



Order of Worship
October 17, 2021
Livestream 10:15 am



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St
Adult Classes 9 AM
Youth & Children Classes 9 AM
Worship 10:15 AM
Live stream found on
Grace Church Seattle's
[YouTube](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

9:00 AM

OCT 17	FEB 20
OCT 31	MAR 6
NOV 14	MAR 20
DEC 5	APR 3
DEC 19	MAY 1
JAN 16	MAY 22
FEB 6	

Nursery/Toddlers: Room 117
PreK-2nd Grade: Room 119
3rd-5th Grade: Fellowship Hall
YCG: Room 102
Adults: Upstairs Chapel

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

Ages 6 months - 4yrs:

Room 119

Nursing Room

(Nursing moms only)

Back of Sanctuary, west side.

Family Room

Upstairs Chapel

Livestream Viewing

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Our Vision: To see the city of Seattle look more and more like the city of God.

By faith Abraham made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:9-10

Our desires as a church are audacious because we believe that God is audacious.

We believe that God has brought us into the richness of communion with the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We were created to receive God's love and, in response, give our lives back to God. It is by walking in this purpose that we find true joy and meaning. This knowing and walking with God is the "abundant life" that Jesus promises us.

We also believe that God loves the city of Seattle and is at work all around us.

But it doesn't end there. In a staggering manifestation of God's love, we have been invited by God to share in the work of seeing the life-giving and healing kingdom of Jesus spread. We have been called by our heavenly Father to take our places as his beloved children and embrace his calling upon our individual lives and the life of our congregation.

So come, no matter what state you may be in today. Join us in being loved by God, receiving his blessing, and being sent out into the world as his beloved.

Let us worship.

REFLECTION QUOTES

I've spent all my life on a search to find
A love who'll stay for eternity that heaven sent to fulfill my needs
But when I turn around, again love had not been found
My heart got broke and oh it hurt so bad, I'm sad to say love wins again

So I place my heart under lock and key
To take some time and take care of me
Then I turn around and you're standing here

How did you get here? Nobody's suppose to be here
I've tried that love thing for the last time

My heart says, no, no, nobody's suppose to be here
But you came along and changed my mind

Deborah Cox, "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here"

"Would I have looked here for the one who sees me?"

Hagar, Genesis 16:13

"In the ongoing narrative of the Bible, Hagar is the first person who is favored with an encounter with God through an angel, the first who names the God who has been revealed to her, and the first to found a place in which she has received the word of God as a shrine to YHWH by giving it a name. None of the mothers of Israel is her equal in this regard."

Imtraud Fischer, "Women Who Wrestled with God: Biblical Stories of Israel's Beginnings"

WELCOME



PRELUDE

Stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:27-31

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.

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.**

O Worship The King

Words: Robert Grant (1833)
Music: LYONS

1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose
3. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in
gra - teful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our
robe is the light, whose ca - no - py space. His
you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your
Shield and De - fen - der, the An - cient of Days, pa -
cha - riots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and
mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,
vi - lioned in splen - dor and gir - ded with praise.
dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
Ma - ker, De - fen - der, Re - dee - mer, and Friend!

**LECTIO SACRA**

John 9:24-41

[24] So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." [25] He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." [26] They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" [27] He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" [28] And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29] We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." [30] The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. [32] Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34] They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

[35] Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" [36] He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" [37] Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." [38] He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. [39] Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." [40] Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" [41] Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE**Be Thou My Vision**

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

*Traditional Celtic Hymn
8th Century*

Stand, Sit, or Kneel

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Job 23:14-15, Jeremiah 12:1, Isaiah 40:27, Psalm 119:18

Lord, we are grateful for our standing before you,
forgiven, accepted, recipients of the promise.
Yet in our waiting,
we admit that our confidence in you is faltering after so much adversity
and so many unanswered prayers.

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Like Job, we have hard thoughts about you, saying
**"What he desires, that he does.
He will complete what he appoints for me,
And many such things are in his mind.
Therefore I am terrified."**

Lord, rescue us from debilitating cynicism.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Like Jeremiah, we question your sense of fairness, saying
**"Why does the way of the wicked prosper?
Why do all who are treacherous thrive?"**

Lord, we want to trust in your righteous timing.
Help our unbelief, O Lord.

Like ancient Israel, we often feel invisible and passed over, saying
**"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my case is disregarded by my God."**

Father, help us to cling to your promises.
**Restore our confidence in your Word, O Lord,
and open our eyes to see wonderful things in your Law,
Amen.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)



RECEIVING OF GRACE

Matthew 11:5-6, Matthew 7:7, Isaiah 40:31

To the cast off, the embittered and forsaken,
God has not forgotten, nor is he blind!
May we hear the words of Christ to John the Baptist
as he sat in prison, questioning the Promise of redemption:
**"The blind receive their sight and the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear,
and dead are raised up,
and the poor have good news preached to them.
And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."**

The Lord is patient towards us and will strengthen our faith,
if we ask, seek, and knock,
He will surely grant us confidence.
**In Christ, we are given renewed strength,
and shall mount up with wings as eagles.**

Only let us continue to trust in him!
Amen!

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers,
toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought
me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

John Newton, 1779
 "New Britain," 1831
 (last stanza author unknown)

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did
that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

When we've been there
ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days
to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Stand, Sit, or Kneel

PRAYING THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 56:1-8



Thus says the Lord:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.
Blessed is the one who does this,
and the son of man who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

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

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say,

"The Lord will surely separate me from his people";

and let not the eunuch say,

"Behold, I am a dry tree."

For thus says the Lord:

"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,
I will give in my house and within my walls
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

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"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
 to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
 and to be his servants,
 everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
 and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."

The Lord God,
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
"I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."

Stand if able

We Will Feast In The House of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore
 ©2015 Drink Your Tea Music
 (ASCAP)

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some lines appearing below the staff. The first two staves begin with a treble clef and continue with a bass clef. The third and fourth staves begin with a treble clef. The lyrics include:

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-store. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther.

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
 2. In the dark of
 3. Ev - ery vow we've

burned by the fire, he is the Lord our
 night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
 bro - ken and be - trayed. You are the faith - ful

God. We are not con - sumed by the
 afraid for the pro - mised mor - ning, o how
 one, and from the gar - den to the

flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
 long. O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
 grave, bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.

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

Gospel to the Unseen

Genesis 16

Rev. Jason Davison

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded [here](#).

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.

**SERMON TEXT**

[1] Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. [2] And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. [3] So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. [4] And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. [5] And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" [6] But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

[7] The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. [8] And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." [9] The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." [10] The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." [11] And the angel of the Lord said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant
and shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael,
because the Lord has listened to your affliction.

[12] He shall be a wild donkey of a man,
his hand against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

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.

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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.

[13] So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." [14] Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

[15] And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. [16] Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.



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.

NEW Offering Tiles

Many of us tithe electronically and this can be a wise practice and a blessing to the church. A downside can be the loss of the embodied practice of physically bringing our offering to the Lord. If it will aid you in your worship to reclaim a physical expression of tithing, tiles are now available in baskets at our welcome table for you to choose and place in the offering basket as it is passed.



Sit, Stand or Kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

By Pope Francis,
jesuitsource.org

Merciful God,

we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died
after leaving their homelands in search of a better life.

Though many of their graves bear no name,
to you each one is known, loved and cherished.

May we never forget them,

but honor their sacrifice with deeds more than words.

**We entrust to you all those who have made this journey,
enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation,
in order to reach a place of safety and hope.**

Just as you never abandoned your Son
as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph,
so now be close to these, your sons and daughters,
through our tenderness and protection.

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In caring for them

**may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home
and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.**

Merciful God and Father of all,

**wake us from the slumber of indifference,
open our eyes to their suffering,
and free us from the insensitivity
born of worldly comfort and self-centredness.**

Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals,
to see that those who come to our shores
are our brothers and sisters.

**May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand,
and recognize that together,
as one human family, we are all migrants,
journeying in hope to you, our true home,
where every tear will be wiped away,
where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.**

In your great Name we pray, Amen.

Seated

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Grace's leadership has recently re-articulated our congregation's vision, mission, and values. These are an attempt to answer these two questions:

- Who are we as a church?
- What is the work God is calling us to do?

For the next several weeks, we will be hearing from various people in our congregation about how God is working both in their lives and in the life of our congregation.

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
(Many thanks to Danielle Taniguchi for freshly baking challah bread each week!)

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).



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.

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.

Joy to Be

[Chorus]

**O the joy to be, joy to know
It's when I decrease, You fill up my soul
What a joy to see, joy to hold
It's when You increase, I want nothing more**

Open my hands, humble my heart

**All that I have is Yours
Color my prayers, widen my eyes
Wash me in glorious light**

[Chorus]

**Hasten my ears, bridle my tongue
Focus my heart to hear
Settle my pace, purge me of pride
Again and again, You provide**

[Chorus] 2x

**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!

THIS SUNDAY
9:00 AM Christian Formation
10:15 AM Worship

...NEXT WEEK
NO Christian Formation Classes
10:15 AM Worship

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship 10:15 AM. Join us for in-person worship or join us via [livestream](#) on YouTube on Grace Church Seattle's page.

Christian Formation Hour Dates for Ministry Year.

OCT 17	FEB 20
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Adult Christian Formation Hour. Join us as we engage with Job. Job is a curious book. Labeled by some as poetry and labeled by others as horror, this book demands our attention. Job will not let us off the hook with easy answers and he often seems demanding of God that his questions get answered. In this year's Christian Formation hour, we'll dive into the text and learn to ask the hard questions with Job. Counselors will periodically aid us in some nuanced discussion around grief and trauma and we'll learn how the Bible teaches us to lament and even get a chance to write some of our own. It will be a holistic class that engages spirit, body, and mind.

Grace Kids. In our Christian Formation classes our youngest children are studying New Testament Stories and our 3rd-5th graders are learning about the Parables of Jesus using the DWELL curriculum. A Children's Worship Guide is available every week in the foyer for our children to use during the worship service. A combined class for 6 months through 4 year olds is available during the worship service downstairs in room #119. There is no limit or pre-registration required. We hope to add a Sermon Time class for 4 year olds through 2nd graders as we have more volunteers available. A mother's nursing room is located in the back of the sanctuary on the west side. A family room is provided in the Upstairs Chapel with a Livestream viewing. We use KidCheck (<https://www.kidcheck.com/>) to check children into our programs. Please create a free account: [Sign Up Using Mobile App](#) OR [Sign Up Using Website](#). For questions, please contact Linn Haralson at linn@graceSeattle.org.

Youth. YCG classes start Sunday, October 3 during our Christian Formation Hour at 9AM. This year our high schoolers will be partnering with adult YCG leaders in leading our study of the book of John. Every Sunday of Christian Formation, youth will meet for a short game, Bible study and prayer in small groups. Also, beginning on Monday, October 4, 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM, 10 week Alpha course will begin! Alpha is an interactive time of learning and discussion around the basics of the Christian faith, where young people will inquire of the faith and one another over a weekly meal. Youth from Central Community Church, Saint Ambrose, and Grace Church Seattle will be gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 10th Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102. For questions, 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 at 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 [Danielle Taniguchi](#) 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

Growth Groups: These groups will focus on a Rule of Life in order to grow with two others in desired areas (communion with God, emotional health, and service are just a few areas one group might decide to flourish in). If you have questions please email Jamie Afshari at jamie@graceSeattle.org.

Women at Grace: Join a new Women's Bible Study starting October 19th! Miriam Decker will lead people through Galatians and Ephesians every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 PM. For the time being, it will meet on Zoom. Please email miriammdecker@hotmail.com to register and receive the question guide or for any questions about the study! Hope to see you there!

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 Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceSeattle.org to sign up!

NEW KidCheck Sign-In: We will be using the KidCheck program for all youth and children under the Age of 18. Please create a free account, from the comfort of your home; it's simple and will only take a few minutes. Once you've created your account, you simply use your 10 digit phone number to check-in with us on Sunday mornings. Creating your account prior to Sunday will help us have a smoother transition. [Sign Up Using Mobile App](#) OR [Sign Up Using Website](#). Questions? Please email Linn Haralson at linn@graceSeattle.org.

Youth Central/Alpha: Grace is partnering with Central Community Church and St. Ambrose Church beginning October 4, 6-7:45PM, for a 10 week apologetics class for 6-12th graders! Our location has changed from the SDA church to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 10th Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102. Please email Jason Davison at jason@graceSeattle.org for more details.

Seward Park Walking Group: Starting October 14, every Thursday, regardless of weather, meet by the bathrooms at 10AM (babies in strollers and leashed pets welcome). Contact Linn Haralson at linn@graceSeattle.org if you would like to join.

New Visitor Lunch, October 24th (Zoom option available): There are many new faces at Grace! If you're relatively new to the church, or just want to find out more about us, please plan on coming to the new visitor lunch on Sunday, October 24 immediately following the worship service. We will meet in the chapel and lunch will be provided. If you are unable to make it in person, we will provide a Zoom option as well (contact Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceSeattle.org to get the link).

Listening Prayer Group Opportunity at The Layne 2021-22

"By beginning with the revealed word of God, Lectio Divina (listening prayer) continues the conversation that God has begun. We first pay attention to his approach to us and focus on our receptivity. Scripture becomes a means for God to feed, heal, and love us. We open ourselves to God's presence and respond with our hearts."

-Stephen J. Binz - Conversing with God in Scripture

A Listening prayer group is a small group that meets with the intention of building a community around the word of God. During this time together we will listen to God's word read out loud. We will have an opportunity for individual silence and reflection on the scripture and then conclude our time together, sharing the gifts that God has given in our silence with him. Please join us for listening prayer, led by Shelly Morse, at the Layne on the following dates at 7:00-9:00 PM:

- Wednesday, October 27
- Thursday, November 18
- Thursday, December 16
- Wednesday, January 19
- Wednesday, April 27
- Wednesday, May 25

Please RSVP to Shelly Morse at shelly@soulcareSeattle.com if you plan to attend a meeting.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Intro to Grace, November 5 & 6: We will have an in-depth time for people new to the church to get to know about who God is shaping our congregation to be and the work God has given our church to do. We will have a dinner on Friday night at 7pm (location TBD) and will have a virtual seminar on Saturday from 9:00 AM to Noon. To register for the class or for any questions, please contact Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@gracesattle.org.

Serve The City Open House, Nov 7th at 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM: For the past 18 months, Grace has been highly active in the Seattle area providing resources for various neighbors hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Much of our work has been restricted to financial partnership and support by a small number of volunteers in our congregation due to concerns about the spread of the virus. As we gradually transition out of crisis-response and restrictions, we want to report on what God has done in our midst, open up more opportunities to serve, and collectively shape Serving the City for the future. To help in this process, Pastor Jason and the Serving the City Volunteer Committee will be hosting an STC Open House before AND after service on Sunday, November 7th. Please mark your calendars to attend the Open House at 9:00 AM or 12:00 PM on that Sunday. Questions? Email Pastor Jason at jason@graceSeattle.org.

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 Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceSeattle.org.

Weekend Silent Retreat:

- **November 12-14**
- **January 14-16, 2022**

Weekend Silent Retreats are back!

After a year of Covid, we are once again able to gather together and rest in the beauty and quiet of [Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center](#), to seek the face of God, and find ourselves held in Jesus' loving gaze. This is good for the soul. Really good!

Participants will meet one on one with our retreat leaders on Saturday and Sunday as a way to check in, see how the retreat is going, and to provide prayer materials for your retreat. There are trails nearby, amazing views of Puget Sound, warm fireplaces, and private bedroom/bathrooms for your privacy and relaxation.

"God never tires of giving, nor can He exhaust His mercies.
Let us not tire of receiving."
St Teresa of Avila

Register early as space is limited and will fill up!

Cost: \$250.00

Scholarships are available

Registration Deadline November 1st

To register: email danielle@graceSeattle.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10/17 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Formation 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

10/24 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 10:15 AM

New Visitor Lunch 12:00 PM

(In-Person and Livestream)

10/31 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Formation 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

11/07 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 10:15 AM

Serve the City Open House 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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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