

# Grace Episcopal Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Interim Rector | Stephen Crippen

Homilists | Kim Cockroft & Lyra Cromwell

Music | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Cedar



*“Pale Blue Dot,” a photo of Earth taken from the Voyager I spacecraft on its way out of the Solar System, 1990. Source: NASA/JPL-Caltech.*

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them? —*Psalm 8:3-4*

# Gathering Song | Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Text based on Prayer of St. Francis; Music: Sebastian Temple.



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, And  
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, And  
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

## A Call to Worship

Celebrant Open our hearts.

**All New every morning are your mercies.**

Celebrant Set free our voices.

**All New every morning is your song.**

Celebrant Guide our feet.

**All New every morning is your faithfulness. Amen.**

# Opening Song | God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Words: Catherine Cameron; Music: HOLY MANNA. We sing verses 1-3. 9:30 am only



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - dianc through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of love, you give us to one another to love and to cherish, and you are found wherever two or three have gathered in peace to call upon you. Nourish us with your companionship, and teach us how to love one another. Show us your Way, so that all the world may be healed. **Amen.**

*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm** | 8

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

**You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;**

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

**All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

*Translation from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006.*

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

We stand and sing.

# Gospel Song | Lord of All Hopefulness

Words: Jan Struther; Music: SLANE. 9:30am only.



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, e - ver child - like, no cares can de - stroy,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

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

## **The Gospel** | Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Homily**

# Affirmation of Faith

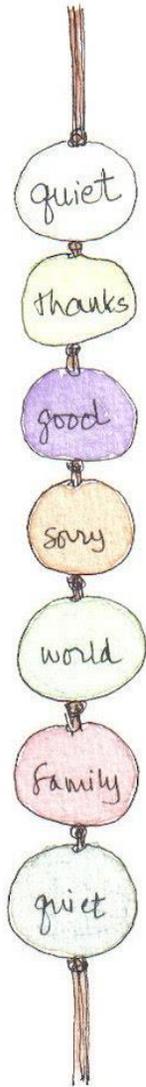
*We stand and say*

**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



Seven Beads - Julie Snyder '10

Let us rest quietly in the presence of God.  
*We gather our hearts in silent prayer.*

Let us give thanks for God's blessings.  
*We offer prayers of thanksgiving.*

Let us rejoice with those who rejoice.  
*We offer prayers of praise.*

Let us confront ourselves with honesty.  
*We offer prayers of confession.*

Let us intercede for the whole world.  
*We offer prayers for all people.*

Let us pray for those closest to our hearts.  
*We pray for those in our parish family.*

Let us rest quietly in the presence of God.  
*We gather our hearts in silent prayer.*

## 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 | Pull of the Moon

*Words and Music: Jodie Manross.*

The moon was high in an autumn sky  
The light cast down and you came outside  
And the night filled the dark with a thousand stars  
Proving nothing was better than where we are.  
In the pull of the moon  
And the weight of the stars,  
You anchor me with all that you are  
Like the stemming of the tide,  
The moon's attraction to the sea,  
You are, you are all these things.

A tea kettle whistle deep within a home  
As a radio sings a song it's sung countless times before  
And I step outside with a searching heart  
To save up wishes as we look above.

In the pull of the moon  
And the weight of the stars,  
You anchor me with all that you are  
Like the stemming of the tide,

The moon's attraction to the sea,  
You are, you are all these things.

So the sky dismissed the stars  
The night became unseen  
The sun woke from its slumber  
And the moon packed up its things  
Saying "The only way to love is to know it might  
be lost.  
So take hold lightly, let go lightly, whatever the  
cost."

In the paleness of a porchlight, I became drowsy  
with all these  
Things  
As I close my eyes slowly and I sing before we  
sleep...

In the pull of the moon  
And the weight of the stars,  
You anchor me with all that you are  
Like the stemming of the tide,  
The moon's attraction to the sea,  
You are, you are all these things.

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## 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 blessing of God, who made the earth and all creatures, and the stars in their courses;  
the blessing of God, who became human to save us from ourselves;  
the blessing of God, whose Spirit stirs all creatures to life, and sends us joyfully into the world;  
be among you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Song | Lead With Love

Words and music: Melanie DeMore.

Chorus:

You gotta put one foot in front of the other  
And lead with love  
Put one foot in front of the other  
And lead with love.  
(Repeat all four lines)

Lift up your eyes  
Don't you despair  
Look up ahead  
The path is there

Verses (call and response):

Don't give up hope  
You're not alone  
Don't you give up  
Keep movin' on

I know you're scared  
And I'm scared too  
But here I am  
Right next to you

*Last chorus: repeat last line two more times*

## The Dismissal

Celebrant     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All             **Thanks be to God.**

## In Sacred Manner

In sacred manner may we walk  
upon the fair and loving earth,  
in beauty move, in beauty love  
the living round that brought us birth.  
We stand on holy ground.  
We stand on holy ground.

In sacred manner may we see  
the luminous and loving stars,  
with wonder and with awe behold  
their ever-new creative powers.  
The heavens show us God.  
The heavens show us God.

In sacred manner may we touch  
the suspirant and loving green,  
give honor and give gratitude  
for shade, for bloom, for gift unseen.  
The trees shall shout for joy.  
The trees shall shout for joy.

In sacred manner may we hear  
the pounding waves, the searing fire,  
the rushing wind, the singing night,  
the forest hymn, the loving choir.  
The morning stars shall sing.  
The morning stars shall sing.

In sacred manner may we live  
among the wise and loving ones,  
sit humbly, as at sages' feet,  
by four-legged, finned and feathered ones.  
The animals will teach.  
The animals will teach.

In sacred manner may we walk  
upon the fair and loving earth,  
in beauty move, in beauty love  
the living round that brought us birth.  
We stand on holy ground.  
We stand on holy ground.

~ Susan Palo Cherwien from *O Blessed Spring: Hymns of Susan Palo Cherwien*  
(Augsburg Fortress, 1997)

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# News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

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## Upcoming Events & Programs

### **October 3 | Blessing of the Animals | 11:15 - Today 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.

### **October 3 | Youth – Lunch Bunch | Today after the 9:30 service**

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

### **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](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org)).

### **October 6 | 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/)

### **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](mailto:kim@gracehere.org).

### **October 8, 22 | 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? 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. The group will continue to meet on Zoom until further notice. For more information, please contact Judy Williams ([jbwms@comcast.net](mailto:jbwms@comcast.net)); for the Zoom link, contact Diane McGrew ([dllmcgrew@gmail.com](mailto:dllmcgrew@gmail.com)).

### **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](mailto:kim@gracehere.org)

### **Nov. 3, 20, and 24 | Jesus Dawning on Us | 7:00 pm on Zoom**

A Three-Part Series with Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes. More information to come from Kim Cockroft.

### **December 2 | Choosing Hope | 7:00 pm (Location to be determined)**

An Advent Evening of Poetry, Music, and Candlelight. Watch for more information from Kim Cockroft.

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