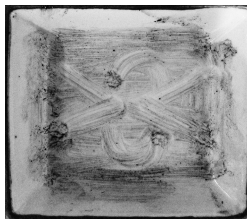


Order of Worship  
March 20, 2022  
[Livestream 10:15 am](#)

## 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

MAR 20      MAY 1  
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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

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

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## LENT 2022

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

### Deuteronomy 6:4-5

For thousands of years every morning and evening, Jewish people have prayed these well-known words from Deuteronomy as a way of expressing their devotion to God. This prayer—called the *Shema*—invites us to grow in love and devotion to the one true God. Like this prayer, Lent can be a time in the church calendar to grow in loving the LORD with all of our lives.

Lent, the 6-week period of time leading up to the Easter season, is a time Christians throughout the ages have sought to pattern their lives on Jesus' withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. It is often marked by fasting both from food and festivities, used as a time for prayer and introspection, and a season of thoughtfulness about almsgiving.

Life with God—like any meaningful relationship—requires attentiveness. And the fact of the matter is that it is all too easy to neglect this vital relationship.

The wisdom of the season of Lent is that it gives us an opportunity to renew spiritual disciplines and practices that we have begun to neglect, or begin new practices that we sense the Lord may be leading us into. Through our acts of self-sacrifice, denial, and repentance we turn our focus back to Christ, finding ways to grow in relationship with him, be more like him, and follow him more closely.

As we have been following God's formation of the nation of Israel starting with Abraham in Genesis, it seems fitting to consider what becomes the most essential prayer in all of Judaism, the *Shema* -Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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## REFLECTION QUOTES

"Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?"

**2 Kings 2:14**

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**John 14:27**

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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.

## WELCOME

### PRAYING THE SHEMA

*Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)*

**Hear, O Israel:**

**The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your strength.**

**Amen.**

## PRELUDE

*Stand if able*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalms 100*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

**and his courts with praise;**

**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;**

**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Amen!**

## Greatly To Be Praised

1. Sing to the Lord a new song; lift up his name, with  
 2. Lift up your voice and thank him; our God pro - vides our  
 3. Shout to the God of tri - umph; let ev - ery tongue pro -

joy - ful praise. Sing of his sweet sal - va - tion;  
 ev - ery need. Wor - ship the God of mer - cy,  
 claim his praise. Boast in the res - ur - rect - ion;

1. 4

morn - ing to night and day to day.  
 who gave his life to  
 in Je - sus Christ, who

2. 3. [Chorus 2x at end]

set us free. Our God is great - ly to be praised, no - thing in  
 rules and reigns.

all the earth com - pares to him. The God of glo - ry and of grace;

1.

our God is great, our God is great!

4. 2.

our God is great, our God is great! Cre

a - tion joins to praise him, the sin - ner finds sal - va - tion.

The church of Christ pro - claims it, his

king - dom shouts by sing - ing: [to Chorus 2x] D.S.

Our God is great, our God is great! Our God is

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 Zach Bolen  
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## LECTIO SACRA

Acts 20:17-38

[20:17] From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. [18] When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. [19] I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. [20] You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. [21] I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

[22] "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. [23] I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. [24] However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

(Continued on the following page)

Seated



"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.

[25] "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. [26] Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. [27] For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. [28] Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. [29] I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. [30] Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. [31] So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

[32] "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. [33] I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. [34] You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. [35] In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

[36] When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. [37] They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. [38] What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

## INTERLUDE



From the Worship Sourcebook

*Stand, Sit, or Kneel*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

You asked for my hands,  
that you might use them for your purpose.

**I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,  
for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth  
to speak out against injustice.

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

You asked for my eyes  
to see the pain of poverty.

**I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

You asked for my life,  
that you might work through me.

**I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.**

*(Continued on the following page)*

Lord,

**forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—  
only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

**Father, forgive me,**

**renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,  
that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.**

**Amen.**

### Instrument of Peace

Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of peace, an in - stru - ment of  
peace. 1. Where there is ha - tred, let me sow love. Where there is  
2. Where there is sor - row, let me sow hope! Where there is  
dark - ness, let me sow light. For in the gi - ving, we shall re -  
doubt\_ let me sow faith! Where there is in - jur - y, your par - don  
ceive, and in the dy - ing, we're gi - ven life.  
give; your con - so - la - tion to those in pain.  
Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of peace, an in - stru - ment of peace.  
Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of peace, an in - stru - ment of peace. Where there is  
peace. A - men. A - men.

Isaac Wardell, Jessica Fox, Liz  
Vice, Orlando Palmer, and Paul  
Zach

### RECEIVING OF GRACE

*Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8*



Family of God,

may our hearts and minds

absorb this assurance we have in Christ Jesus:

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,**

**and with him is great power to redeem.**

**It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**



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, Sit, or Kneel*

## PRAYING THE PSALMS

### *Psalm 31*

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
**let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!**

Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!

**Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!  
For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;  
you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the Lord.

**I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have known the distress of my soul,  
and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief;  
my soul and my body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.**

**Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.**

**I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

**For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror on every side!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.**

*(Continued on the following page)*



But I trust in you, O Lord;

I say, "You are my God."

**My times are in your hand;**

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies**

**and from my persecutors!**

**Make your face shine on your servant;**

**save me in your steadfast love!**

O Lord, let me not be put to shame,

for I call upon you;

let the wicked be put to shame;

let them go silently to Sheol.

Let the lying lips be mute,

which speak insolently against the righteous

in pride and contempt.

Oh, how abundant is your goodness,

which you have stored up for those who fear you

and worked for those who take refuge in you,

in the sight of the children of mankind!

**In the cover of your presence you hide them**

**from the plots of men;**

**you store them in your shelter**

**from the strife of tongues.**

**Blessed be the Lord,**

**for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me**

**when I was in a besieged city.**

I had said in my alarm,

**"I am cut off from your sight."**

But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy

when I cried to you for help.

**Love the Lord, all you his saints!**

**The Lord preserves the faithful**

**but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.**

**Be strong, and let your heart take courage,**

**all you who wait for the Lord!**

*Stand if able*

### **Rock of Ages**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me**

**Let me hide myself in thee**

**Let the water and the blood**

**From thy wounded side**

**which flowed**

**Be of sin the double cure**

**Cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labors of my hands**

**Can fulfill thy law's demands;**

**Could my zeal no respite know**

**Could my tears forever flow**

**All for sin could not atone**

**Thou must save, and thou alone**

**Nothing in my hand I bring**

**Simply to thy cross I cling;**

**Naked, come to thee for dress;**

**Helpless, look to thee for grace;**

**Foul, I to the Fountain fly;**

**Wash me Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,**

**When mine eyelids close in death,**

**When I soar to worlds unknown**

**See thee on thy judgement throne,**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,**

**Let me hide myself in thee.**

**Let me hide myself in thee.**

*Thomas Hastings and Augustus  
Montague Toplady*

#### 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 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

##### 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.

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.*"

## SERMON

### Transitions

2 Kings 2:1-15, 25

Rev. Jason Davison

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

## SERMON TEXT

[2:1] Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2] And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [3] And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

[4] Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. [5] The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

[6] Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. [7] Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8] Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

[9] When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." [10] And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." [11] And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. [12] And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

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Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. [13] And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. [14] Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

[15] Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

[25] From there he went on to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

## 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)
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- For all other giving, Indicate "Serving the City" or "Deacons Fund" in the memo or comments field.

**Sit, Stand or Kneel**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,

**It is even beyond our vision.**

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction  
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

**Nothing we do is complete,**

which is another way of saying that

**The Kingdom always lies beyond us.**

**No statement says all that should be said.**

**No prayer fully expressed our faith.**

**No confession brings perfection.**

**No pastoral visit brings wholeness.**

**No program accomplishes the church's mission.**

**No set of goals and objectives includes everything.**



### 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.



The Prayer of Oscar Romero

(Continued on the following page)

This is what we are about.

**We plant the seeds that one day will grow.**

**We water seeds already planted,**

**knowing that they hold future promise.**

**We lay foundations that will need further development.**

**We provide yeast that produced effects far beyond our capabilities.**

**We cannot do everything,**

**and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.**

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

**It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,**

**a step along the way,**

**An opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.**

**We may never see the end results,**

**but that is the difference**

**between the master builder and the worker.**

We are workers, not master builders,

**ministers, not messiahs.**

**We are prophets of a future that is not our own.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

In Christ Name, we pray and profess these truths.

**Amen.**

## **I Surrender All**

***All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give***

***I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live***

### **Chorus**

***I surrender all, I surrender all***

***All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all***

***All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow***

***Worldly pleasures all forsaken take me Jesus, take me now***

**[Chorus]**

***All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine***

***May thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy power divine***

***All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to thee***

***Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me***

**[Chorus]**



## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### Introduction to the Lord's Table

#### The Words of Institution

*Stand if able*

#### Before The Throne

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me  
 3. Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect

strong and per - fect plea; A great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him  
 spot - less, right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I

love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
 Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -

grav - en on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is coun - ted free. For God, the  
 self; I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is

while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
 just, is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don  
 hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

[1. ] [2. 3.]

part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
 God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

## BENEDICTION

*Psalms 121:7-8*

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. **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.

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#### 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).

## Shema



Hear, O I - sra - el: The Lord our God, the Lord\_\_ is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all\_\_ your soul,

and with all\_\_\_\_ your strength. A - men.

Jess Alldredge  
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## 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 Classes****10:15 AM Worship****11:45 AM Prayer Meeting:****Denominational Discernment****...NEXT WEEK****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 20

MAY 1

APR 3

MAY 22

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://graceseattle.org/giving)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Denominational Discernment:** On March 3rd, John made another announcement with important updates for our denominational discernment process as a congregation. You can watch the video [here](#). As mentioned in the video, the details are posted in the YouTube comments section and below:

- **Resources**

Collection of [written, audio, and video resources](#) on Anglicanism and the ACNA  
[Original announcement](#) to the congregation

- **Prayer & Discussion Opportunities**

*Sunday, March 20, immediately after worship*

In-person [prayer](#) gathering

(Childcare available [with reservation](#) before March 17)

*Monday, March 28, 7:30 PM*

Virtual [prayer](#) gathering

[Zoom link](#)

*Sunday, April 3, immediately after worship*

In-person [prayer](#) gathering

(Childcare available [with reservation](#) before March 31)

*Sunday, April 10, immediately after worship*

In-person [discussion](#)

(Childcare available [with reservation](#) before April 7)

*Thursday, April 14, 7:30 PM*

Virtual [prayer](#) gathering

[Zoom link](#)

*Sunday, April 24, immediately after worship*

In-person and Zoom [Congregational Meeting and Vote](#)

[Zoom link](#)

(Childcare available [with reservation](#) before April 21)

**Evening Prayer Service:** We are able to resume our practice of holding evening prayer services during the Lent season. The evening prayer services are on the following dates at the church building:

- Evening Prayer Service, Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 PM

**Lent Booklet & Grace Kids Activities:** 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. We are also inviting adults and children alike to hang pictures or drawings of their Lenten practices on the cross in the foyer each week. If you are not attending in person, please send pictures to Danielle at [danielle@graceseattle.org](mailto:danielle@graceseattle.org) [by Thursday morning each week](#) and she will put them up on your behalf.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

**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, April 2nd, from 9:30-11:30 AM. You can sign up [here](#). For any further questions, please contact Pastor Jason at [jason@graceseattle.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org). Thank you!

**Meditation/Prayer via ZOOM for Children and Families at Grace:** Meditation/Prayer for Children and Families at Grace (all welcome, you do not have to have children to attend this gathering): This is a 20-minute meditation/prayer, on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM via Zoom - the next meeting will be on April 13. You are welcome to have your video on or off. Email Linn at [linn@graceseattle.org](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org) for the zoom link, for questions, or to give a prayer request or praise.

**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](mailto:danielle@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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

- Wednesday, April 27
- Thursday, May 12

Please RSVP to Shelly Morse at [shelly@soulcareseattle.com](mailto:shelly@soulcareseattle.com) if you plan to attend a meeting.

**GraceLife Distribution List:** GraceLife ([gracelifeseattle@googlegroups.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:danielle@graceseattle.org) if you would like to participate in the planning or showcase your talent.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

03/20 Third Sunday in Lent  
Christian Formation Classes All Ages 9:00 AM  
Worship Service 10:15 AM  
(In-Person and Livestream)

03/27 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Worship Service 10:15 AM  
(In-Person and Livestream)

03/30 Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM  
(In-Person Only)

04/03 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Christian Formation Classes All Ages 9:00 AM  
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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