



Grace Episcopal Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021 | 9:30am
Ministers | All of Us
Rector | Wren Blessing
Curate | Stephen Crippen
Music | Martin Cockroft
Tribe | Alder

Sonnet, Trinity 18

Peace is the center of the Atom, the core
Of quiet within the storm. It is not
A cessation, a nothingness; more
The lightning in reverse is what
Reveals the light. It is the law that binds
The atom's structure, ordering the dance
Of proton and electron, and that finds
Within the midst of flame and wind, the glance
In the still eye of the vast hurricane.
Peace is not placidity; peace is
The power to endure the megatron of pain
With joy, the silent thunder of release,
The ordering of Love. Peace is the atom's start,
The primal image: God within the heart.

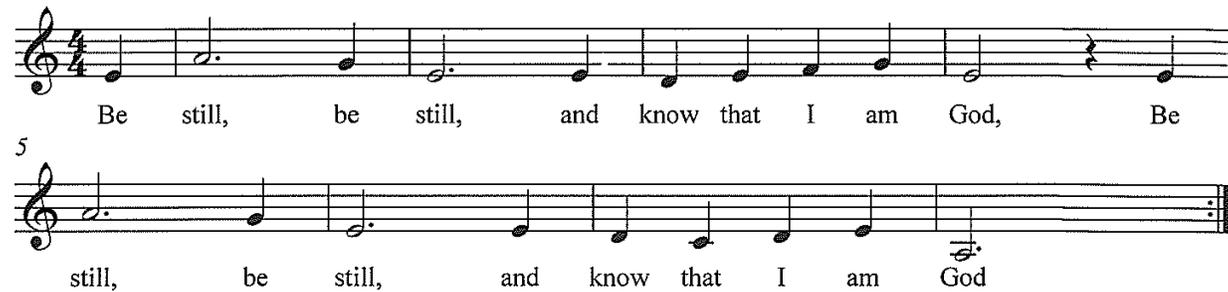
~ Madeleine L'Engle: *The Ordering of Love:*
The New and Collected Poems of Madeleine L'Engle
(WaterBrook Press, 2005)

Announcements

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

Gathering Song | Be Still

Words and music: K. Sherman



Be still, be still, and know that I am God, Be
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still, be still, and know that I am God

After the gathering 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 | There Is a Balm in Gilead

African American Spiritual; music: offered by Diane McGrew, Molly Perri, Matt Perri, and Kim Cockroft

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And think my work's in vain, But
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can
3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. **D.C.**
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

○ God, we turn to you when storms gather around us. Calm and steady us, that we might be a safe harbor and warm haven for all whose lives we touch. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped!'"

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 107:1-3, 23-32

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.

**Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some went down to the sea in ships
and plied their trade in deep waters;**

They beheld the works of the Lord
and his wonders in the deep.

**Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths;
their hearts melted because of their peril.

**They reeled and staggered like drunkards
and were at their wits' end.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

**He stilled the storm to a whisper
and quieted the waves of the sea.**

Then were they glad because of the calm,
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.**

Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people
and praise him in the council of the elders.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song | Don't Be Afraid

Words and music: John Bell



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 Gospel is introduced by saying

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

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

The Gospel | Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

After the Gospel the Officiant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 and music: Linnea Good

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. The lyrics are: "O God we call, O God we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." The chords indicated below the notes are Am, Fsus2, Am, Fsus2, and C.

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 for all who serve God in their 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. After we hold silence, the Officiant will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Grace's seniors.

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.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system contains the lyrics: "O God we call, O God we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from". The second system contains the lyrics: "deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef. Chord markings are provided below the first system: Am, Fsus2, Am, Fsus2, and C.

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 | Feeling Good

Words and music: Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley; offered by Marcus Lang and Dusty Collings

Birds flying high, you know how I feel
Sun in the sky, you know how I feel
Breeze driftin' on by, you know how I feel

It's a new dawn
It's a new day
It's a new life for me, yeah

It's a new dawn
It's a new day
It's a new life for me, ooh
And I'm feeling good

Fish in the sea, you know how I feel
River running free, you know how I feel
Blossom on the tree, you know how I feel

It's a new dawn
It's a new day
It's a new life for me
And I'm feeling good

Dragonfly out in the sun you know what I mean, don't you know?

Butterflies all havin' fun, you know what I mean

Sleep in peace when day is done, that's what I mean

And this old world, is a new world
And a bold world for me, yeah-yeah

Stars when you shine, you know how I feel
Scent of the pine, you know how I feel

Oh, freedom is mine
And I know how I feel

It's a new dawn
It's a new day
It's a new life for me

I'm feeling good

The Blessing

The Officiant offers a blessing.

The blessing of the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Let It Shine

African American Spiritual



1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,



This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine;
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;



This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,



Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

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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Wildpeace

Not that of a cease-fire,
let alone the vision of the wolf and the lamb,
but rather
as in the heart after a great excitement: you can only
talk about the weariness.
I know that I know how
to kill: that's why I'm an adult.
And my son plays with a toy gun that knows
how to open and close its eyes and say Mama.
A peace
without the big noise of beating swords into ploughshares,
without words, without
the heavy thud of the rubber stamp: I want it
gentle over us, like lazy white foam.
A little rest for the wounds—
who speaks of healing?
(And the orphans' outcry is passed from one generation
to the next, as in a relay race:
the baton never falls.)

I want it to come like wildflowers,
suddenly, because the field
needs it: *wildpeace*.

~ Yahuda Amichai: *The Selected Poetry of Yahuda Amichai*
(translated from the Hebrew by Chana Bloch; University of California Press, 2013)

News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

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..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Upcoming Events & Programs

June 20 | 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=eGJua2YyNm1vT1k2QlpZeVFUUnFmQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 4349 0290; Passcode: 395554

June 23 | 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/

June 25 | 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. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. For more information, please contact Judy Williams (jbwms@comcast.net); for the Zoom link, contact Diane McGrew (dlmcgrew@gmail.com).

July 1 | Labyrinth Weeding | 9:00 – 10:30 am

Monthly on 1st Thursdays. Volunteers help to weed the Grace Labyrinth. Contact Kathie McCarthy for more information: healingworks@kathiemccarthy.com.

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

Our honored speaker will be Janie Ekberg, caregiver and seamstress extraordinaire! (Please note change of date due to July 4th holiday.) Contact Florrie Munat (fmunat@aol.com) for more information or to suggest a future topic.

July 15, 22, 29 and August 12, 19, 26 | Draw Near: Conversations Between Women | 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Women of all ages are invited to draw near in friendship and storytelling this summer. We will begin each session with a meditation from a woman in our community then enter into invitational small group conversation, exploring questions that open up sharing and deep listening. We will meet at Grace and you will be given the opportunity to walk the trails or sit together as we draw closer as a community (bring lunch if you'd like). Feel free to invite friends! To sign up for July or August sessions (or both), please contact Kim Cockroft: kim@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 for more information. (Please note: there will not be a gathering in June.)

Youth Opportunity – We Need You This Summer!

If you'd like to play games and create art outside with our kids at Grace this summer *and* make a bit of money, please contact Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org.