



# Grace Episcopal Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Curate | Stephen Crippen

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Rhododendron

## Mercy

*after Nikki Giovanni*

She asks me to kill the spider.  
Instead, I get the most  
peaceful weapons I can find.

I take a cup and a napkin.  
I catch the spider, put it outside  
and allow it to walk away.

If I am ever caught in the wrong place  
at the wrong time, just being alive  
and not bothering anyone,

I hope I am greeted  
with the same kind  
of mercy.

~ Rudy Francisco: *Helium*  
(Button Poetry, 2017)

# Gathering Song | In Ev'ry Age

Words and music: Janet Sullivan Whitaker. 8 and 9:30am



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

## A Call to Worship

Celebrant Come all you people, with songs of praise.

**All We raise our voices.**

Celebrant Come all you people, seeking justice and peace.

**All We open our hearts.**

Celebrant Come all you people, our God is near.

**All We come with thanksgiving.**

## Opening Song | Prayer of Peace

Words: Based on a Navaio prayer; Music: David Haas: we sing verses 1-3: 9:30am only



1. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace
2. Love	be - fore us,	love	be - hind us,	love
3. Light	be - fore us,	light	be - hind us,	light
4. Christ	be - fore us,	Christ	be - hind us,	Christ



un - der our feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace
un - der our feet.	Love	with - in us,	love
un - der our feet.	Light	with - in us,	light
un - der our feet.	Christ	with - in us,	Christ



o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	peace.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	love.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	light.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	Christ.

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy One, we are listening. Speak peace into every corner of your world. By the power of your Spirit, make us a people in whom your mercy and truth meet. **Amen.**

*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 85:8-13**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading | Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand and sing.

## Gospel Song | Take, O Take Me As I Am

Words and music: John L. Bell. 9:30am only

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics for the first system are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall". The piano accompaniment line begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment line continues with the same key signature and time signature. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*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 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Homily**

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# 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

Have mer - cy on\_\_\_ me. Have mer - cy on\_\_\_ me.  
Oh, help my un - be - lief. Oh, help my un - be - lief.

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Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_cy. Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_\_\_cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first two lines of lyrics. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '5' and continues with the melody for the final two lines of lyrics. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by lines to indicate phrasing.

*Song at 9:30am only. Words and music by Sandra McCracken.*

Leader I ask your prayers for all people, that our unity in God's love may be revealed.  
*We offer prayers for all people, silently or aloud.*  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for this nation, that we will share freely the blessings of this land,  
and follow the way of justice and peace.  
*We offer prayers for the nation, silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the earth and all living creatures, that we will work together for  
the restoration and protection of all creation.

*We offer prayers for the earth, silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for this congregation, our neighbors, and our partners in ministry,  
that we will extend our hands in friendship and loving service.

*We offer prayers for this community, silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for all who are sick, lonely, depressed, or afraid; for all who seek  
guidance, strength, or comfort; and for all whose needs are known to God alone.

*Those on our prayer list are named. We offer prayers for those who suffer, silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for all who have died, and for all who mourn, that we may trust  
the promise of resurrection.

*We offer prayers for those who have died, silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Most merciful God,  
 We confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Have mer - cy on\_\_\_ me. Have mer - cy on\_\_\_ me.  
 Oh, help my un - be - lief. Oh, help my un - be - lief.

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 Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_cy. Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_\_\_cy.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## The Peace

*We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace. We remain socially distanced as we greet one another.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

*After the peace, we are seated.*

The offering is collected. Those participating online may make an offering at the following link:  
<https://www.gracehere.org/give/>

## Offertory Song | Even Without Us

Words and music: Marcia Pelletiere and Matt Perri; offered by Matt Perri. 9:30am only

**Without the ships, the tide still travels in  
Without our care, the fruit's still ripening  
Without our hands, the glaciers carve the rocks  
Without a clock, the sun still rises  
and makes its way back down**

**Even without us, even without us, there will be mountains streams and seas  
even without us, even without us, voices will whisper on the breeze**

**Without our breath, a storm rolls through the hills  
Without our aid, a bird protects its nest  
Without our watch, the whale still swims the deep  
Without our help, the rain keeps falling  
and turns bare fields to green.**

**Even without us, even without us, there will be mountains, streams and seas  
even without us, even without us, voices will whisper on the breeze**

**After we've gone, there will be time  
After we've gone, there will be time, there will be time**

**Even without us, even without us, voices will whisper through the trees  
Even without us, even without us, there will be time, and time enough.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*We stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*Traditional Argentine. Translated by Josué Alvarez and Debi Tyree*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My  
 San - to, san - to, san - to, Mi cor - a - zon te/a - dor - a. Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My

heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.  
 cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to/e - res Se - nor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*We are now invited to share the gifts of Communion. Please know that at Grace Church, all are invited to receive the Eucharist. The sacrament is God's free gift. Please tell your server if you prefer to receive a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, or dairy.*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

# Music during Communion | Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words and music: Matthew Sherman Merker

Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble  
roll,  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,  
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts  
prevail,  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to  
Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy  
face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace,  
Not hear when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace,  
Attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access,  
To breathe my sorrows there

## Please Know God Is Near

Words and music: Diane McGrew; offered by Diane at 9:30am

Musical score for "Please Know God Is Near" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the lyrics "Please know God is". The second staff begins at measure 6 with chords A, A7, D, E, A, A/G#, F#m, and A/E, with lyrics "near. Please know God is near. When\_ In the". The third staff begins at measure 9 with chords D, E, C#7, F#m, D, E, and A, with lyrics "hope hangs be-tween faith and fear, please know God is near. grace that falls, falls like tears,".

## Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

African American Spiritual

Musical score for "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has lyrics "1. Let us break bread to - ge-ther on our knees, (on our knees) Let us break bread to-". The second staff has lyrics "ge-ther on our knees, (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my". The third staff has lyrics "face to the ri-sing sun Oh Lord have mer-cy on me".

# Our Prayer after Communion

*We stand and say together*

**Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*The Celebrant offers a blessing.*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God who was, and is, and is to come, rest among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# Closing Song | What a Wonderful World

Words: Bob Thiele; Music: George David Weiss; led by Kim Cockroft. 9:30am only

Voice

The image shows a musical score for the song 'What a Wonderful World'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and triplet markings. The lyrics are: 'I see trees of green, red ros-es too, I see them bloom, for me and you. And I think to my-self what a won-der-ful world. I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright bless-ed day, the dark sac-red night. And I think to my-self, what a won-der-ful world. The co-lors of the rain-bow, so pret-ty in the sky. Are al-so on the fac-es of people pass-ing by. I see friends shak-ing hands say-ing how do you do? They're real-ly say-ing, I love you I hear ba-bies cry, I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than I'll ev-er know, and I think to my-self What a won-der-ful world Yes, I think to my-self what a won-der-ful world.'

I see trees of green, red ros-es too, I see them bloom,  
for me and you. And I think to my-self what a won-der-ful world.  
I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright bless-ed day, the  
dark sac-red night. And I think to my-self, what a won-der-ful world.  
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I love you I hear ba-bies cry, I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than  
I'll ev-er know, and I think to my-self What a won-der-ful world Yes, I  
think to my-self what a won-der-ful world.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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# News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

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## Upcoming Events & Programs

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

Author Kate Rademacher will 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=VFczMWNVcVNNYIBZamFYVTIIVXROZz09;>

Meeting ID: 898 5978 3814; Passcode: 238711

### **July 14 | Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am | Zoom only**

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

### **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. Feel free to invite friends! To sign up for July or August sessions (or both), please contact Kim Cockroft:

[kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org).

### **July 18 | Poetry as Prayer Practice | Directly after the 9:30 service | Zoom only**

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](mailto:jonquitslund@att.net). Zoom meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96243490290?pwd=eGJua2YyNm1vT1k2QlpZeVFUUnFmQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 4349 0290; Passcode: 395554

### **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. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88053515722?pwd=dnQ0MTUrRThVNkwwNjBWay8wNDRxdz09>

### **July 20 | Safeguarding God's Children Training | 10:00am – 1:00 pm**

Grace volunteers who work with children and youth, have a key to the building, or work with Outreach in a specific capacity require this training. For more information and to register, please contact Kim Cockroft at [kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org).

### **July 22 | Earth & Spirit Film Viewing & Discussion | 7:00pm**

Viewing and discussion of the film "Other Side of the Hill"; contact Kim Cockroft to sign up;

[kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org). To read about the film, please visit <https://www.thersideofthehillmovie.com/>