



Grace Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021 | 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Curate | Stephen Crippen

Preacher | Kate Kinney

Music | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Blackberry

Blessing the Ordinary

Let these words
lay themselves
like a blessing
upon your head,
your shoulders
as if,
like hands,
they could pass on
to you
what you most need
for this day
as if they could
anoint you
not merely for
the path ahead
but for this
ordinary moment
that opens itself
to you —
opens itself
like another hand
that unfurls itself,
that reaches out

to gather up
these words
in the bowl
of its palm.

You may think
this blessing
lives within
these words
but I tell you
it lives
in the opening
and in the reaching;

it lives
in the ache
where this blessing
begins;

it lives
in the hollow
made by the place
where the hands
of this blessing
meet.

~ Jan Richardson

www.JanRichardson.com

Announcements

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

Gathering Song | Woke Up this Morning With My Mind

Gospel Traditional; by Rev. Robert Wesby; offered by Dusty Collings and Marcus Lang

Well, woke up this mornin'
With my mind, stayin' on Jesus
Woke up this mornin'
With my mind, stayin' on Jesus
Woke up this mornin'
With my mind, stayin' on Jesus
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Well, singin' an prayin'
With my mind, stayin' on Jesus
Singin' and prayin'
With my mind, stayin' on Jesus

Singin' and prayin'
With my mind, stayin' on Jesus
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Well, walkin' an talkin'
With my mind, stayin' on Jesus
Walkin' an talkin'
With my mind, stayin' on, Jesus
Walkin' an talkin'
With my mind, stayin' on, Jesus
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

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.

Opening Song | Save Us All

Words and music: Tracy Chapman; offered by Elspeth Cockroft

One, two, three, four
I know Jesus loves me
In my heart I know it's true
I know Mary's little baby
Came into the world
Just to save me
But I don't know about you

My God's a mighty big God
My God can shake the world up
Plagues and famines
Frogs and locusts
Walking on water
Burning bushes
Rolling the thunder
And parting the waters too

My God is good in the kitchen
Make a good meal from bread and fishes
Feed the hungry pour the wine
Everybody's welcome to have a good time
Sit at his table enjoy the food

I know Jesus loves me
He says I should love you

My neighbor not his wife
Don't covet steal kill or lie
My God's got a lot of rules

My God made creation
Six days work one day vacation
Made a garden
Filled it with apples
Adam and Eve they walked around natural
Until they are that one piece of bad fruit

I've heard that your God's older
Buddha, Allah, Krishna
Manifest with many faces
Worshipped the world over in foreign places
I assume your God must love you

I know Jesus loves me
And my God is good and great and true
But if pride goeth before the fall
I hope someone's God will save us all
Save us all
And love the sinners too

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

God of compassion, you meet us in our need, and you create, heal, and restore. Increase our trust in your presence with us, that we may grow in love for you, and serve our neighbors with open hearts. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24

God did not make death,
And he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

After the reading, the reader will say

 The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 30

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper."

**You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song | Heal

Words and music: Tom Odell; offered by Maggie Finley

Take my mind
And take my pain
Like an empty bottle takes the rain
And heal, heal, heal, heal

And take my past
And take my sense
Like an empty sail takes the wind
And heal, heal, heal, heal

And tell me somethings last
And tell me somethings last

Take a heart
And take a hand
Like an ocean takes the dirty sand
And heal, heal, heal, heal

Take my mind
And take my pain
Like an empty bottle takes the rain
And heal, heal, heal, heal
And tell me somethings last

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 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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: David Crowder; offered by Ann Strickland



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.



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/>

The Blessing

The Officiant offers a blessing.

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, continues to protect you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and as you journey, may God's blessing go before and behind you. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Be Still and Know That I'm With You

Songwriters: Isaac Slade, Joseph King, David Welsh and Ben Wysocki; offered by Ann Strickland

Be still and know that I'm with you

Be still and know that I am here

Be still and know that I'm with you

Be still, be still, and know

When darkness comes upon you

And covers you with fear and shame

Be still and know that I'm with you

And I will say your name

If terror falls upon your bed

And sleep no longer comes

Remember all the words I said

Be still, be still, and know

And when you go through the valley

And the shadow comes down from the hill

If morning never comes to be

Be still, be still, be still

If you forget the way to go

And lose where you came from

If no one is standing beside you

Be still and know I am

Be still and know that I'm with you

Be still and know I am

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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Praise In Summer

Obscurely yet most surely called to praise,
As sometimes summer calls us all, I said
The hills are heavens full of branching ways
Where star-nosed moles fly overhead the dead;
I said the trees are mines in air, I said
See how the sparrow burrows in the sky!
And then I wondered why this mad *instead*
Perverts our praise to uncreation, why
Such savour's in this wrenching things awry.
Does sense so stale that it must needs derange
The world to know it? To a praiseful eye
Should it not be enough of fresh and strange
That trees grow green, and moles can course
in clay,
And sparrows sweep the ceiling of our day?

~ Richard Wilbur: *Collected Poems 1943—2004*
(Harcourt, Inc, 2004)

Silence Like Cool Sand

First lie in it.
Close your eyes.
Let it move through you.
Rock your shoulders back and forth.
Dig your heels in.
Slow your breath.

Curl forward and wash
your hands with it.
Pour it slowly on your legs.
Rub your heels deeper
into the damp.
Bury your toes.
Roll back, eyes shut
Disappear into it.
Listen to the scratchings, then listen,
listen to the roar.

~ Pat Mora: *Communion* (Arte Publico Press, 1991)

News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

June 27, 2021

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Upcoming Events & Programs

June 30 | 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/

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 4 | In Person Eucharist | 8:00 am and 9:30 am

We will gather at Grace for in person Eucharist. While it is an in person service, our 9:30 liturgy will be also broadcast via Zoom, at the link on our website: <https://www.gracehere.org/join-us-for-online-worship-at-grace/>

July 4 | 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

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 13 | Reclaiming Rest: Recognizing the Connections between Sabbath-keeping and Justice | 7:00 pm, by Zoom

Author Kate Rademacher will join us to talk about her exploration of Sabbath-keeping including linkages with racial and economic justice. This session will include practical ideas and strategies for ways we can incorporate true, restorative rest into our lives on a regular basis. Read more about Kate here:

<https://www.katerademacher.com/> Join our Zoom meeting on July 13:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89859783814?pwd=VFczMWNVcVNNYIBZamFYVTIIVXR0Zz09;>

Meeting ID: 898 5978 3814; Passcode: 238711

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.

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.