

## Grace Episcopal Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Curate | Stephen Crippen

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Cedar

### Bees Were Better

In college, people were always breaking up.  
We broke up in parking lots,  
beside fountains.  
Two people broke up  
across a table from me  
at the library.  
I could not sit at that table again  
though I did not know them.  
I studied bees, who were able  
to convey messages through dancing  
and could find their ways  
home to their hives  
even if someone put up a blockade of sheets  
and boards and wire.  
Bees had radar in their wings and brains  
that humans could barely understand.  
I wrote a paper proclaiming  
their brilliance and superiority  
and revised it at a small café  
featuring wooden hive-shaped honey-dippers  
in silver honeypots  
at every table.

~ Naomi Shihab Nye from *If Bees Are Few: A Hive of Bee Poems*  
(University of Minnesota Press, 2016)

Dear friends,

Welcome back to church! All of us at Grace are eager for you to participate in worship in whatever ways feel safe to you. Some people will log in via Zoom from home at 9:30. For those who are with us in person, please find a few frequently asked questions and answers below. Feel free to approach a greeter or staff member with further questions or concerns that may arise, or email our office at [office@gracehere.org](mailto:office@gracehere.org). You can also reach me directly at [stephen@gracehere.org](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org).

Faithfully,

Stephen

### **Why are you asking everyone to wear a mask indoors?**

In an abundance of caution, we are asking that everyone wear a mask during this time, whether or not they are vaccinated, to protect everyone, particularly those too young to be authorized for the vaccine. We are concerned about virus variants that may be transmissible even between vaccinated persons.

### **Should I wear a mask to receive Eucharist?**

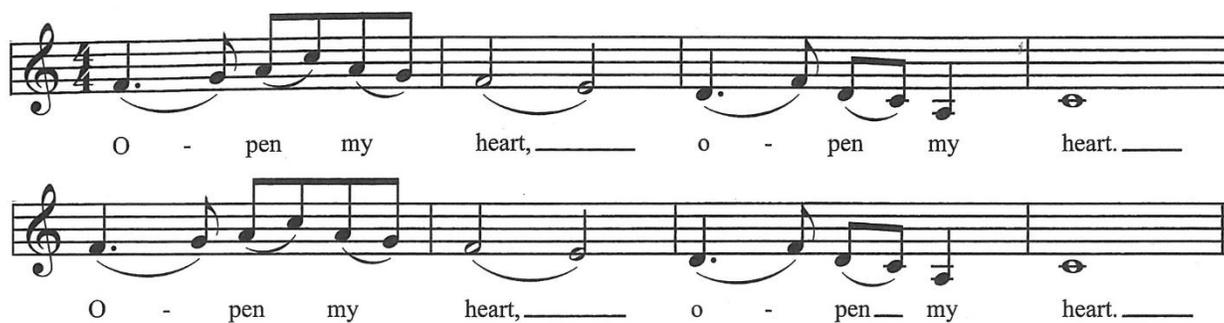
Please wear a mask when coming forward to receive Eucharist and consume the bread wherever is most comfortable for you, either in the circle while receiving, or back at your seat. We have once again returned to distributing bread only, without wine, due to recent pandemic concerns.

### **What about children?**

Children are welcome to participate in our liturgy in whatever ways their parents find most comfortable. Supervised, outdoor childcare is available on Grace's playground, accessible through our nursery. Please ask a greeter if we can help you find the nursery and playground. Contact Kim Cockroft with questions about childcare: [kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org)

# Gathering Song | Open My Heart

Words and music: Ana Hernandez.



O - pen my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ o - pen my heart. \_\_\_\_\_

O - pen my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ o - pen my heart. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics "O - pen my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ o - pen my heart. \_\_\_\_\_". The second staff has the lyrics "O - pen my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ o - pen my heart. \_\_\_\_\_".

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

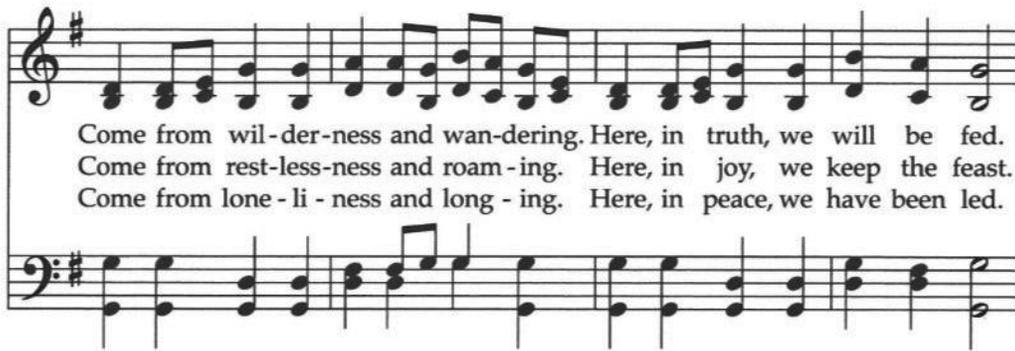
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

# Opening Song | All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

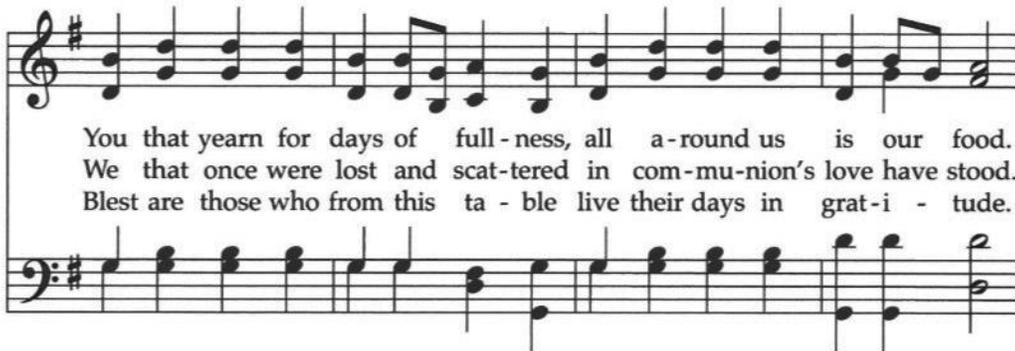
Words: Sylvia Dunstan; Music: William Moore; 9:30am only



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We are seated for the reading.*

## The First Reading | 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 34:1-8**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt his Name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

We stand and sing.

# Gospel Song | Taste and See

Words and music: James E. Moore. 9:30am only

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. To verses

*The Gospel is introduced by saying*

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

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

## **The Gospel** | John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Homily**

# Affirmation of Faith

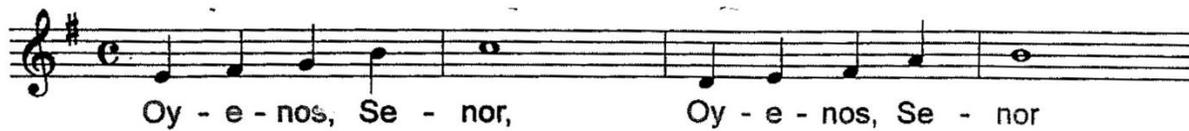
*We stand and say*

**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: Bob Hurd. 9:30am only

Leader Let us pray for all people of faith. We pray especially for all ministers at Grace Church during this time of transition.

*We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.*

Leader Hear us, O God,

**All for your mercy is great.**

Leader Let us pray for all the people of the world. We pray especially for those who are facing the effects of climate change, and all who are working to restore God's good creation.

*We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.*

Leader Hear us, O God,

**All for your mercy is great.**

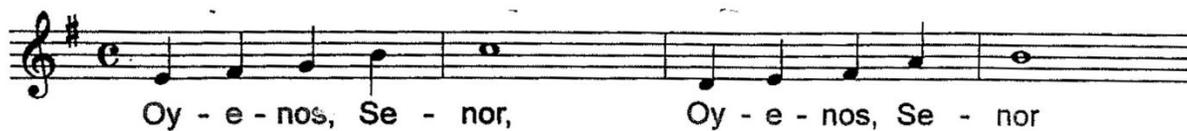
Leader Let us pray for all who hunger, all who are lonely, all who are anxious or depressed, and all in need of guidance, strength, and comfort. We pray especially for those on our prayer list.

*Those on our prayer list are named. We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.*

Leader Hear us, O God,  
All **for your mercy is great.**

Leader Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who have died, and for those who mourn.  
*We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.*

Leader Hear us, O God,  
All **for your mercy is great.**



## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

*After the peace, we are seated.*

## The Offering

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The offering is collected. Those participating online may make an offering at the following link:*

*<https://www.gracehere.org/give/>*

## Offertory Song

## 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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You open wide your hand and give food to every living creature. You created the heavens and the earth, and fed the human ones with fruit from the garden. You restored the earth after the flood; you gave your servants Abraham and Sarah food for their guests; you nourished Jacob and his family in a time of famine; you led your people into freedom and fed them in the wilderness.

You fill the widow's larder with oil;  
you gather an abundant harvest of righteousness;  
you give us bread to eat, and so we live.

Your Spirit overshadowed your servant Mary, who gave birth to Jesus your Son, the Bread of Life. He fed the multitude with barley loaves, the bread of the poor; he reconciled his friends to himself at breakfast by the sea; he offered his own body as food for the life of the world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

All            **Dying, you destroyed our death.**  
                 **Rising, you restore our life.**  
                 **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

- God, you are Wheat of Abundance: nourish us with your life.
- God, you are Salt of the Earth: send us into your field of mission.
- God, you are Oil of Gladness: pour over us the joy of reconciliation.
- God, you are Milk and Honey: return all people to their home in you.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

Leaven this gathered community with your Holy Spirit, that we with your whole creation might be renewed, and find a place at your abundant table where Lazarus is poor no longer.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

All **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

## Invitation to Communion

*When the Table is ready, the Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*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 gluten-free wafer.*

# Music during Communion | You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Words: Omer Westendorf; Music: Robert E. Kreutz; offered by Barbara Hume.

## Refrain

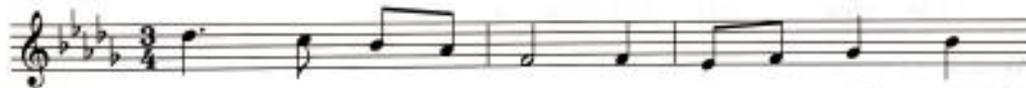


You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With  
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O  
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

## Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your  
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us  
blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one  
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

D.C.



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

# I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

African-American Spiritual; 9:30 only.



1. I want Je - sus to walk with me,  
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,



I want Je - sus to walk with me,  
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
When the shades of life are fall - ing,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. God of abundance,

All **you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

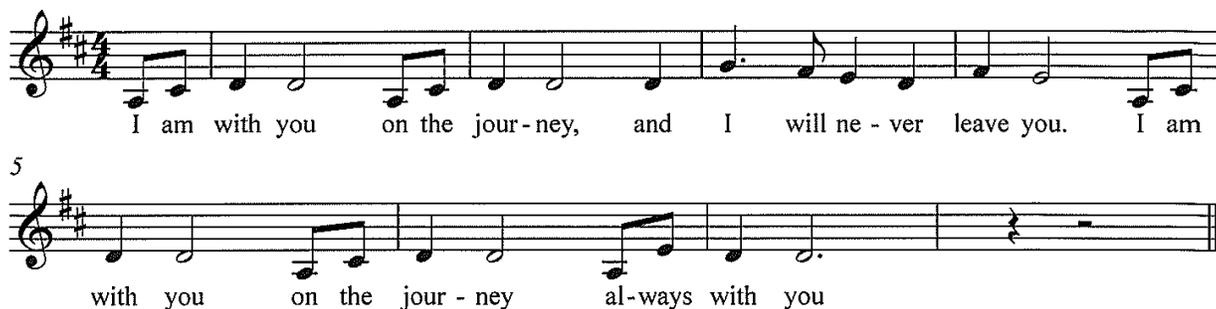
After we share milestones, please join us in singing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

## The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Song | Always With You

Words and music: Kathy Sherman



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am with you on the jour-ney, and I will ne-ver leave you. I am". The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '5' above it, followed by the melody for the second line of lyrics: "with you on the jour-ney al-ways with you". The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## The Dismissal

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All              **Thanks be to God.**

*The portions of the Eucharistic Prayer that explored the theological image of Bread were written by Stephen Crippen and used with the permission of Bishop Greg Rickel.*

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# News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

August 8, 2021

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## Upcoming Events & Programs

### **August 11 | 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/)

### **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).

### **August 13, 27 | Compassionate Caring Support Group | 9:30 – 11:00 am**

Grace's Compassionate Caring Support Group is open to all. No solutions are offered; we simply listen to one another with compassion and confidentiality. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. For more information, please contact Judy Williams ([jbwms@comcast.net](mailto:jbwms@comcast.net)); for the Zoom link, contact Diane McGrew ([dlmcmgrew@gmail.com](mailto:dlmcgrew@gmail.com)). The group will resume meeting in person in September.

### **August 15 | 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=eGJua2YyNm1vT1k2QlpZeVFUnFmQT09>  
Meeting ID: 962 4349 0290; Passcode: 395554

### **August 17 | Men's Group Gathering | 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Attend a welcome back BBQ and Potluck Men's Group get together; sign up by August 15<sup>th</sup> on the Sign Up Genius link, or contact Eric Matthews for more information: [eric@ericematthews.com](mailto:eric@ericematthews.com); <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/30527560/slots/>  
Please see the Grace Calendar for details.

### **August 21 | Third Saturday Work Party | 8:00 – 10:00 am**

Bring your favorite lawn or gardening implement or use one that will be provided, to help edge, trim, prune, and weed whack on the grounds, paths, and trails around Grace. Stay as long as you are able and enjoy good conversation while you work, or simply work in quiet solitude. Refreshments provided.

### **September 3 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00-5:00pm**

Monthly on the first Friday. This month's meeting will honor Venera di Bella Barles, a longtime Bainbridge Islander, whose husband suffers from dementia. Join the meeting on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93775254431?pwd=TzRaNWxCTHB4a0twMVBTW02Rmp2Zz09>  
Contact Florrie Munat ([fmunat@aol.com](mailto:fmunat@aol.com)) for more information.