



Grace Episcopal Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Interim Rector | Stephen Crippen

Music | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Fern

Vocation

This dream the world is having about itself
includes a trace on the plains of the Oregon trail,
a groove in the grass my father showed us all
one day while meadowlarks were trying to tell
something better about to happen.

I dreamed the trace to the mountains, over the hills,
and there a girl who belonged wherever she was;
but then my mother called us back to the car:
she was afraid; she always blamed the place,
the time, anything my father planned.

Now both of my parents, the long line through the plain,
the meadowlarks, the sky, the world's whole dream
remain, and I hear him say while I stand between the two,
helpless, both of them part of me:

“Your job is to find what the world is trying to be.”

~ William Stafford from the magazine *Poetry*
(vol. 99:6, March 1962)

Gathering Song | Prayer of Peace

Words: based on a Navajo prayer; Music: David Haas.



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.

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 | There's a Spirit in the Air

Words and music: Brian Wren; 9:30 am only

1. There's a Spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians
2. Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what
3. When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry
4. Still the Spir - it leads the fight, see - ing wrong and
5. When a stran - ger's not a - lone, when the home - less

ev - ery - where: Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
God has done. God in Christ has come to stay.
child is fed, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
set - ting right: God in Christ has come to stay.
find a home, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,

liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.
Live to - mor - row's life to - day!
liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.
Live to - mor - row's life to - day!
liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines. The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains four lines of lyrics, with the first line starting with a measure rest. The third system contains five lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a simple harmonic support for the vocal line.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 19: 7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and sing.

Gospel Song | May Our Lives and Our Prayers

Words and music: Paul Sommerville. 9:30am only.

May our lives and our prayers be one As our hopes shape the roads_ we walk

Moderato ♩ = 85

E^b A^b E^b B^b(sus4) B^b C^m A^b(add2)

on And when our work and our dream-ing's done May our lives and our prayers be_

E^b A^b E^b B^b(sus4) B^b C^m A^b(add2)

one. 1. With - in the rhy - thm of_ our days_ 2. We name our deep-est hopes and dreams_

E^b B^b G/B C^m

We take the time_ to muse and pray_ For those we love and all_ in need_

A^b E^b B^b(sus4) B^b

The fears we face,_ the tears_ we taste_ We pic - ture how_ the world_ could be_

B^b G/B C^m

We view in light_ of ho - ly grace_ We live the change we want to see._

A^b E^b B^b(sus4) B^b

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

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

The Gospel | Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

Leader Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Silence

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who carry heavy burdens.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for Grace Church in transition, for all who call this their spiritual home, for all people of faith, and for all whose faith is known to God alone. Teach us to love one another, and to follow after things which make for peace.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for this nation and our leaders, and for all nations, especially all who are suffering the impact of extreme weather. Give us strong voices to advocate for all who suffer injustice, disruption, violence, and oppression.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for all people in need, and for all who long for companionship, hope, and healing. Strengthen us to visit, console, and encourage them. We pray especially for those on our prayer list.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We pray in thanksgiving for all who have died, and for those who mourn. Embrace them with your wounded hands, and breathe your peace upon them.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant God of all mercy,

All we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness, saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

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:

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.

Communion Song | 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 God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob; of Hagar, and of Ishmael;
the God who took human form, shared our burdens, and trampled down death by death;
the God whose Spirit drives us with wind and fire into this good world;
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

This blessing was written for use in the Service for Racial Healing and Repentance, held this past week at Grace.

Closing Song | By the Rivers of Babylon

From Psalm 137; Music: Sue Furlong.

Refrain:

By the rivers of Babylon
Where we sat down
And there we wept
When we remembered Zion

The wicked carried us away in captivity
Required from us a song
How can we sing King Alpha's song
In a strange land?

Refrain

So let the words of our mouth
And the meditation of our heart
Be acceptable in thy sight
Oh for I (2x)

Refrain 2x

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

September 26, 2021

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Upcoming Events & Programs

September 26 | September Service Sunday | Today after the service

Our Service Sunday focus will be our Ministry Partner Chaplains on the Harbor. We will gather outside under the West Eaves to sort and pack the items that have been donated. For more information, please contact Cynthia (cynthialogan63@gmail.com) or Heather (heatherpaar@yahoo.com).

September 26 | Youth - Go 4th Sunday | Today after the service

Every 4th Sunday, families are invited to join in a service project for all ages after the liturgy, hosted by our Outreach Team. Please contact Kerstin Cathcart, Coordinator of Family Ministries, for more information (kerstin@gracehere.org).

September 29 | 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 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28 | Book Group – How We Show Up by Mia Birdsong | 12:00 pm

Every other Thursday. Book available at Grace. "Reclaiming Family, Friendship, and Community." Contact Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org

October 1 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00 pm

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

October 3 | Youth – Lunch Bunch | 11:00 am

High Schoolers - every Sunday after the 9:30 service, join us for lunch, discussion, art projects, and special hiking and service trips. Middle schoolers – join us every first Sunday of each month. Contact Kerstin Cathcart for more information (kerstin@gracehere.org).

October 3 | Blessing of the Animals | 11:15 am after the 9:30 service

Please bring your animal companions to church for an outdoor (rain or shine) service in which we give thanks for all the blessings we receive from the animals in our lives, and pour God's blessings upon them, too. If you like, bring a photograph of a companion animal who is unable to attend, or who has died.

Oct. 5, 12, and 19 | Stephen's Study | Prophetic Jesus, Prophetic Church by Luke Timothy Johnson | 7:00 pm on Zoom

Three Tuesdays on Zoom beginning Oct. 5. Book available at Grace. Contact Stephen Crippen (stephen@gracehere.org).

Oct. 7, Oct. 21 | Draw Near – Women's Conversation Circles | 12:00 pm

Every other Thursday, at Grace in person. Meditation, Conversation, Community. Contact Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org.