



Order of Worship  
July 30, 2023  
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

Toddlers: (Walkers to 3yrs)  
Room 120

Sermon Time: (4yrs to 2nd  
grade) Room 119  
(children are picked up from  
class during passing of the  
peace)

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

Family Room  
Upstairs Chapel  
Livestream Viewing

## ORDINARY TIME 2023

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

Welcome!  
We are genuinely glad you are here.

A little over 2,000 years ago, Jesus of Nazareth was born in a relatively obscure corner of the world. As he became an adult, he began to call people to follow him wherever he might lead them.

He healed their diseases, forgave their sins, cast out evil spirits that were tormenting them, and powerfully taught them the word and ways of God. Notably, Jesus had the holy audacity to encourage ordinary people like us to approach and relate to God as a loving parent.

The powers that be were threatened by Jesus, so they put him to death. Three days later, he rose from the dead. This same Jesus now reigns at God's right hand. He is the King over all creation, and he is continuing his work of redemption—restoring and healing every square inch of creation.

It is our sincere belief that this same Jesus is now present with us personally and graciously through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is our joy to welcome you regardless of who you are or what your background, personal history, or beliefs might be, for this is how Jesus has welcomed us. We have received freely from his hand, so freely we give.

So, on behalf of Jesus, we welcome you to our congregation.

Let us worship!

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## REFLECTION QUOTES

Many of us will never be satisfied with either the prosperity gospel world or vanity devotion as a whitewash.

But what if the pursuit of God's righteousness is precisely that driving burden to uncover unrighteousness in the church and enact the opposite of the world's injustices?

Yes, sexual abuse, violence, racialization, imperialism, and hatred within the church IS a matter of holiness, relational holiness, and the precise holiness God demands.

.... Not puritan dress codes, creepy purity/courtship grooming and a subculture of isolation and condemnation.

What if the godliness and holiness we were once taught to pursue doesn't end in how much of the Bible we know or how unaware we are of pop culture, but the pursuit of justice in and through the church?

What if this is what it means to be zealous, radical, lights in the world?

**Rebekah Mui, KingdomOutpost.org**

The No. 1 question that younger evangelicals ask me is how to relate to their parents and mentors who want to talk about culture-war politics and internet conspiracy theories instead of prayer or the Bible. These young people are committed to their Christian faith, but they feel despair and cynicism about the Church's future. Almost none of them even call themselves "evangelical" anymore, now that the label is confused with political categories. "Sometimes I feel like I'm crazy," one pastor said to me just days ago. "Does no one see that the Church is in crisis?"

**Russell Moore, in *The Atlantic***

Liturgical Colors: Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage our sense of sight in worship.

Green is the color for Ordinary Time, symbolizing the hope of new life which is ours in the life of Jesus Christ.

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

**ORDINARY TIME: TRUST IN THE SLOW WORK OF GOD**  
Ordinary Time extends from Pentecost to Advent. It is the longest season of the church calendar. The name "ordinary" is derived from the historical practice of numbering (i.e., ordering) the Sundays during this time period.

The liturgical color for this season is green. This gives us a great clue on how we might hold Ordinary Time.

Green symbolizes growth. Through the power of the Holy Spirit—poured out at Pentecost—we can now grow in our lives with God. This growth—what the Bible refers to as the "Fruit of the Spirit"—is beautiful and organic, as God grows us from the inside out. But, like a field full of crops, our growth in Christ takes a long time. This reality should give us hope as well as kindness towards ourselves as we cooperate with the Spirit.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Seated*

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Stand if able*

### THE ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God:

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 63:1-5*

You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;

**I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.**

I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.

**Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.**

I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

The Acclamation, similar to a greeting, is a way we welcome each other into this holy space and time. It prepares us for the hearing and responding to God. Our liturgy can be thought of as a conversation between each other and God. Conversations require both hearing a responding. The Acclamation prepares us for the hearing and responding to God.



## Praise To The Lord The Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy  
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is

King of cre - a - - tion!  
 won - drous - ly reign - - eth,  
 work and de - fend thee;  
 in me a - dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
 Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so  
 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - - tion!  
 gent - ly sus - tain - - eth!  
 dai - ly at - tend thee;  
 prais - es be - fore Him;

All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near;  
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,  
 Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain,

Praise Him in glad a - dor - a - tion,  
 Grant-ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 If with His love He be - friend thee.  
 Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,**

**to you all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hid:**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy Name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A collect is a prayer that is intended to collect or sum up the prayers of the community, typically following a four-fold pattern: invocation, meditation, petition, and doxology. The Collect for Purity helps us to hear God's word and worship by reminding us that we are laid bare when we come before him. He sees and knows all that we are and all that we bring to him.

We come to God that we might be shaped and formed by his Word.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### LECTIO SACRA

#### Old Testament Reading

*1 Kings 3:3-14*

Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

#### New Testament Reading

*Romans 8:26-34*

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

"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.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

This is the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God!**

## INTERLUDE

*Kneel or Sit*



### PRAYING THE PSALMS

*Psalm 119:121-136*

I have done what is righteous and just;  
do not leave me to my oppressors.

**Ensure your servant's well-being;  
do not let the arrogant oppress me.**

My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,  
looking for your righteous promise.

**Deal with your servant according to your love  
and teach me your decrees.**

I am your servant; give me discernment  
that I may understand your statutes.

**It is time for you to act, Lord;  
your law is being broken.**

Because I love your commands  
more than gold, more than pure gold,  
**and because I consider all your precepts right,  
I hate every wrong path.**

Your statutes are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them.

**The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

I open my mouth and pant,  
longing for your commands.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**

Direct my footsteps according to your word;  
let no sin rule over me.

**Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may obey your precepts.**

Make your face shine on your servant  
and teach me your decrees.

**Streams of tears flow from my eyes,  
for your law is not obeyed.**

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.

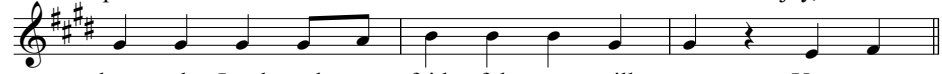
## Steadfast



1. I will build my house, whether storm or drought, on the  
 2. By the word you spoke are the starry host, all called  
 3. I will not trust in the strength of kings, on your



rock that does not move. I will set my hope in your  
 out by name each night. In your watchful care I will  
 promise I will stand. I will shout for joy, I will



love, oh Lord, and your faithful-ness will prove: You are  
 rest secure, as you lead us with your light. You are  
 raise my voice: Hallelujah to the lamb! You are



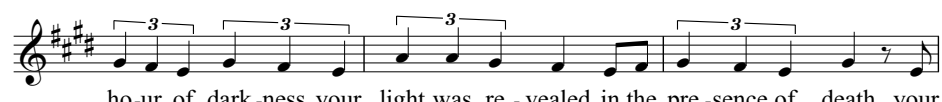
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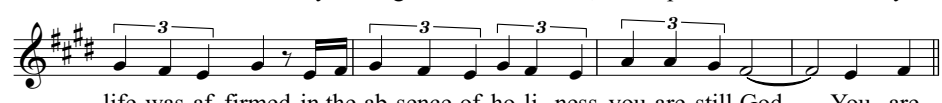
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4. In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled, in the



hour of darkness your light was revealed, in the presence of death your



life was affirmed, in the absence of holiness you are still God. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ You are



stead - fast, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (Repeat 4x)  
 stead - fast, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ You are

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 Jordan, and Josh Silverberg  
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## SERMON

Psalm 119:121-136

*Walking in Wisdom*

Rev. John Haralson

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

## INTERLUDE



**Kneel or Sit**



## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have sinned against you,  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with all our heart.  
We have not loved others  
as you have loved us.  
We are truly sorry.**

*From a New Zealand Prayer Book*

**In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be.  
That we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)*

**Stand if able**



## **RECEIVING OF GRACE**

But when the kindness and love  
of God our Savior appeared,  
he saved us,  
not because of righteous things we had done,  
but because of his mercy.

In Christ, we have been forgiven and set free!  
**Amen!**

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

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

### **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.*

*'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.*

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

**\*Parents, please pick up your children from the Sermon Time Class.**

**Children in the Toddler class may remain in class until the end of worship.**

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.*"

**Seated**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please let us know about your visit or if you are a regular attender, please use the QR Code in the margin to update your household information, especially your mailing address. When we switched to our new management software, not all data transferred. Please use the cards inserted in the OW to share any praises or prayer requests you might have.



Stand if able

### Take My Life And Let It Be



Take my life\_ and\_ let it be con-se - cra - ted, Lord, to\_ Thee;  
Take my hands and\_ let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love;  
Take my sil - ver - and my gold; Not a mite would I with - hold;  
5 Take my will\_ and\_ make it Thine; It shall be\_ no\_ long - ger\_ mine;

Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827  
Frances R. Havergal, 1874



Take my mo - ments and my days\_ let them flow in cease - less\_ praise,  
Take my feet and\_ let them be\_ swift and beau - ti - ful\_ for\_ Thee,  
Take my in - tel - lect and use\_ ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
9 Take my heart; it\_ is Thine own; It shall be Thy roy - al\_ throne,



let them flow in\_ cease-less\_ praise.  
swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
ev - 'ry pow'r as\_ Thou shalt choose.  
it shall be Thy\_ roy - al\_ throne.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Let us pray for the Church and for the world,

For the peace of the whole world,  
and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. *(Silent prayer.)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Todd Hunter, our Bishop,  
and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese  
and Congregation. *(Silent prayer.)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad;  
and for all who teach and disciple others. *(Silent prayer.)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ  
who are persecuted for their faith. *(Silent prayer.)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority,  
and for all in public service. especially Mayor Harrell,  
Governor Inslee, and President Biden. *(Silent prayer.)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,  
or any other adversity, especially the unhoused in our city.  
*(Silent prayer.)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life  
in the certain hope of the resurrection,  
in thanksgiving let us pray. *(Silent prayer.)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers  
for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our only Mediator and Advocate,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### You Hear Us Calling (Prayers of the People)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "You hear us call - ling; you hear us call - ling, Ab - ba, Fa - ther; You hear us call - ling; you hear us call - ling, Ab - ba, Fa - ther. Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The score includes first and second endings, a section marked "D.S." (Da Capo), and a section marked "6" (likely a six-measure rest or a specific rhythmic pattern). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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The Brilliance Music/ASCAP



### OFFERING

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

- To give online, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405 or scan the QR code. (This will take you to our on-line giving page)
- 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
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To give to the Serving the City Fund or Deacons Fund, you can give several ways:

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

### 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.

### MUSICAL OFFERING: I Will Sing

*Lyrics below for reflection*

With my mouth  
 I will tell of Your faithfulness  
 I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant  
 With my life

I will sing of the Lord's great love  
 forever  
 I will sing, oh, I will sing  
 Of His great love, I will sing

*Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken*

I will sing of the Lord's great love  
 forever  
 I will sing of the Lord's great love  
 I will sing of the Lord's great love  
 forever  
 I will sing, oh, I will sing  
 Of His great love, I will sing

And oh, Lord, God Almighty, who is  
 like You  
 Oh, Lord, God Almighty, none beside  
 You  
 Oh, Lord, God Almighty  
 All the earth and sky belong to You

Lord, You are  
 The glory of all our strength  
 Your presence along the way  
 For all our days

So I will sing of the Lord's great love  
 forever  
 I will sing of the Lord's great love  
 I will sing of the Lord's great love  
 forever  
 I will sing, oh, I will sing  
 Of His great love, I will sing

And I will sing of the Lord's great  
 love forever  
 I will sing of the Lord's great love

We come to the Table of our Lord that he might feed and nourish us.



## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Stand if able

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### We Ascend (The Sursum Corda)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The *Sursum Corda* (Latin: "Lift up your hearts") is an ancient Christian communion prayer. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised with Christ and now reign with him in heaven.

It is right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### The Song of Heaven (The Sanctus)

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
2. (instrumental)

God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

3  
Ho - san-na \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est. (2nd time repeat line)

Jess Alldredge  
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The *Sanctus* (Latin: "Holy") is one of the songs being sung in heaven before God's throne. We join our voices to with the angels and those who have gone before us in the faith to give glory to God.

## **We Remember (Words of Institution)**

### **We Ask God's Blessing (Prayer of Consecration)**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for your people the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, may we be one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him.

**As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. For by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

### **We Preach the Good News**

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

### **We Draw Near (The Lord's Supper)**

*(All are invited to come forward during Communion. The act of receiving the bread and wine is a confession, that as you receive those gifts, you have already received the gift of a renewed relationship with God, through Christ. If that is not your confession, you may still come forward to receive a prayer. Simply cross your arms across your chest as an indication that you are coming for prayer.)*

#### **Communion Elements:**

Cup: Wine or Grape Juice

Bread ingredients vary 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. There will be factory sealed communion elements as well as gluten free crackers with designated juice and wine on the table at the front. Otherwise, there is bread to dip in either wine (tall cup) or juice (short cup).

## 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

Brian Eichelberger and Zach  
Bolen



## BENEDICTION

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**



## SENDING

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

**Thanks be to God!**



## WELCOME TO GRACE

There are many ways to get connected and serve at Grace. Over the summer, Christian Formation Classes and Community Groups are suspended. The various opportunities for growth, connection and service at Grace are listed below. If you have any questions, please email our Administrator, Nicole at [office@graceseattle.org](mailto:office@graceseattle.org)

## GRACE KIDS

**Resources for Sunday Worship.** Children are always welcome to remain in the service. An additional class along with new age groupings for each class will start in September.

- Toddler Class (Walkers-3 years) is located downstairs in classroom #117, children need to be signed into KidCheck, a secure children check-in system to participate in class.
- Sermon Time Class (4 years-2nd grade): is located downstairs in classroom #118. Children need to be signed into KidCheck and wearing their KidCheck name tag to enter class. Children are picked up during passing of the peace after the sermon.
- Nursing mothers' room located in the back of the Sanctuary, fit with cushioned rocking chairs and small toys for infants.
- Family room is provided in the upstairs chapel with a livestream viewing.
- Kids Activities are available in the lobby each week for use during in-person worship.

**Christian Formation Class.** Beginning Sunday, October 1, Christian Formation Classes will be offered for kids in nursery - 5th grade on the first three Sundays of the month.

If you have any questions about Grace Kids, email Linn Haralson, Grace Kids Director at [linn@graceseattle.org](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org).

**YOUTH GROUP** This is our ministry to young people ages 12-18 and is a ministry balanced by our beauty as children of God and our need for redemption as sinners saved by grace. This summer they have a number of events and in the fall will begin to meet again during Christian Formation Hour. If you are interested or have questions, email Nelson Hall, Assistant Pastor of Youth and Young Adults at [nelson@graceseattle.org](mailto:nelson@graceseattle.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS** Join other young adults in our community as we gather for lunch every Sunday at 12:30 PM at Volunteer Park! Please bring your own lunch and a blanket so we can picnic together. Please contact [office@graceseattle.org](mailto:office@graceseattle.org) for questions. Not sure if you qualify as a young adult? Great! Join us! No RSVP needed.

## COMMUNITY FORMATION

**Adult Christian Formation Class.** Beginning Sunday, October 1, Christian Formation Classes will be held on the first 3 Sundays of the month. The Adult class will be exploring the Gospel of Mark this fall.

**Community Groups.** These are groups of 6-12 people that will gather in peoples' homes in a variety of neighborhoods in the Seattle area. Email Jamie Afshari, Director of Community Formation at [jamie@graceseattle.org](mailto:jamie@graceseattle.org) for more information. Groups will start again in the fall in the month of September.

**Growth Groups.** These are groups of 3 men or 3 women who commit to strengthening and helping one another as they grow in their walks with Christ for one year. They are designed to be communities where people can be seen and known on a deeper level. Each group will start by working through Pete Scazzero's book Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. Please contact Jamie Afshari at [jamie@graceseattle.org](mailto:jamie@graceseattle.org) or John Haralson at [john@graceseattle.org](mailto:john@graceseattle.org) for more information.

**SERVING THE CITY** Serving the City (STC) exists to disciple our congregation into service in the community, care for our neighbors and neighborhoods, and support people who have been marginalized. We do this by partnering with local organizations to support their work in our community—New Horizons, REST, and Olive Crest. If you are interested in learning more about STC and our partnerships, contact Drew Billups, Assistant Pastor, Serving the City at [drew@graceseattle.org](mailto:drew@graceseattle.org).

**MUSIC & ARTS.** As a worshipping community, we seek to respond to God with music and visual arts that are winsome, well-crafted, and beautiful. We also recognize that the broader community in our neighborhood and city is full of diverse and inspiring artists, bands, museums, venues, and galleries. If you are interested in getting connected, email Jess Alldredge, Worship Arts Director at [jess@graceseattle.org](mailto:jess@graceseattle.org).

## OTHER GROUPS

**Recovery From Sexual Compulsivity Discussion Group.** This group meets Wednesdays at 8 PM via Zoom and is a men-only meeting that follows a 12-step format open to men of any or no faith. It is anonymous (first-name basis only) and focuses on sharing everyone's experience in an open and safe environment. For more information contact Clint Morse (206-915-1669).

**Book Club.** Love reading? We read all kinds of literature including best sellers, classics, non-fiction, and young adult fiction. Join us once or every month. We meet in person at different locations each month - email [office@graceseattle.org](mailto:office@graceseattle.org) for more details.

## SOUL CARE SEATTLE

Grace is blessed to partner with Soul Care Seattle, an urban retreat and spiritual direction ministry located on Capitol Hill. They have many different ways to help you grow in your relationship with God.

Soul Care Seattle is located at **The Layne**: 1252 16th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

While their typical schedule of half day retreats and various prayer gatherings has concluded for the summer, they will continue to offer:

- Spiritual Direction
- Cottage Retreats: this space is for personal, overnight retreats.
- Mornings of Rest: This is 4 hours for personal rest & prayer



Also, consider the 2024 Pilgrimage to Scotland!

For more details about these offerings and to sign up, visit their website, accessible through the QR code.

The full calendar of events for 2023/2024, will be made available in August.

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**WOMEN IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP** Grace has entered a time of learning, prayer and discernment about whether or not the Lord is leading us to have women preach and/or serve as priests at Grace. There are a number of resources to aid you in this time of discernment that are listed below.

- **Prayer Booklet.** Although the month of prayer centering around our congregational discernment process about women in ministry leadership has come to an end, the prayer guide is still available. It is a great tool that you can use during the summer to help you pray more regularly. You can access it through the QR code.
- **Christian Formation Hour Classes.** You can listen to all the classes as well as view the handouts through the QR code.



- **Further Study.** More resources for your own consideration can be found through the QR code.
- **Questions?** Though the Christian Formation Classes are ending, we would still like to hear your questions, you can do so anonymously through the QR code.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Foster Family Care Team.** Our Serving the City ministry has had a community care group for some time that provided weekly support and assistance for a foster care family in South Seattle. We are celebrating that this family now feels stable and settled and no longer requires support. Currently, we are gearing up to help support a new family in the Montlake area and we are looking for a few more volunteers to fill out the care community group. With enough people onboard, it is a once-a-month commitment of 1-2 hours. Please contact Bennett at [bsorbo@gmail.com](mailto:bsorbo@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

**Grace Kids is Hiring!** As more children are attending our classes, it would be wonderful if we could hire another toddler/nursery host (three hours each Sunday morning). If you know of someone over the age of 18 who would be a good fit to work every Sunday morning with our amazing young children, please contact [linn@graceseattle.org](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org).

**Grace Kids Volunteers Needed.** Please consider volunteering once a month for the Grace Kids ministry. We are in need of volunteer helpers in our Nursery and Preschool Class. Starting in October, more volunteers will be needed during the 9AM Christian Formation Hour. Please reach out to [linn@graceseattle.org](mailto:linn@graceseattle.org).

## EVENTS

**Men's Monthly Meet Ups.** The first monthly pub night was this past Thursday, if you missed it, we hope to see at the next one!

Jung is also looking for hosts - men willing to choose the night and local venue for future meet-ups. Email Jung at [jung.ju@gmail.com](mailto:jung.ju@gmail.com) if you are interested in hosting! Details will be posted here and on the Grace Listserv email group - if you would like to join the listserv group, email Nicole at [office@graceseattle.org](mailto:office@graceseattle.org).

**Women's Summer Gatherings.** Please bring a beverage or snack to share and come ready to enjoy evenings of drink, food, and fellowship. Our last gathering will be Friday, August 25, 7-9 PM at Shelly Morse's Home in Renton (bring a bathing suit if you like to swim as Shelly has a hot tub and pool.) For specific addresses and any questions, please email Nicole at [office@graceseattle.org](mailto:office@graceseattle.org).

## 2023-2024 Ministry Year Key Dates

Key dates for this year are listed below, you can see more details and subscribe to our calendar through the QR code.



- Sunday, 9/10 - Grace Kids Parents Meeting/Lunch (after worship service, childcare via registration only by 9/3) Register through the QR Code:
- Friday, 9/15 & Saturday 9/16 - Community Group Leader Training
- Sunday, 9/17 - Serving the City Lunch (following the worship service)
- Sunday, 9/24 - Youth Group Parents Meeting (following the worship service, childcare provided)
- Friday, 9/29 & Saturday 9/30 - Grace 101 (New members class!)
- Sunday, 10/1 - Christian Formation Classes Begin and will continue the first 3 Sundays of each month.
- Friday, 11/3 - Sunday, 11/5 - Silent Retreat at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center
- Sunday, 12/3 - Congregational Vote on Women in Ministry Leadership (following the worship service)
- Wednesday, 12/13 - Evening Prayer Service, 7PM
- Sunday, 12/24 - Lessons & Carols Service, 5PM
- Sunday, 3/31 - Easter Sunday
- Friday, 4/12 - Sunday 4/14 - Men's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge
- Friday, 5/3 - Sunday 5/5 - Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge
- Sunday, 6/2 - Last Sunday of Christian Formation Hour
- Sunday, 6/9 - End of the Ministry Year Party



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

07/30 Ordinary Time  
Worship Service 10:15 AM  
(In-Person and Livestream)

08/06 Ordinary Time  
Worship Service 10:15 AM  
(In-Person and Livestream)

08/13 Ordinary Time  
Worship Service 10:15 AM  
(In-Person and Livestream)

08/20 Ordinary Time  
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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## PASTORAL CARE

Not sure who to contact? If you have needs or resources you'd like to offer the community, please contact us at [pastoralcare@graceseattle.org](mailto:pastoralcare@graceseattle.org).

## GIVE

You can give financially to Grace many ways.

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

You can give to any of these funds online through the QR Code.



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