



Order of Worship

August 8, 2021

[Livestream 10:30 am](#)



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Live stream Worship 10:30 AM
Find Grace Church Seattle's
page on [YouTube](#)

Limited Nursery

6 months to 36 months
Registration required

Nursing Room

(Nursing moms only)
Back of sanctuary,
west side.

Family Room

Upstairs Chapel
Livestream viewing

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"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Lewis' quote from *Mere Christianity* points to an inner discontent every human heart senses from time to time. In the silence of reflection, or in the fleeting realizations amidst a hurried state, there is a beckoning towards something peaceful, meaningful and full.

We simply desire more than we presently experience, and our hearts hear the call:

There is more.

Prior to a systematic understanding of doctrine or a vast lexicon of theology and spirituality, every person knows "the call" and either reaches out to embrace the whisper beyond our lived experience or resists the call, burying it under the weight of our obligations, ambitions and immediate desires.

The choice to respond to the call is a common phenomenon in the Bible. From the very beginning, this "call and response" is seen when God calls out the Void and it responds in obedience—yielding every created thing by His powerful commands. We then see promises offered to Humanity in the Garden and our First Parents are given an opportunity to embrace these call or to doubt it.

Moreover, the call/ response or promise/faith dynamic plays itself out for generations until it seems like all of Humanity has scattered turned their back on God.

It is then that we are presented with Abraham and Sarah; two people with that same common yearning, who hear that same call before there was a full systematic understanding of doctrine or a robust lexicon for who this "YHWH" is—and they embrace His will for their lives. They and their children are invited to embrace the One who calls order from chaos, fruitfulness out of barrenness, dreams in midst of heartbreak, and life out of certain death.

Our next series focuses on the call/response, promise/faith themes in Genesis 12-50, beginning with Abraham and ending with Joseph—and all passages pointing to a redemptive reality we know intimately in Christ, but only in whispers and shadows in the original texts. In these Scriptures, we get to likewise heed the Voice of the One who calls us out of our comforts—out of all that we know—to a life of faith and obedience. "For here we have no enduring City, but we seek the city that is to come (Hebrews 13:14)."

Come journey with us!

REFLECTION QUOTES

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"In him we live and move and have our being";
as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

Acts 17: 26-28

Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Hebrews 13:13-14

WELCOME**PRELUDE**

Stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP*Psalm 24:1-4*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness
O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy" [available here](#) or printed and found in the lobby.



Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, he is the one calling us to himself—today and every day.

William Henry Draper and St. Francis of Assisi

LECTIO SACRA*Hebrews 11:1-12*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE

Stand if able

CONFESSION OF SIN*From the Worship Sourcebook*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

**help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



"Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.





RECEIVING OF GRACE

Based on Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ,
and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.**

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the group His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny!
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand.



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 119: 57-72

The Lord is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

**I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.**

When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

**I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.**

Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

I do not forget your law.

**At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous rules.**

**I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.**

**The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!**

You have dealt well with your servant,

O Lord, according to your word.

**Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.**

**Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.**

You are good and do good;

teach me your statutes.

**The insolent smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;
their heart is unfeeling like fat,
but I delight in your law.**

It is good for me that I was afflicted,

that I might learn your statutes.

**The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

Praying through the Psalms each week teaches us how to pray, using the prayer book of ancient Israel. As we pray, there will be pauses for reflection.

Abide with Me

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven -
 2. Thou on my head, in ear - ly youth didst
 3. I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to
 5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing

tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with
 smile; And, though re - bel - lious, and per -
 hour. What but Thy grace, can foil the
 bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their
 eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me

me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and
 verse mean - while, Thou hast not left me, oft as
 tempt - er's power? Who, like Thy - self, my guide and
 bit - ter - ness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy
 to the skies. Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain

com - forts flee, Help of the
 I left Thee, On to the
 stay can be? Through cloud and
 vic - to - ry? I tri - umph
 shad - ows flee; In life, in

help - less, a - bide with me.
 close - Lord, a - bide with me.
 sun - shine, a - bide with me.
 still, a - bide with me.
 death, Lord, a - bide with me.

Seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Share with us your visit and prayer requests.](#)

PASSING THE PEACE

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

GOSPEL LESSON

The Call, The Promise

Genesis 11:27-12:5

Rev. Jason Davison

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at graceseattle.org/resources.



Prayer for Those

Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those

Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.



SERMON TEXT

[11:27] Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. [28] Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. [29] And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. [30] Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

[31] Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

[12:1] Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

[4] So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. [5] And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

OFFERING

To give to the Grace General Fund, you can give several ways:

- To give via text message, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405. (This will take you to our on-line giving page)
- To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play and click the giving tab within the app.
- Give via Venmo (Give to @graceseattle.org; all transactions are private)
- Give via PayPal (Give to bookkeeper@graceseattle.org)
- To gift stock, contact our bookkeeper@graceseattle.org
- Mail to check to:
Grace Church Seattle
400 E Pine St, #215
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To give to the Serving the City Fund or Deacons Fund, you can give several ways:

- For text, online, and app giving, specify "Serving the City" "Deacons Fund" in the "Fund" field.
- For all other giving, Indicate "Serving the City" or "Deacons Fund" in the memo or comments field.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hesed

You will be our God and, we will be your people
You have made this covenant with us
There's nowhere we could run that we could escape you
We cannot break your love

Your lovingkindness, your long-suffering
And your faithfulness in your love for me
Unconditional, steadfast, loyal, true
You are faithful in your love for me

Prayer for Receiving Communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.



Receiving Communion

We will come forward by rows, starting at the front and alternating sides to ensure distancing in the center aisle. As you come forward, please maintain distance with your neighbor.



Communion Elements:

Cup: Wine or Grape Juice

Challah Bread: Contains wheat, egg, milk, instant yeast

Rice Crackers: Organic Brown Rice Flour, Organic White Rice Flour

Prefilled, factory-sealed communion elements also available:

Communion wafer ingredients: wheat flour, water, vegetable shortening (soybean oil, cottonseed oil).

Gluten-free wafer ingredients: flour mix (garbanzo bean, tapioca, sorghum, fava beans, potato starch), water, canola oil, salt.

Stand if able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Seated

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Words of Institution

Hesed

You will be our God and, we will be your people
You have made this covenant with us
There's nowhere we could run that we could escape you
We cannot break your love

Your lovingkindness, your long-suffering
And your faithfulness in your love for me
Unconditional, steadfast, loyal, true
You are faithful in your love for me

Immovable Hesed is our firm foundation
A love securely bound in covenant
You've sealed it with your blood
And though we pull against it
We cannot break your love

Your lovingkindness, your long-suffering
And your faithfulness in your love for me
Unconditional, steadfast, loyal, true
You are faithful in your love for me

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended;
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suffering,
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold:
Bringing many sons to glory;
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery;
Slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him.
Praise the Lord; he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when he comes.
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BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21



Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
for ever and ever! **Amen.**

SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Thanks be to God!

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM. Join us for in-person worship or join us via [livestream](#) on YouTube on Grace Church Seattle's page.

Grace Kids. Children's worship guide available every week. Limited Nursery (6 months to 36 months) available for parents who [Pre-register for Nursery](#) each week. A family room is also provided in the Upstairs Chapel with a Livestream viewing. For more information, check the Grace Kids Page on our [website](#).

Youth. Currently, YCG is on hiatus until the Fall, but for the summer we will be having monthly picnics to play games and fellowship with one another. Additionally, Grace is partnering with Central Community Church, Icon Church and St. Joseph's for a monthly youth gathering every 3rd Thursday at 6pm. For more details on summer picnics and Youth Central, please email Pastor Jason at jason@graceseattle.org.

Pastoral Care. Please contact us if you have needs or if you have resources you would like to offer our community. We can be reached here (pastoralcare@graceseattle.org).

CONNECT

Connect Groups. We have a wide variety of groups: Community Groups, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, Men's Groups, and Women's Groups. To find a group, or if you are interested in starting one, please contact our Director of Community Formation, Jamie Afshari jamie@graceseattle.org.

SERVE

Congregation. There are many ways to serve in the congregation. Please contact [Alyssa Werner](#) or go to our [website](#) for more information.

City. Grace partners with a number of great organizations in the city. To find out more, please contact [Pastor Jason](#) or go to our [website](#).

GIVE

You can give financially to Grace many ways.

- Our General Fund, which goes to support the mission and worship of our congregation
- Our Deacons Fund, which goes to help those in our congregation and community who are facing unexpected financial need
- Our Serving the City Fund, which goes directly to our efforts to serve the hurting and marginalized in our city

For more information, please go to graceseattle.org/giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Volunteers Needed! With the return to in-person worship, we need people willing to help with communion, ushering, check-in, and reading. Please contact Alyssa at alyssa@graceseattle.org to sign up!

Grace Kids Conversation and Volunteer Training: Because our launch of Grace Kids this fall requires adult volunteers, there will be a training on Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 AM in the Upstairs Chapel - Coffee provided! Contact Linn at linn@graceseattle.org to register or for more information.

Women at Grace, please join us for a summer Bible study discussing the book of James. We have been meeting every other Tuesday evening (8/10 and 8/24) on Zoom from 7-8:30. Sign up is open and won't close throughout the duration of the study so it's not too late to join even if that means for only one session! Email Jamie at jamie@graceseattle.org to sign up.

Summer Women's Social: Mark your calendars now for another Women's Social Event athlete Morse home in Renton on Saturday, August 28!

GraceLife Distribution List GraceLife (gracelifeseattle@googlegroups.com) is an email group designed to foster spontaneous generosity and hospitality among anyone and everyone who regularly attends Grace. The distribution list allows anyone who signs up to send out an email to the larger group. It's designed to let others know about a party you'd like to invite others to join, a game night you'd like to host, a request to borrow something, a post to give goods away, a need you'd like to ask for help from the larger group, etc. Email Alyssa at alyssa@graceseattle.org to join.

Grace is Hiring! Part-Time Ministry Facilitators: We are in need of ministry facilitators (who assist in providing support to volunteers and set-up for Sunday morning services) for the summer on the following dates, (8/8 and 8/29). Volunteers for those specific dates are welcome, but we are in need of 3 new Ministry Facilitators—these positions are paid and would continue into the fall. This role requires about 4 hours of work per Sunday and we hope to have a small team that rotates the duties so that each facilitator only works once a month. If you are interested in learning more about this role, or know someone who might be a good fit, contact Alyssa at alyssa@graceseattle.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8/8 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

8/15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

8/22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

8/29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

Emergency Plan

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children attending a Grace Kids Class will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the farthest edge of the front lawn, at the corner of E. Aloha St. and 13th Ave. E., where they can be reunited with their parents or guardians.

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