing like a

13  
hold - earth's mys - tries known or yet un - told.  
dove make known on earth your heal - ing love.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The fourth system has two lines of lyrics. The music is in 4/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score includes a piano introduction, a vocal line, and a piano accompaniment line. There are measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 indicated at the beginning of their respective systems. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
one fam'ly with a billion names;  
Let ev'ry life be touched by grace  
until we praise you face to face.  
Let sun and moon and stars and light  
and what lies hidden praise your might.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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After the opening song, the Officiant invites us to stand.

## A Call to Worship

Officiant Come all you people, with songs of praise.

**All We raise our voices.**

Officiant Come all you people, seeking justice and peace.

**All We open our hearts.**

Officiant Come all you people, our God is near.

**All We come with thanksgiving.**

We stand and sing together.

## Opening Song | Don't Be Afraid

Words and music: John Bell; offered by Matt and Molly Perri

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er,  
my love is strong - er than your fear.  
Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and  
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

The image shows a musical score for the song "Don't Be Afraid". It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er, my love is strong - er than your fear. Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near." The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the way through the wilderness: show us your truth in which we journey, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit be in us the life that draws us to God. **Amen.**

*We are seated for the reading.*

## The First Reading | Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 130**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Song** | **Love in My Soul**

*Words: from a prayer adapted by Kathie McCarthy; Music: Caroline Clucas; offered by Barbara Hume*

May the love that longs to fill you find you.  
Love in my heart, that I may be touched;  
Love in my mind, that I may see what is true.  
Love on my lips, that I may speak with power.  
Love in my face, that I may shine with God.  
Love in my hands, that I may work with tenderness.  
Love in my arms, that I may embrace without fear.  
Love in my soul, that I may know what I long for.

*The Gospel is introduced by saying*

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

## **The Gospel** | Mark 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **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.**

# The Prayers of the People

Words: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier; offered by Diane McGrew. This song is offered to honor the memory of Indigenous children who did not survive the residential schools.

1.

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*

2.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. A first ending bracket covers the final two measures of the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a repeat sign and a second ending bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes, with the first ending corresponding to the first line of lyrics and the second ending to the second line.

Please add your intentions to our prayers by including your concerns or thanksgivings in the chat window at each bidding.

## The Prayers of the People

Leader In peace we pray to you, O God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**All for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**All for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of all faithful people;

**All for all who proclaim the Good News, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader For our clergy, vestry, Program Ministry Council, and all who lead our congregation;

**All and for all who serve God in their lives and family, neighborhood, or workplace.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Those on the parish prayer list are named. Additional prayers are offered, silently or aloud.*

Hear us, Lord;

**All for your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life.

*Thanksgivings are offered, silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God,

**All and praise your Name forever.**

Leader We pray in thanksgiving for all who have died.

*Additional prayers are offered for those who have died, silently or aloud.*

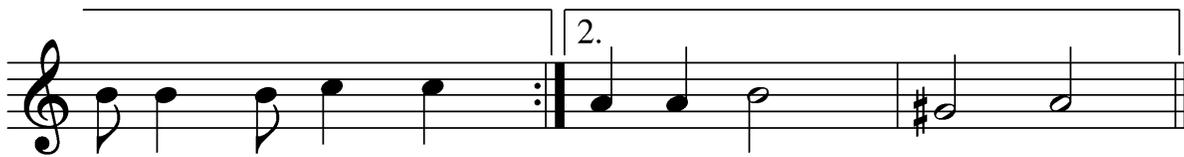
Let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All who put their trust in you.**

- Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer, Prayers of the People Form VI*



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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

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

## Offertory Song | Not Dark Yet

Words and music: Bob Dylan; offered by Garth Edwards

Shadows are fallin' and I've been here all day  
It's too hot to sleep and time is runnin' away  
Feel like my soul has turned into steel  
I've still got the scars that the sun didn't heal  
There's not even room enough to be anywhere  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there  
Well, my sense of humanity has gone down the drain  
Behind every beautiful thing there's been some kind of pain  
She wrote me a letter and she wrote it so kind  
She put down in writin' what was in her mind  
I just don't see why I should even care  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there  
Well, I've been to London and I been to gay Paris  
I've followed the river and I got to the sea  
I've been down on the bottom of the world full of lies  
I ain't lookin' for nothin' in anyone's eyes  
Sometimes my burden is more than I can bear  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there  
I was born here and I'll die here against my will  
I know it looks like I'm movin' but I'm standin' still  
Every nerve in my body is so naked and numb  
I can't even remember what it was I came here to get away from  
Don't even hear the murmur of a prayer  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there

# The Blessing

*The Officiant offers a blessing.*

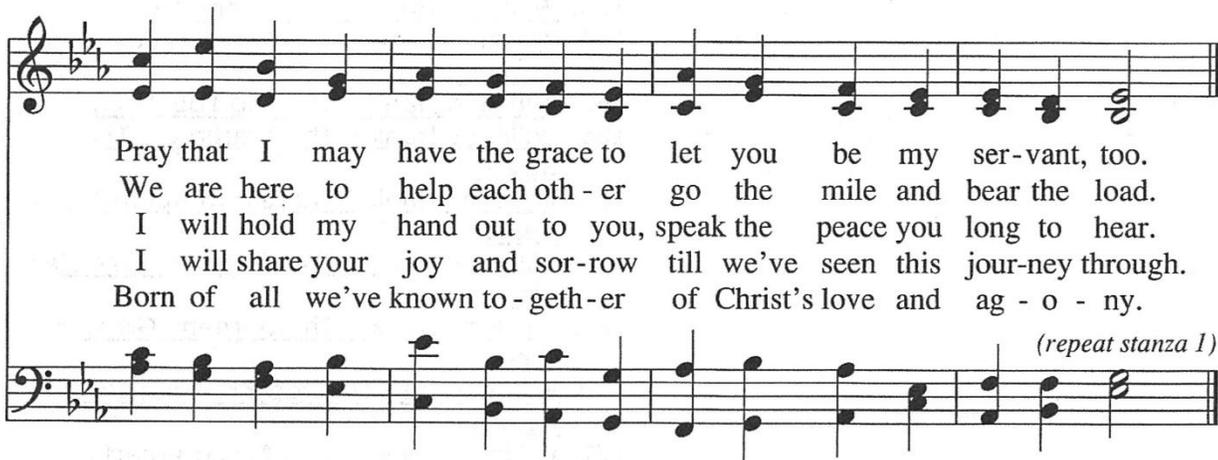
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God, who was and is and is to come, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Song | Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

*Words and Music: Richard Gillard; offered by Barbara Hume; we sing verses 1,2,3 & repeat 1*



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*(repeat stanza 1)*

## **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      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All              And also with you.**

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## Re-Rooting

We were trying to put the roots back,  
wild and erratic straying root-limbs,  
trying to fit them into the hole that was  
cleancut in clay, deep but not  
wide enough; or wide but too square—trying  
to get the roots back into earth  
before they dried out and died.  
Ineptly we pulled and pushed  
striving to encompass so many rivers  
of wood and fiber in one confinement without  
snapping the arteries of sap, the force  
of life springing in them that made them  
spring away from our hands—  
we knew our own life was  
tied to that strength, that strength we knew would  
ebb away if we could not find within us  
the blessed guile to tempt  
its energy back into earth,  
into the quiet depths from which we had  
rashly torn it, and now clumsily  
struggled to thrust it back not into sinuous corridors  
fit for its subtleties, but obstinately  
into an excavation dug by machine.

And I wake,  
as if from dream, but discover  
even this digging, better than nothing,  
has not yet begun.

~ Denise Levertov: *The Collected Poems of Denise Levertov*  
(New Directions, 2013)

# News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

June 6, 2021

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

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### **June 6 | Poetry as Prayer Practice | Directly after the 9:30 service**

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday the group will gather in a separate Zoom session after the 9:30 service. Contact Jon Quitslund: jonquitslund@att.net. Zoom meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96243490290?pwd=eGJua2YyNm1vT1k2QlpZeVFUnFmQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 4349 0290; Passcode: 395554

### **June 6 | BINK Interfaith Council Baccalaureate Service for High School Seniors | 3:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Church**

Email Stephen Crippen at [stephen@gracehere.org](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org) with questions.

### **June 9 | Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am**

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

### **July 9 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00 – 5:00 pm**

Our speaker for this session will be Janie Ekberg, caregiver and seamstress extraordinaire! (Please note change of date due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.) Contact Florrie Munat ([fmunat@aol.com](mailto:fmunat@aol.com)) for more information or to suggest a future topic. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85114877280>

### **June 11 | Compassionate Caring Support Group | 9:30 – 11:00 am**

Are you experiencing a loss, a difficult family situation, or anxiety you can't quite name? Grace's Compassionate Caring Support Group is open to all who are willing to share their stories. No solutions are offered; we simply listen to one another with compassion and confidentiality. The group welcomes all newcomers (Grace members and non-members). Please contact Diane McGrew ([dilmcgrew@gmail.com](mailto:dilmcgrew@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

### **June 12 | Giving Thanks for the Life of Kathleen Shipps | 4:30 pm**

Please join us at a Memorial Service remembering and giving thanks for Kath Shipps on Saturday, June 12. Use this link to register to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memorial-service-for-kathleen-shipps-tickets-152422238017>

### **June 13 | High School Seniors Sunday | During the 9:30 service**

Grace's graduating high school seniors will be recognized and blessed on Sunday, June 13, at the 9:30 service. They will receive Ethiopian crosses over the next week to remind them that Grace is always a home for them. Parents: we invite you to submit photos of your graduate! Email them to [stephen@gracehere.org](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org).

### **July 19 | Men's Group Gathering | 7:30 – 8:30 pm**

Every two weeks, the group gathers in a Zoom meeting. Please email Eric Matthews at [eric@ericmatthews.com](mailto:eric@ericmatthews.com) for more information. (Please note: there will not be a gathering in June.)