



Order of Worship
February 27, 2022
[Livestream 10:15 am](#)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

6 mo to 3 yrs: Room 117

4 yrs to 2nd Grade:

dismissed to back of Sanctuary
during Passing of the Peace
for Sermon Time Class

Nursing Room

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

Family Room

Upstairs Chapel
Livestream Viewing



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.

Adapted from Rev. Jeff Meyers

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REFLECTION QUOTES

My own experiences of narcissistic abuse have left me feeling small, powerless, terrified, crazy, exasperated, enraged, and ashamed. If you've experienced it, you've experienced trauma. Do not chalk this up to a "bad experience." Name it as a trauma that affects every single aspect of your existence. This is not an admission of weakness but an honest confession. In your weakness and vulnerability is an opportunity for healing."

Chuck DeGroat, *When Narcissism Comes to Church: Healing Your Community From Emotional and Spiritual Abuse*

But there's a side to you
That I never knew, never knew
All the things you'd say
They were never true, never true
And the games you play
You would always win, always win...

Adele, "Set Fire to the Rain"

God's Voice:	Satan's Voice:
Stills you.	Rushes you.
Leads you.	Pushes you.
Reassures you.	Frightens you.
Enlightens you.	Confuses you.
Encourages you.	Discourages you.
Comforts you.	Worries you.
Calms you.	Obsesses you.
Convicts you.	Condemns you.

Source: Unknown

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.

Reginald Herber, 1826
John B. Dykes ("Nicaea"), 1861

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand if able

Revelation 15:3-4

"Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!**

Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

**All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed."**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y
 though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and

Thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and
 sea; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be -
 see, on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be -
 sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and

might - ty! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 fore Thee, who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 side Thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



LECTIO SACRA

Seated

John 15:1-17 (NIV)

"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.

[15:1] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

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[5] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. [6] If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8] This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

[9] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. [10] If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. [11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. [17] This is my command: Love each other.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE

Abide With Me

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

Henry Francis Lyte 1846
Justin Smith
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Stand, Sit, or Kneel

CONFESSION OF SIN

Inspired by Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-16

**God, we confess that we are an impatient
and selfish people.**

**When you offer us the promise of a new future,
we complain that you don't get there fast enough.**

**When you provide for our needs,
we complain that it isn't enough.**

**And when our bad attitudes
and negative outlooks cause us to stumble,
we blame you.**

Holy God, forgive our sinful ways.

Teach us to be patient.

Instruct us to be grateful.

Guide us to be responsible and humble.

**As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross,
let us experience your grace and your gift of new life.**

In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray.

Amen.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently)



Amy Loving,
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RECEIVING OF GRACE

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

**He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.**

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

**You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.**

You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Stand if able

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, our

7
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!

Seated

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith from The Book of Church Order, 57-5

1. Do you believe that you are created in the image of God, that he loves and delights in you as his child, and that he has made you a bearer of his love and blessing into the world?
2. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?
3. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
4. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
5. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
6. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and do you promise to strive for its purity and peace?

Stand if able

Be Thou My Vision

***Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light***

***Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one***

***Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art***

***High king of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all***

Member Received Today

Carolyn Bond
Randy Bond
Adam Ju
Jeremy Ju
Jung Ju
Hannah Ju
Brent Williams
Phoebe Williams

These vows are adapted from
the Book of Church Order of the
Presbyterian Church in America.

*Traditional Celtic Hymn
8th Century*



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share with us your visit and prayer requests.

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.

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.

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.*"

SERMON

Is God a Narcissist?

Genesis 30:25-32:2 (NIV)

Rev. John Haralson

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

SERMON TEXT

[30:25] After Rachel gave birth to Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me on my way so I can go back to my own homeland. [26] Give me my wives and children, for whom I have served you, and I will be on my way. You know how much work I've done for you."

[27] But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you." [28] He added, "Name your wages, and I will pay them."

[29] Jacob said to him, "You know how I have worked for you and how your livestock has fared under my care. [30] The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?"

[31] "What shall I give you?" he asked.

"Don't give me anything," Jacob replied. "But if you will do this one thing for me, I will go on tending your flocks and watching over them: [32] Let me go through all your flocks today and remove from them every speckled or spotted sheep, every dark-colored lamb and every spotted or speckled goat. They will be my wages. [33] And my honesty will testify for me in the future, whenever you check on the wages you have paid me. Any goat in my possession that is not speckled or spotted, or any lamb that is not dark-colored, will be considered stolen."

[34] "Agreed," said Laban. "Let it be as you have said." [35] That same day he removed all the male goats that were streaked or spotted, and all the speckled or spotted female goats (all that had white on them) and all the dark-colored lambs, and he placed them in the care of his sons. [36] Then he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob continued to tend the rest of Laban's flocks.

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[37] Jacob, however, took fresh-cut branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white stripes on them by peeling the bark and exposing the white inner wood of the branches. [38] Then he placed the peeled branches in all the watering troughs, so that they would be directly in front of the flocks when they came to drink. When the flocks were in heat and came to drink, [39] they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted. [40] Jacob set apart the young of the flock by themselves, but made the rest face the streaked and dark-colored animals that belonged to Laban. Thus he made separate flocks for himself and did not put them with Laban's animals. [41] Whenever the stronger females were in heat, Jacob would place the branches in the troughs in front of the animals so they would mate near the branches, [42] but if the animals were weak, he would not place them there. So the weak animals went to Laban and the strong ones to Jacob. [43] In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

[31:1] Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father." [2] And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.

[3] Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

[4] So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were. [5] He said to them, "I see that your father's attitude toward me is not what it was before, but the God of my father has been with me. [6] You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength, [7] yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to harm me. [8] If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks gave birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young. [9] So God has taken away your father's livestock and has given them to me.

[10] "In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. [11] The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' [12] And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. [13] I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.'"

[14] Then Rachel and Leah replied, "Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father's estate? [15] Does he not regard us as foreigners? Not only has he sold us, but he has used up what was paid for us. [16] Surely all the wealth that God took away from our father belongs to us and our children. So do whatever God has told you."

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[17] Then Jacob put his children and his wives on camels, [18] and he drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all the goods he had accumulated in Paddan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.

[19] When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household gods. [20] Moreover, Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him he was running away. [21] So he fled with all he had, crossed the Euphrates River, and headed for the hill country of Gilead.

[22] On the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled. [23] Taking his relatives with him, he pursued Jacob for seven days and caught up with him in the hill country of Gilead. [24] Then God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream at night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."

[25] Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country of Gilead when Laban overtook him, and Laban and his relatives camped there too. [26] Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done? You've deceived me, and you've carried off my daughters like captives in war. [27] Why did you run off secretly and deceive me? Why didn't you tell me, so I could send you away with joy and singing to the music of timbrels and harps? [28] You didn't even let me kiss my grandchildren and my daughters goodbye. You have done a foolish thing. [29] I have the power to harm you; but last night the God of your father said to me, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' [30] Now you have gone off because you longed to return to your father's household. But why did you steal my gods?"

[31] Jacob answered Laban, "I was afraid, because I thought you would take your daughters away from me by force. [32] But if you find anyone who has your gods, that person shall not live. In the presence of our relatives, see for yourself whether there is anything of yours here with me; and if so, take it." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the gods.

[33] So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he found nothing. After he came out of Leah's tent, he entered Rachel's tent. [34] Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them inside her camel's saddle and was sitting on them. Laban searched through everything in the tent but found nothing.

[35] Rachel said to her father, "Don't be angry, my lord, that I cannot stand up in your presence; I'm having my period." So he searched but could not find the household gods.

[36] Jacob was angry and took Laban to task. "What is my crime?" he asked Laban. "How have I wronged you that you hunt me down? [37] Now that you have searched through all my goods, what have you found that belongs to your household? Put it here in front of your relatives and mine, and let them judge between the two of us.

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[38] "I have been with you for twenty years now. Your sheep and goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten rams from your flocks. [39] I did not bring you animals torn by wild beasts; I bore the loss myself. And you demanded payment from me for whatever was stolen by day or night. [40] This was my situation: The heat consumed me in the daytime and the cold at night, and sleep fled from my eyes. [41] It was like this for the twenty years I was in your household. I worked for you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flocks, and you changed my wages ten times. [42] If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been with me, you would surely have sent me away empty-handed. But God has seen my hardship and the toil of my hands, and last night he rebuked you."

[43] Laban answered Jacob, "The women are my daughters, the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks. All you see is mine. Yet what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about the children they have borne? [44] Come now, let's make a covenant, you and I, and let it serve as a witness between us."

[45] So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. [46] He said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap. [47] Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, and Jacob called it Galeed.

[48] Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." That is why it was called Galeed. [49] It was also called Mizpah, because he said, "May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other. [50] If you mistreat my daughters or if you take any wives besides my daughters, even though no one is with us, remember that God is a witness between you and me."

[51] Laban also said to Jacob, "Here is this heap, and here is this pillar I have set up between you and me. [52] This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not go past this heap to your side to harm you and that you will not go past this heap and pillar to my side to harm me. [53] May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." So Jacob took an oath in the name of the Fear of his father Isaac. [54] He offered a sacrifice there in the hill country and invited his relatives to a meal. After they had eaten, they spent the night there.

[55] Early the next morning Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then he left and returned home.

[32:1] Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. [2] When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.



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.

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:

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Seattle, WA 98122

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- 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.



Sit, Stand or Kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR WORLD

Stand if able

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Words of Institution

Stand if able

Not In Me



1. No list of sins I have not done, no list of vir - tues I pur
 2. No hum - ble dress, no fer - vent prayer, no lift - ed hands, no tear - ful
 3. No sep - a - ra - tion from the world, no work I do, no gift, I

sue, no list of those I am not like can earn my -
 song, no rec - i - ta - tion of the truth, can jus - ti -
 give can cleanse my con - cience, cleanse my hands. I can - not

self a__ place with you. O God! Be mer - ci - ful to me. I am a
 fy a__ sin - gle wrong. My right - eous - ness is Je - sus' life. My debt was
 cause my_ soul to live. But Je - sus died and rose a - gain. The pow'r of

sin - ner through and through. My on - ly hope of right - eous -
 paid by Je - sus' death. My wear - y load was borne by
 death is ov - er - thrown! My God is mer - ci - ful to

ness is not in me, but on - ly you. rest.
 him, and he a - lone can give me
 me, and mer - ci - ful in_ Christ a -

lone. My right - eous - ness is Je - sus' life. My debt was paid by Je - sus'
 death. My wear - y load was borne by him, and he a -
 lone can give me rest, and he a - lone can give me rest

BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself,
 and God our Father,
 who loved us and gave us eternal comfort
 and good hope through grace,
 comfort your hearts and establish them
 in every good work and word. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Thanks be to God!



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
 (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).

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.

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THIS SUNDAY
10:15 AM Worship

... NEXT WEEK
9:00 AM 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.

MAR 6 MAY 1
MAR 20 MAY 22
APR 3

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 3 year olds is available during the worship service downstairs in room #117. We also have a Sermon Time class for 4 year olds through 2nd graders. 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 started Sunday, October 3 during our Christian Formation Hour at 9:00 AM. 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, Growth Groups, Prayer Groups, Men's Groups, Women's Groups, and Listening Prayer 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

Lent Booklet: We have a [Lent booklet](#) available at the connection center in the foyer with both personal and family-friendly ideas to help us prepare for Easter. This booklet is geared towards individuals, groups and families alike. A [Grace Kids Lent activities packet](#) is also available.

Lent and Evening Prayer Services: Ash Wednesday is on March 2nd this year and we will resume our practice of holding evening prayer services during the Lent season as well. The evening prayer services are on the following dates at the church building:

- Ash Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM
- Evening Prayer Service, Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM
- Evening Prayer Service, Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 PM

Lent Silent Retreat with Soul Care Seattle at The Layne

Saturday March 5th
9:00AM-12:00PM

Lent, a 40 day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, is a time of preparing our hearts to celebrate the mystery of the crucifixion and resurrection. It is a time to reflect on the reign of Christ, in both its beauty and suffering, and our invitation to participate in it.

Join us for a morning of contemplation over the mystery of all that Christ has invited us to, and to seek the Love and the Grace we need to open the lives we have been given to receiving more of Christ this Easter.

Registration: www.soulcareseattle.com

Deadline to register: March 4th

Suggested Donation: \$20.00

Denominational Discernment: Recently, John made a very special announcement about a proposed change to our denominational affiliation. If you were unable to join us, you can watch the video [here](#).

- We have put together a [collection of materials](#) that we hope will help you become more informed.
- We have scheduled a number of gatherings where we can talk, pray, and process together. You can sign up for one [here](#). Note that child care—6 months through 5th grade—will be provided for some of the meetings. If you want child care, you need to register for childcare separately [here](#). Child care registration is required *at least three days prior* to the event to ensure enough caregivers are available.
- We have scheduled a congregational meeting for **Sunday, March 20th**, after the service, where we will vote on the matter.
- If you want to get this announcement in an email form (with the appropriate links), please email Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

NEW Little Saigon Monthly Community Clean-Up: In recent months, the Chinatown International District has seen unprecedented crime and poverty—especially in Little Saigon along 12th and Jackson. We have an opportunity to join in an effort to help clean up this area of our city by joining the Little Saigon Creative for their monthly clean-up. The next clean-up is Saturday, March 5th, from 9:30-11:30 AM. You can sign up [here](#). For any further questions, please contact Pastor Jason at jason@graceseattle.org.

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!

Grace Kids Volunteers Needed: As more and more families are returning to worship, we need more adult volunteers during the worship service in the Toddler classroom and during our Sermon Time Class. Please contact Linn Haralson at linn@graceseattle.org. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Foster Care Partnership with Foster Support Faith Alliance: We have an exciting new partnership to support children and youth falling between the cracks of our local foster care system. The Foster Support Faith Alliance in south Seattle has asked Grace to join area churches and the MLK DSHS, as we provide wrap-around care to foster families, "kinship" families, (families care for kids not officially in the system), and "reunion" families, (where youth are reconciling and returning back to their birth parents). Starting this Winter, we are looking for 2-3 volunteers from Grace to join two other congregations in supporting a family as a "Care Community". A care community walks with a foster family in practical, relational, and spiritual needs on a monthly basis. There is a required training on February 19th at 10:00 AM on [Zoom](#). If you have any questions, please send Pastor Jason an email at jason@graceseattle.org.

Meditation/Prayer via ZOOM for Children and Families at Grace: All are welcome, you do not have to have children to attend. This is a 20-minute meditation/prayer, on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM via Zoom - next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9. We begin with a short time of centering prayer, followed by a brief scripture reading, a time to pray over requests generated from our congregation for our children and families, and we will close with a blessing. If you would like the zoom link, please email Linn at linn@graceseattle.org. Please remain muted for the prayer, you are welcome to have your video on or off. If you would like to have a specific prayer request prayed (can be anonymous), please send it to linn@graceseattle.org.

Updates to Giving Statements: For 2022, financial giving records will be in Planning Center. More details on how to access your giving for this year will be coming soon. For any questions, please contact Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Book Club: Stephanie Pommer leads our book club for Grace. This group meets over Zoom. To join, email Stephanie at stephanie@graceseattle.org.

Thursday morning Walking Group: Regardless of the weather, we meet weekly at 10:00 AM. Currently, we are walking around GreenLake Park. If you would like to join and have a different park suggestion let us know, babies in strollers and leashed pets welcome. Contact Linn Haralson at linn@graceseattle.org if you would like to join us.

Bell Tower Counseling Announcement: Katie Ribera visited us recently to share more about Bell Tower Counseling: a non-profit counseling center that exists to care for the mental, emotional, and spiritual health of those in the Puget Sound Region by offering evidence-based and biblically-sound counseling that is affordable and accessible to all. To learn more, please watch this short video [here](#) or visit belltowercounseling.org.

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.

Young Adult Group: As a young adult, it can be difficult to find friendship in Seattle. You've probably just moved here, got to or out of college, or you're coming out of your Covid-19-enforced hermitage and finding it difficult to meet people. If you consider yourself a young adult and are interested in growing in the community and breaking bread with others, join us for weekly dinner on Sunday nights in Eastlake! For those living or working downtown, in South Lake Union or the University District, it should be a quick bus ride on the 70. Reach out to Brent Williams at brent.williams333@gmail.com for the specific location, or if you have any questions.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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:

- Thursday, March 10
- Wednesday, April 27
- Thursday, May 12

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

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.

Save The Date! Grace Talent Show: We are holding a talent show for the church on Sunday, June 5th immediately following the worship service. Please contact Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org if you would like to participate in the planning or showcase your talent.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

02/27 Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

Denominational Discernment Q&A 11:45 AM

03/02 Ash Wednesday

Worship Service 7:00 PM

(In-Person and Livestream)

03/06 First Sunday in Lent

Christian Formation Classes All Ages 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

03/13 Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(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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