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Grace Episcopal Church

Feast of Transfiguration
August 6, 2023 | 8:00 & 9:30 am
Ministers | All of Us
Interim Rector | Nat Johnson
Deacon | Scott Deasy
Music Director | Jordan Pitre
Preacher | Scott Deasy
Home Group | Southies

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
And worship the Lord upon the holy hill;
For the Lord our God is the Holy One.

— Psalm 99:9

We Gather in God's Name

Gathering Song | The Lord Is My Light

Theme I

1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in

God I trust, in God I trust.

Last time ♯

Theme II

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God I trust, in God I trust.

Last time ♯

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Call to Worship

We stand as we're called to worship.

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

At 9:30am,

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God,

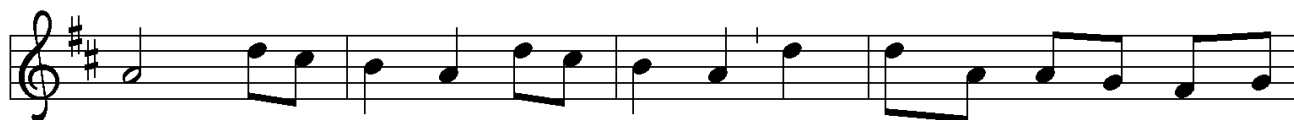
Celebrant and People,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Opening Song | All Creatures Worship God Most High 9:30am only



- 1 All crea-tures, wor - ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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We Hear and Respond to the Story

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God unknown and unsheltered by our poor constructs: open to us the moments when heaven overshadows time and robs us of empty words; in the moment of silence help us to listen to the Chosen One, who goes to die that we might live, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We sit for the first lesson.

The First Lesson | Exodus 34:29-35

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm 99:5-9

We proclaim your greatness, O God,
and fall down before your footstool;
you are the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your Name,
they called upon you, and you answered them.**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**"O Holy God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."**

Proclaim the greatness of our God
and worship on God's holy hill,
for our God is the Holy One.

We sit for the second lesson.

The Second Lesson | 2 Peter 1:13-21

A Reading from the second letter of Peter.

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel acclamation and reading.

Gospel Acclamation | Celtic Alleluia 9:30am only

We sing the Alleluia. The Proper Verse is sung by a Cantor, and we join again in singing the Alleluia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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Cantor A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

Gospel | Luke 9:28-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

We are seated for the homily.

After the homily, we observe a moment of silence as we contemplate the Word of God.

This time begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

Affirmation of Faith

We stand as we affirm the faith that's been handed down to us.

**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

We remain standing for the prayers. Our prayers are written by members of Grace, and all are encouraged to join in these prayers, adding your own prayers after each intercession, silently or aloud. To submit names to our prayer list, and/or to receive weekly updates from our prayer team, email us at prayerlist@gracehere.org. We would love to include those you love in our prayers for thanksgiving, healing, support, or peace; and we also welcome your prayers for particular persons who have died.

Song | We Praise You We Bless You

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Chords are indicated above the staff: C (under G4), G/B (under A4), and Am (under Bb4). The lyrics are: "We praise you, we bless you, we thank you. We". The second staff starts with a measure rest (marked '5') followed by quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Chords are indicated below the staff: F (under G4), G (under A4), and C (under Bb4). The lyrics are: "praise you, we bless you, oh God.".

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Gathering

“As he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.”

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader God of love

All Grant our prayers

Environment

“Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.” God help us to keep our earth sacred by improving the purity of our water and air.

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Families

“Proclaim the greatness of our God.” God be with all children and families everywhere.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader God of love

All Grant our prayers

People in Danger

“Be attentive as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” God, support those people throughout the world who are in danger. Give us the political will and knowledge to bring these people into shelter, comfort and safety.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader God of love

All Grant our prayers

Grace Clergy

“No prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” Give us Grace to welcome our new Rector, Eric. We give thanks for the care and guidance Nat has brought to us this past year.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

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All Grant our prayers

Gratitude

"This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Give us the grace and wisdom to celebrate and share the gifts God has provided us.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

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Prayer Requests

"God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud." We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and all others who are suffering or have died.

Those on our current prayer list are named. You are invited to speak aloud (or simply remember quietly) the names of those for whom you are praying. Please also pray for these persons on our long-term prayer list:

Healing for Amy Sue, Gabi, Rebecca, Doug, Aunt Linda, Ben, Harry, Lizzie, Mary Anne, Gary, Walt, Carrie, Tom, Lynn, Susan, Mike, Ken, Josie, Frank, Pearle, Nancy, Leila, Ted, Len, Dena

Support for Amy Sue's family, Gabi's family, Russ, Mark, Patricia, Aunt Linda's family, Nancy, Jody, Ken, Susan, Dusty, Marcus, Nora, Martha, Ted, Judy, Mary, Anne, John, David, Cecile, Steph, Rose, Kathy, Andrew, Mario, Susan, Cherry, Heather, Joe, Beth

Peace for Greg, Alan, April, MaryAnn, Bobbie

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader God of love

All Grant our prayers

Collecting the Prayers of the People

The Celebrant concludes the prayers of the People.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please respect others' choice to do so socially distanced.

We Share in the Sacred Meal

The Offering

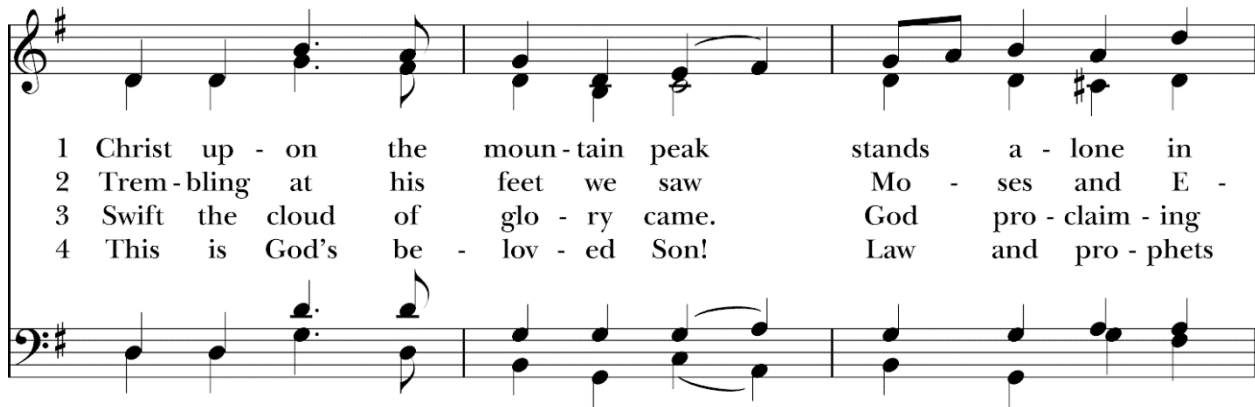
Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in Grace Church's worship at this time in any way is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Together, our gifts make possible this community of inclusion, service, discovery, and gratitude. All worshiping in person are invited to place their offering in baskets as they are passed through the rows, but anyone in person or online may give via this link: www.gracehere.org/give/, or by accessing our OnRealm system with this QR code. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your presence with us today.

All stand when the offering of our hearts and hands are brought forward.

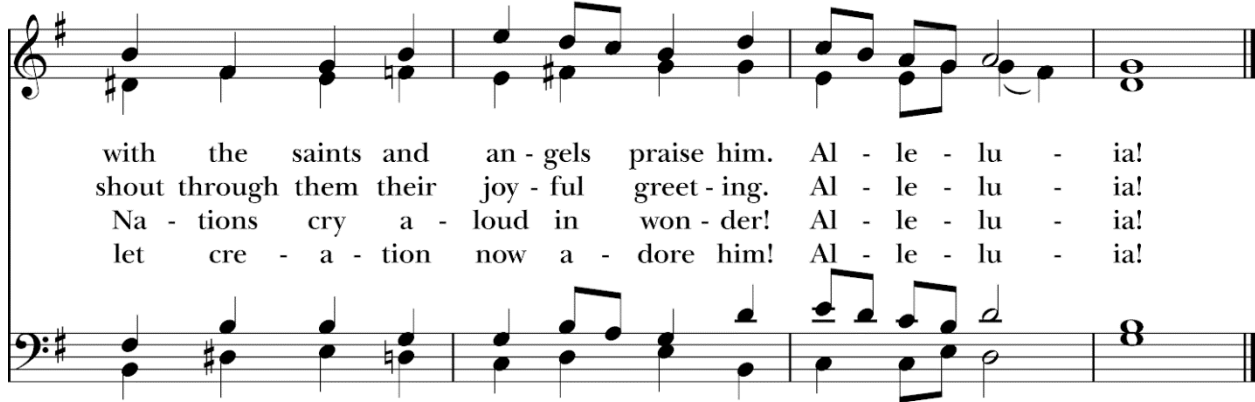
Offertory Song | Christ Upon the Mountain Top 9:30am only



1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,



with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing as we say the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things...

The Celebrant continues with the preface, and then says,

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus | Santo, Santo, Santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, Lord.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise...

The Celebrant continues through the Memorial Acclamation.

...And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ...

...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the bread and we sing,

Fraction Anthem | S 154: Christ our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first line contains three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The second line contains 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third line contains 'there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth line contains three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs.

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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for holy people.

All are welcome to come forward into the circle to receive Communion. Please tell the bread minister if you prefer to receive a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy. Please tell the chalice bearer if you prefer non-alcoholic wine. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, cross your arms in front of your chest, and when the minister brings the chalice near you, they will simply say the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," and you may then return to your seat. Finally, if you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest and the bread minister will ask God's blessing on you.

Communion Song | Shine Jesus Shine *9:30am only*

Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Creator's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance
Through Your grace I can see your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

As we gaze on your royal brightness. So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

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Post-Communion Song | Surely the Presence 9:30am only



Sure-ly - the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel God's might-y
pow-er and God's grace—— I can hear the brush of an-gel's wings I see glo - ry on each
face; Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

After communion, we share in silent reflection and prayer, begun and ended by the ringing of a bell.

Our Prayer After Communion

We stand and pray.

Celebrant Let us pray. Spirit of life,

All we thank you for disordering our boundaries in this feast of delight: draw us out of hidden places and centers of conformity to feel your laughter and live in your pleasure. Amen.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Celebrations 9:30am only

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

We are Sent into the World

Blessing

The Priest blesses the people.

May the Spirit be the storm that shakes the foundations,
the leap of new fire, which turns oppression to ashes;
may her wildness seduce us with holy desire;
and the blessing of the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises 9:30am only

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island | August 6, 2023

Register Now for our Parish Retreat | October 6 – 8 at Seabeck Conference Center: Eric Mason, our new Rector will be with us for the whole weekend. Don't miss out! **The deadline for you to register and provide a \$100 deposit is August 15.** We need to let Seabeck know the number of people attending the retreat by Sept 1st. If you are interested, or intending to go, please email Edith Cobourn at edithann1963@att.net. Registration forms are available in the narthex and at www.gracehere.org/retreat.

Lost & Found | Missing something? Our lost & found is overflowing with all manner of goodies including outerwear, clothing, jewelry, water bottles, towels, house keys, eyeglasses, a lone earbud, and some adorable name badge necklaces from camp. Please check the coat rack and the table set up near the restrooms. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of August.

Calling all Grace Food Folks! Food items are generously put in the freezer at Grace for future use, but sometimes they get forgotten, buried, or go bad. If something belongs to your ministry and is still usable, please mark them and put them back in the freezer, or compost them. Items left in the freezer that are not marked after the 29th of August will be subject to being composted. Thanks for your assistance. Eric Matthews, Building & Property Manager.

Peter Zapf Memorial | The family of Peter Zapf welcomes you to join them at Grace next **Tuesday, August 8, at 11am**, to celebrate his life and commit his ashes to the ground.

Chris Cozine Memorial | We will gather at Grace on **Friday, August 11, at 2 pm** for the Celebration of Life of Ted and Judy Cozine's son Chris. Please keep Ted, Judy, and their family in your prayers during this time.

The interment of Barbara Louise Shaw | Sunday, August 13, directly after the 9:30 am service.

Holy Conversations with the Bishop Search Committee | Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm: The Bishop Search Committee invites all members of the Diocese of Olympia to share in a conversation about our hopes for the next bishop by participating in a facilitated "Holy Conversation." Share what you believe to be the skills, qualities, and gifts our next bishop will ideally have to lead our diocese forward. The data gathered will help form the core of the diocesan profile. A session will be held at Grace on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm.

Earth & Spirit potluck and film screening | August 24 at 6pm: In collaboration with the community group, What's Love Got to Do with It?, Earth and Spirit Ministry invites you to a screening of David Korten's new half-hour film *For the Love of Life: Finding Our Way to an Ecological Civilization*. Gather at Grace for a potluck from 6-7 pm, followed by a hybrid Zoom/in-person screening and discussion from 7-8:30pm. You'll find a link to a preview in this week's newsletter. Info: Deborah Milton, deborahmltn@gmail.com.

Children, Youth & Families | Summer Sundays have included outdoor activities, games, and general fun, including yoga, story hikes, cooperative games, and popsicles! We will continue to have a children's space at the 9:30 am service on the last Sunday of every month. Contact Lara Case Halsey at lara@gracehere.org.

Housing for Our Next Rector | We are all excited about Eric Mason joining us in the fall and are reaching out on behalf of a more human need. We are working to find Eric a permanent residence, but also recognize that the housing market can be dynamic and ever-evolving. We are seeking a short-term residence (up to 1 year). This could be in the form of an ADU, guest house, or current rental. If you have ideas on either need, please reach out to Dana Fitzpatrick at (206) 488-8632.

Ridwell at Grace Clarification | If any of the following items are generated *at Coffee Hour or during the week at Grace*, please put them in the bin on the counter by the kitchen door and they will be sorted and put out for pick up by Ridwell: clear clam shells, film plastics (Ziploc, bread and produce bags, bubble wrap), multi-layer plastics (snack & frozen food bags, snack bar wrappers), Styrofoam, batteries, and light bulbs. *You can sign up for household pickups separately at Ridwell.com.* Questions? Contact Eric Matthews, at eric@gracehere.org or (206) 718-2254.

Home Groups at Grace | Looking to Connect with Others at Grace Church? Getting involved in a Home Group at Grace is one of the best ways to meet people, develop friendships, and discover more of what Grace has to offer you and your family. Over 200 people are involved in seven different Home Groups. They gather periodically for fellowship and fun, serve together on Sundays, and offer support to one another when needed. Do you want to meet some near neighbors? Many of our groups are geographically based. Do you want to meet other families with young children? Then our "Family Group" might be for you. If interested in learning more, contact Jeff Bassette (jeff.bassette@gmail.com) or Greg Abell (grega@somtg.com), our Home Group Coordinators.



You may find more details on upcoming events in our weekly newsletter:
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