



Order of Worship

August 22, 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

"I wanted to tell her everything, maybe if I'd been able to, we could have lived differently, maybe I'd be there with you now instead of here. Maybe... if I'd said, 'I'm so afraid of losing something I love that I refuse to love anything,' maybe that would have made the impossible possible. Maybe, but I couldn't do it, I had buried too much too deeply inside me. And here I am, instead of there."

Jonathan Safran Foer, *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*

"Well, whatever you do, however terrible, however hurtful, it all makes sense, doesn't it, in your head. You never meet anybody that thinks they're a bad person."

Tom Ripley, from *The Talented Mr. Ripley*

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die."

2 Samuel 12: 13-14

WELCOME

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.

PRELUDE

Stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

**"My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

**He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.**

**He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.**

Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

**but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

**they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.**

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustainers!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*Joachim Neander 1680,
"Lobe den Herren" 1665
trans. Catherine Winkworth,
1863*

Seated

LECTIO SACRA

Acts 19:11-20



And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

"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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE

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

Stand if able

CONFESSION OF SIN

From the Worship Sourcebook



Gracious God,

**our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**



RECEIVING OF GRACE

Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1, (NIV)

Sisters and Brothers, believe these words of grace:

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."**

This is the Gospel!

Thanks Be to God!



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.

Stand if able

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Before The Throne Of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863.

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

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."



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.



GOSPEL LESSON

Mistaken Identity

Genesis 12:10-20

Rev. Jason Davison

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

SERMON TEXT

[10] Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. [11] When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, [12] and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. [13] Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." [14] When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.[15] And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. [16] And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

[17] But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. [18] So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? [19] Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." [20] And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

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
 - Seattle, WA 98122

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

Stand if able

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.

Seated

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION



Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Words of Institution

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.

My Refuge

Though the seas may rag and earth may shake
I don't have to be afraid.
Though the mountains move into the sea,
You're a steadfast rock beneath my feet:
God my rock, God my rock.
God my strength, God my strength.

Though kingdoms fall and seasons fade,
Your steadfast love will never change.
Those who call upon your name,
They will not be put to shame.
You're my rock, you're my rock.
You're my strength, you're my strength.

I will take my refuge in the shadow of your wings, oh God.
I will take my refuge in the shadow of your wings, oh God.

When anxious thoughts take hold of me
I remember you're the Prince of Peace.
You're my place of rest and my escape
Father You will be my hiding place.
You're my rock, you're my rock.
You're my strength, you're my strength.

Words: Thomas Ken
Music "Old Hundredth"

Doxology

5 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
8
9 praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
8
13 praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
8
13
24 Ghost. Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.
29
36 Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.
8
A - men, a - men, a - me - n!

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **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.

Felt Cutting Party: Do you have GREAT scissor cutting skills? Are you a teenager or older? Join Miss Linn and Teacher Susan after church on August 29 to help us cut out the Biblical Felt sets for our PreK/Kinder class. Separate activities for younger friends provided. Sign-up to help in advance, pizza and salad provided, contact Linn at linn@graceseattle.org.

Community and Connect Group Leaders! If you are a Connect/small group leader please mark your calendar for a weekend training-palooza October 1-2! If you don't lead a group but host one please feel welcome to join in the fun!

We'll begin with dinner at 6PM with a devotional then talk about a number of items related to pedagogy and small groups -- then we'll break for the evening. Saturday morning, we'll reconvene for a continental breakfast at 8:30AM. The training will begin at 9AM - this time discussing how to teach through different genres of Scripture, highlight curriculum options, talk about creating hospitable environments for groups, and how to incorporate Grace's new Mission, Vision, and Values in a small group setting. We'll have some lunch then have time for Q&A and prayer for our small groups and year.

If you are a member at Grace and have thought about starting up a small group- we welcome you to come and see what it is like and what it is like to be a leader in this role!

Please RSVP with Jamie at jamie@graceseattle.org. If you will need childcare, please reach out!

Women at Grace, please join us for a summer Bible study discussing the book of James. We have been meeting every other Tuesday evening (8/24 is the final session) 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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)

9/5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

9/12 Sixteenth 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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