



Grace Episcopal Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Interim Rector | Stephen Crippen

Celebrant and Homilist | Kate Kinney

Music | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Maple

Different Ways to Pray

There was the method of kneeling,
a fine method, if you lived in a country
where stones were smooth.

The women dreamed wistfully of bleached courtyards,
hidden corners where knee fit rock.

Their prayers were weathered rib bones,
small calcium words uttered in sequence,
as if this shedding of syllables could somehow
fuse them to the sky.

There were the men who had been shepherds so long
they walked like sheep.

Under the olive trees, they raised their arms—
Hear us! We have pain on earth!

We have so much pain there is no place to store it!
But the olives bobbed peacefully
in fragrant buckets of vinegar and thyme.

At night the men ate heartily, flat bread and white
cheese,
and were happy in spite of the pain,
because there was also happiness.

Some prized the pilgrimage,
wrapping themselves in new white linen
to ride buses across miles of vacant sand.
When they arrived at Mecca
they would circle the holy places,
on foot, many times,
they would bend to kiss the earth
and return, their lean faces housing mystery.

While for certain cousins and grandmothers
the pilgrimage occurred daily,
lugging water from the spring
or balancing the baskets of grapes.

These were the ones present at births,
humming quietly to perspiring mothers.
The ones stitching intricate needlework into children's
dresses,
forgetting how easily children soil clothes.

There were those who didn't care about praying.
The young ones. The ones who had been to America.
They told the old ones, you are wasting your time.

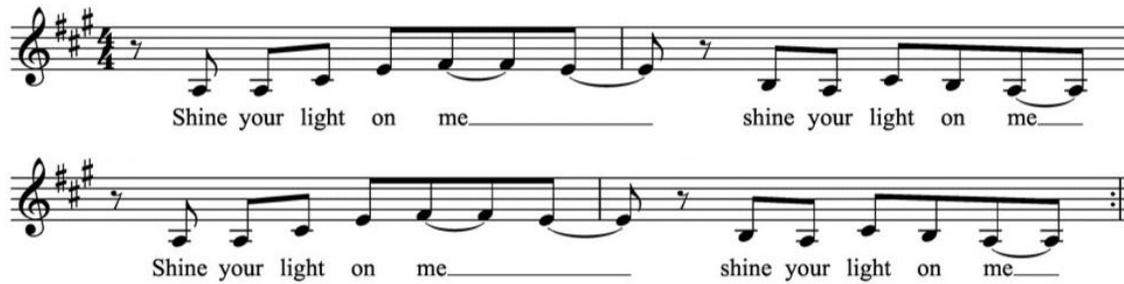
Time?—The old ones prayed for the young ones.
They prayed for Allah to mend their brains,
for the twig, the round moon,
to speak suddenly in a commanding tone.

And occasionally there would be one
who did none of this,
the old man Fowzi, for example, Fowzi the fool,
who beat everyone at dominoes,
insisted he spoke with God as he spoke with goats,
and was famous for his laugh.

~ Naomi Shihab Nye
from *Words Under the Words: Selected Poems*
(Far Corner Books, 1995)

Gathering Song | Shine Your Light On Me

Words and music: Ann Strickland and Eva Kurtzman



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 | This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual; 9:30 am only.

This Little Light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
this Little Light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
this Little Light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

They do not slander with the tongue;
they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the Lord.**

They have sworn upon their health
and do not take back their word.

**They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.**

Those who do these things
shall never be overthrown.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and sing.

Gospel Song | The Lord is My Light

Words: Lillian Bouknight; Music: Traditional. 9:30am only.



Text: Taizé Community, from Psalm 27. Music: Jacques Berthier.

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

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

The Gospel | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Text: from Psalm 102; Music: Jacques Berthier. 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.

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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

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

Those participating in person may place their offering in the basket near the sanctuary entrance at any time before, during, or after the liturgy. Those participating online may make an offering at the following link:

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

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:

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.

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 | Instrumental

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

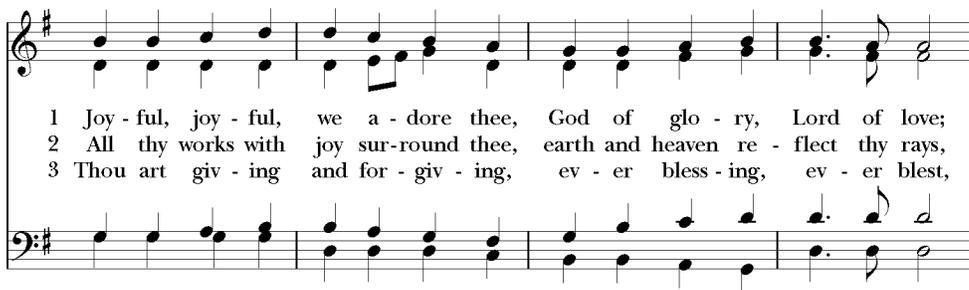
After we share milestones, please join us in singing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

The Blessing

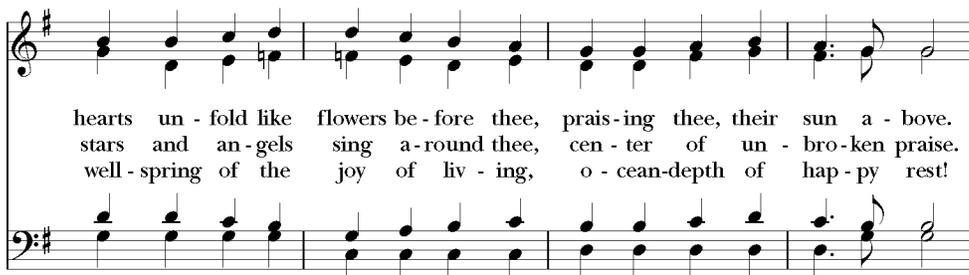
The Creator's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be among you,
the Spirit's outpouring be upon you,
now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Words: Henry van Dyke; Music: Symphony No. 9, Ludwig van Beethoven.



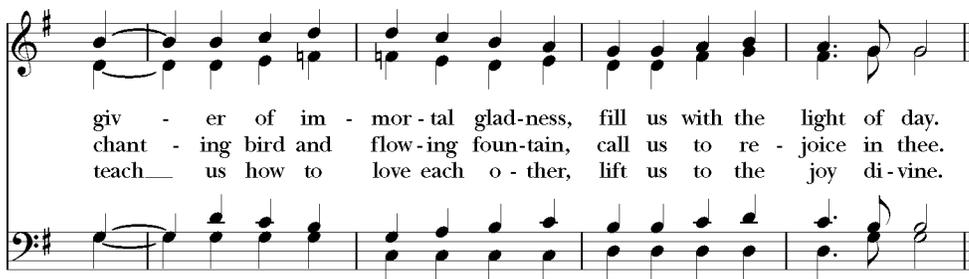
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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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

September 1 | 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/

September 3 | Open Mic for Caregivers - Cancelled

The next Open Mic will be held at 4:00 pm on October 1 when Venera di Bella Barles, caregiver and discussion group facilitator at the BI Senior Center, will be our speaker. Please contact Florrie Munat for the Zoom link and more information: fmunat@aol.com

September 10 | 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) or Diane McGrew (dlimcgrew@gmail.com). The group will resume meeting in person in September.

September 12 | Homecoming Sunday | after the 9:30 service

While we are still coping with the delta variant, and many of us remain online, we invite all who are comfortable gathering with us in person to join us on September 12 for a modified Homecoming celebration. After worship (fully masked) inside, we will have food and fun outside, physically distanced, for all ages. There may even be a dunk tank for people to enjoy dousing the priest and other leaders in buckets of water! Mark your calendar for a longtime Grace tradition of gathering with joy as the new program year gets underway. For questions about Homecoming, email Stephen at stephen@gracehere.org or Kim at kim@gracehere.org.

September 19 | Acolyte Training | after the 9:30 Service

Acolyte Training for Youth 4th Grade and older; snacks will be served, albs will be donned, cinctures will be tightened, and fun will be had! The training should take about 30 minutes. To sign up or for more information, please email Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org.