

Trembling before Thee we fall down to adore Thee,
Shamefaced and trembling we lift our eyes to Thee:
O First and with the last! annul our ruined past,
Rebuild us to Thy glory, set us free
From sin and from sorrow to fall down and worship Thee.
Full of pity view us, stretch Thy sceptre to us,
Bid us live that we may give ourselves to Thee:
O faithful Lord and True! stand up for us and do,
Make us lovely, make us new, set us free —
Heart and soul and spirit — to bring all and worship Thee.

Epiphanytide, Christina Rossetti



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St
First Service 9:00 am
Second Service 10:45 am
Christian Formation 10:45 am

FIRST SERVICE

Nursery
6 months - 2 years
Toddlers (2&3): Room 117
PreK: Room 119

SECOND SERVICE

Nursery
6 months - 3 years

GRACE KIDS CHRISTIAN FORMATION

10:45 AM
Toddlers: Room 117
PreK: Room 119
Kinder/1st grade: Room 103
2nd grade: Room 120
3rd/4th grade: Room 110
5th/6th grade: Room 102
Adults: Fellowship Hall

EPIPHANY

The word “epiphany” originates from the Greek word *epiphaneia* which translates to an appearance, a manifestation, or a discovery. The holiday itself is traditionally celebrated on the 6th day of January and commemorates the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world. The season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Along with Christmas and Easter, Epiphany is one of the three oldest Christian festivals and was celebrated as early as the latter half of the second century.

One of the major events associated with the Epiphany season is the wise men’s (or, Magi’s) visit to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2). The Magi were the least likely people to recognize Jesus as Savior. They were astrologers who were immersed in an entirely different religion. In fact, according to the Old Testament, the wise men were individuals who led people astray from the true God (Isaiah 47).

But, nonetheless, the Magi come to Bethlehem and bow before Jesus. And, what do they find there? They do not find condemnation. Rather, they find a king who is gracious and kind to them. They are received by this king and their faith has been celebrated throughout the centuries.

So what is Epiphany all about? Epiphany is about discovering the God of all grace. The God who is not just present and gracious to those who are near Him, but, who is also present and gracious to those who are far off. So, no matter where you are with God, Epiphany is a time to come near to him and discover his grace.

Let us worship!

REFLECTION QUOTES

In general, things in a place like Portland are really great, so little concerns become ridiculous. There are a lot of people here who can afford—financially but also psychologically—to be really, really concerned about buying local, for instance. It becomes mock epic....I was standing in line at Whole Foods, and the guy in front of me says, 'I really wish you guys sold locally made fresh pasta.' And the cashier says, 'Look, we do.' And the guy says, 'No, no—that's from Seattle.' Really? You don't have a bigger battle?

Carrie Brownstein, commenting on *Portlandia*, in *The New Yorker*

[John, the disciple of Jesus] regards his call as a disciple not as a call to service, but as an entitlement of privilege and exclusion.

James Edwards, *The Gospel According to Luke*

Imago Dei is not a special privilege that we hang onto for our own spiritual benefit. Rather, as in the great parable of the talents, the image of God is for the world. We must think of ourselves as representatives of God—bringing his power, his wisdom, his heart, his mind to the world. Image of God is a mission and responsibility.

Bishop Robert Barron

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Seated

WELCOME



Text in **bold** is read together by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by one of the worship service leaders

The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy".

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.

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

Standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

**And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

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.

LECTIO SACRA*Revelation 7:9-12*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



"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.

INTERLUDE**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

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

Charles Wesley, 1739
Carl Gläser, 1828
arr. L. Mason, 1839

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Our Lord and our Father, you are tremendously gracious with us.
 You give freely, abundantly, and open-handedly to us,
 your beloved children.**

**Forgive us for the times when we do not believe this
 and live like orphans.**

Forgive us when we cling to our possessions and reputations.

Forgive us when we oppress others to advance ourselves.

Heal our blindness to our own corruption and greed.

**Heal our blindness to oppressive political, educational, and economic
 structures, systems, and practices,
 which we often take part in without seeing the yoke
 they place upon others.**

Gracious Father, enlarge our hearts to become more like yours.

May we share freely, abundantly and open-handedly with others.

May we be people who do justice and practice righteousness.

May we be generous to others in this congregation and this city.

Remake us into your image, O Lord.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)



Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.



RECEIVING OF GRACE

Adapted from Romans 8

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news!
There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For we are sure

**that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come,
nor powers,
nor height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN OF REDEMPTION

Redeemed

Words: Joseph Hart,
Refrain & Music: Jess Alldredge
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1. All saints, dis-miss your fear; let hope and joy suc-
2. The pro-mise is ful-filled; sal-va-tion's work is

ceed; the great good news with glad-ness hear, the Lord is ris'n in-
done; the law with mer-cy re-con-ciled, and God has raised his

deed. The shades of death with-drawn, the ri-sing Vic-tor
Son. His death pro-cured thy peace, his res-sur-rect-ion's

sings; so wakes the sun, when ro-sy dawn with loud ho-san-na
thine; be-lieve; re-ceive the full re-lease; 'tis signed with blood di-

rings, with loud ho-san-na rings.
vine; 'tis signed with blood di-vine.

Al-le-lu-ia, the Lord is ri-sen in-deed!

Al-le-lu-ia, in Christ we've been re-deemed! In

Christ we've been re-deemed!



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.

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 36

Transgression speaks to the wicked
 deep in his heart;
 there is no fear of God before his eyes.
 For he flatters himself in his own eyes
 that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
 The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;
 he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
 He plots trouble while on his bed;
 he sets himself in a way that is not good;
 he does not reject evil.

**Your steadfast love, O Lord,
 extends to the heavens,
 your faithfulness to the clouds.
 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
 your judgments are like the great deep;
 man and beast you save, O Lord.
 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
 They feast on the abundance of your house,
 and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
 For with you is the fountain of life;
 in your light do we see light.

**Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
 and your righteousness to the upright of heart!
 Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,
 nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
 There the evildoers lie fallen;
 they are thrust down, unable to rise.**

My Refuge

Jonathan Ogden, Nathan
Stirling, and Caleb Choo
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1. Though the seas may rage and earth may shake
2. Though king - doms fall and sea - sons fade,
3. When anx - ious thoughts take hold of me

I don't have to be a - fraid.____ Though the
Your_ stead - fast love will ne - ver change.____
I re - mem - ber you're the Prince of Peace.____ You're my

moun - tains move in - to the sea, you're a
Those who call up - on your name, Fa - ther
place of rest and my es - cape

stead - fast rock be - neath my feet:____ God my____
they will not be put to shame.____ You're my____
You will be my hi - ding place.____ You're my____

— rock, God my____ rock. God my____ strength,
— rock, you're my____ rock. You're my____ strength,
— rock, you're my____ rock. You're my____ strength,

Fine

God my____ strength.
you're my____ strength. (Go to "I will take my refuge" below)
you're my____ strength.

I will take my re - fuge in_ the sha - dow of_ your wings, oh God.

I will take my re - fuge in_ the sha - dow of_ your wings, oh God.

8 *D.C. al Fine*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

GOSPEL LESSON

The Narcissism of Small Differences

Luke 9:46-50

Rev. John Haralson

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

INTERLUDE

OFFERING

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church Seattle to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, by placing your welcome card in the offering basket.

For online giving options, please go to graceseattle.org/giving

To give via text message, text *GODISLOVE* to 206.859.9405

To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play, click download, and click the giving tab within the app to give.

MUSICAL OFFERING

In Labor All Creation Groans

In labor all creation groans till fear and hatred cease,
Till human hearts come to believe: In Christ alone is peace.

In labor all creation groans till prejudice shall cease,
Till every race and tribe and tongue in Christ will live in peace.

In labor all creation groans till rape and murder cease,
Till women walk by night unharmed and Christ is this world's peace.

In labor all creation groans till false divisions cease,
Till enemies are reconciled in Christ who is our peace.

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.

words: Sister Delores Hufner
music: Traditional



Standing, Seated or Kneeling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Lord...

**We thank you for your church,
founded upon your Word,
that challenges us to do more than sing and pray,
but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers
depended on us and not upon you.**

**Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars
and live on through all eternity.**

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.

**Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together,
and live together until that day when all your children –
of every skin color, every tribe, tongue, and nation –
will rejoice in one common band of humanity
in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.**

Standing

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

*Charles Wesley, 1739
Carl Gläser, 1828
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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

If you would like prayer during communion, intercessors will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right to do so.

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:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est!



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.

Allergen-free communion elements (wafer ingredients: organic brown rice flour, organic white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in the wine cup on the table, then proceed through the line.

The *Sursum Corda* (Latin: "Lift up your hearts") is an opening dialogue in the Eucharistic liturgy of the Christian Church and dates back (at least) to the third century. This text encourages the church to come with thankfulness and joy to the Lord's table.

The *Sanctus* (Latin: "Holy") is a Christian hymn text, typically sung in response to The *Sursum Corda*. It is an invitation to join the voices of the church with the heavenly host, who are continually proclaiming the Father's glory (Isaiah 6:1-3; Matthew 21:9).

by Dan Koch
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Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

Seated

The Words of Institution

The Ministration of Communion

Standing

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Anonymous

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,
Refrain: Just a clo - ser walk with Thee,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 Time for me will be no more;
 Grant it, Je - sus, this my plea,

I'll be sa - tis - fied as long _____ As I
 Who with me my bur - den shares? _____ None but
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er _____ To Thy
 Dai - ly wal - king close to Thee, _____ Let it

walk, dear Lord, close to Thee. [To Refrain each time]
 Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 king - dom shore, to Thy shore.
 be, dear Lord, let it be.



BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!

Strive for full restoration,
encourage one another,
be of one mind,
live in peace.

And the God of love and peace will be with you. **Amen.**



SENDING

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

Thanks be to God!

Members of the prayer team will be available to pray for you at the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

ONGOING EVENTS & GROUPS

Moms In Prayer Group - South Seattle

Moms In Prayer is an international group with the sole purpose of praying for our kids while they attend school. This is a structured hour of prayer that focuses on a different attribute of God every week with time dedicated to intercessory prayer for our children. Open to all moms and all school structures including homeschool. One Moms in Prayer group meets in South Seattle (Hillman City) every Thursday starting September 20th from 1 pm to 2 pm at Rainier Avenue Church. This group is led by Heidi Slater and Lisa Konick. Childcare is available and is a shared cost. To join, please contact Heidi Slater at hydijo@gmail.com. To find a Moms in Prayer group that meets in your area, please go to momsinprayer.org

Women's Gatherings

Contact: Jo Taniguchi at taniguchijo@gmail.com.

Grace Kids Facebook Page

For the latest news, messages and resources, check out the Grace Kids Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Kids-at-Grace-Church-Seattle-940257476071589/>

GraceLifeSeattle ListServ

The GraceLifeSeattle Listserv is an email group designed to foster spontaneous generosity and hospitality among anyone and everyone who regularly attends Grace. The Listserv will allow anyone who signs up to send out an email to the larger group. It is designed to be used 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.
Contact: Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Lifelong

Grace Seattle delivers pre-made meals once a week to individuals living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or other chronic diseases. If you would like more information or would like to be part of the delivery team, email Paige Lively at paigelively@gmail.com.

Meals Ministry

We serve Grace community members with food delivery in case of short-term needs, such as injuries, illnesses, and new children. Volunteers are added to an email list and asked to serve as they are able when needs arise. Currently additional volunteers are needed to help serve the community in this practical way.
Contact: Rebecca Iland rebecca@graceseattle.org

Prayer Ministry

We are looking for people who are feeling called to our prayer ministry team. Each Sunday, intercessors from the prayer team will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you during communion time and immediately after the service. The prayer team also meets quarterly to pray together for the needs of our church, city, and world.
Contact: Heather Andrews prayer@graceseattle.org

Money Management

Begins January 23rd, 2019

Planning for the future is hard when you're living paycheck to paycheck! There's a better way! Join the Financial Peace University group to learn how to eliminate debt, reduce expenses, and make a plan for the future together! Join us at the SDA Volunteer Park Church (1300 E Aloha St, Seattle) starting January 23, 2019. Feel free to call or message Charles Grenard with any questions at (206) 427-2601 or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1076740>.

Note: This class is not a Grace Adult Christian Formation class, but it is being led by a regular Grace attendee.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are places of care and community where we learn more about living the Christian life together. Each group is unique and has its own "personality," and yet all groups are focused on growing in relationship with God and with each other. Groups meet on different nights in various neighborhoods around the city, and include time for fellowship, study and reflection, and prayer together. If you have any questions about community groups, contact Debbie (Smith) Tacke at debbie@graceseattle.org.

Parish #	Contact	Time	Meeting Information
1	Bennett Sorbo bsorbo@gmail.com	6:30 pm Tuesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.
4	Daniel Rogers graddy462@gmail.com	7:30 pm Every other Wednesday	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.
4	Danielle Taniguchi danielle@graceseattle.org	7:00 pm Thursdays	Mixed group of adults. Light Snacks.
4	Erika Schuyler erikaschuyler@gmail.com	7 pm - 8:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	Mixed group of adults & kids.
9	Susan Rose susanguppy@gmail.com	6:30 pm 2nd & 4th Wednesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Light dinner.
10	Gwen St. John gwenstjohn@hotmail.com	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Tuesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.

Parish Number Key

Parish #	Neighborhood
1	Ballard, Fremont, Greenwood, Bitterlake, Broadview
4	Lake City, Maple Leaf, Northgate, Pinehurst, Lake Forest Park, N. View Ridge, Woodinville, Wedgwood
8	Eastlake, Lower Capitol Hill, South Lake Union

Parish #	Neighborhood
9	Arbor Heights, Burien, Delridge, Fauntleroy, Highland Park, South Park, West Seattle, Westwood
10	Beacon Hill, Columbia City, Hillman City, Kent, Mt. Baker, Rainier Valley, Renton, Seward Park, Tacoma

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

See our full calendar at graceseattle.org/events/calendar

Sign up for our email list by emailing office@graceseattle.org

New Grace Kids Drop Off/Pick Up Logistics

This Sunday will be the first time that we are hosting Grace Kids, YCG, and Adult Christian Formation concurrently with the 10:45 service. We are asking all volunteers, children and participants to be flexible and patient regarding this new ministry format, as we will be keeping to our 45 minute Christian Formation timetable for classes.

Logistically, this will mean that if parents are attending the second service and choose to send their children to Grace Kids classes, parents will need to collect their children at 11:30 and bring them to the remainder of the service. We will keep this format for the rest of January and evaluate logistics in early February. Again, we ask for your patience as we acclimate to this new rhythm and make adjustments as needed.

Adult Christian Formation Class: Created in God's Image Downstairs Fellowship Hall 10:45 AM

This class is an exploration into basic questions like these: *What does it mean to be a human being? What is God's purpose for my life? Why are people so amazing and so disappointing? Why am I so amazing and so disappointing? Is there realistic hope for substantial change in Christ? How are men and women supposed to relate to one another?*

The material covered in this class is foundational for the Christian life.

Revoice Visit January 25-27th 2019

This is a great opportunity we have. For more information, see the detailed announcement on page 14.

Communion Prep Class Starts Sunday, February 3rd - During 9am Sermon Room 102 (Downstairs)

We will begin our six-week communion prep class for children ages 5 and up, with accompanying parents, on February 3rd. This fun, short course is taught by members of the session as we walk through God's Big Story and the invitation to dine with Him at the Lord's Supper. During and/or after the class, interviews will be arranged between the Session and families, prior to coming to the Table. To register, please email Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org.

Women's Retreat Registration Opens Next Sunday

This year's women's retreat will be held March 8-10 at the Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center (approximately 45 minutes from Seattle). The theme for this year's retreat is "Cultivating Contentment" and our speaker will be Andrea Frankenfeld as well as other women who will be sharing their stories as part of the Friday night panel discussion. This is a great chance to get to know other women at Grace and enjoy a weekend of connecting and refreshment. Mark your calendar to join us! We will have people in the lobby between services next Sunday to help you register.

Volunteers Needed for Grace Kids

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Please help us make Grace a place where all children are welcomed, known, and loved. We are currently in need in the following areas for Grace Kids classes, starting in January:

- Toddlers 1st service: 4 volunteers needed
- Toddlers Christian Formation: 2 volunteers needed
- PreK class 1st service: 1 volunteer needed
- 2nd grade Christian Formation: 2 volunteers needed

Please prayerfully consider serving in a vital component of Christ's ministry here at Grace (Matt 19:14)! If you have any questions, or would like to start the application process for serving with Grace Kids, please contact Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org.

Save The Date: Men's Retreat 2019 May 3rd-5th

Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center

This is a great chance to get to know other men at Grace and enjoy a weekend of connecting and rest. Stay tuned for more details, but for now save the date for this great weekend together! Please email Orion Iffland for more information at orion@ifland.net.

Sacred Road Informational Meeting January 20th or February 17th at 12:30 PM Fellowship Hall

Grace has the wonderful opportunity of going on a mission and service trip to the Yakama reservation again this coming summer! We are asking for any who are interested to prayerfully consider joining us this year as we share in giving and receiving the love of Christ with our friends at Sacred Road! We have 15 spots available and the registration deadline will be posted soon, (the deadline is in mid-March). We will hold two informational meetings after the second service, (small lunch provided) on January 20th at 12:30pm, and February 17th at 12:30pm. If you would like to go on the Sacred Road Trip, you are required to attend one of these informational meetings. Please contact Pastor Jason Davison at jason@graceseattle.org if you have further questions or would like to register for the trip.

Grief and Loss Support Group First Sunday of each month at 9:00-10:20 AM Classroom #218 (down the hallway to the left of the sanctuary)

This ministry provides a time and space to share our grief and loss with one another, so that we can be consoled in knowing that we are not alone in our suffering. If you are experiencing grief over the death of a loved one, infertility, the loss of health, difficult family dynamics, the loss of a job, or another loss, join us. There is no grief or loss too big or too small. The participants simply listen to, and pray for, each person that shares. A moderator describes the group guidelines at the start of each meeting. We meet on the first Sunday of the month from 9:00 to 10:20 am; please come as often or as seldom as you need. If you have questions please contact Lisa Behringer at cozycottage@mac.com.

CONTINUED...ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

See our full calendar at graceseattle.org/events/calendar

Sign up for our email list by emailing office@graceseattle.org

Save the Date: All Church Retreat 2019

September 27-29th

Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center

Save the date! We will be having a church-wide retreat at the Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. This is a great time to build existing relationships and form new ones. For more information about the retreat, please email Danielle at danielle@graceseattle.org. More details to follow in early 2019.

REVOICE WEEKEND OPPORTUNITIES, JANUARY 25-27TH

We are thrilled to have Collins and Stephen Moss—two key leaders of Revoice—will be making a trip to Seattle and to our church specifically. Nate and Stephen are two key leaders of Revoice (revoice.us), whose mission statement is:

Supporting, encouraging, and empowering gay, lesbian, same-sex-attracted, and other gender and sexual minority Christians so they can flourish while observing the historic, Christian doctrine of marriage and sexuality.

For a church like ours that embraces the historic Christian doctrines concerning marriage and sexuality, navigating through our current cultural waters can be confusing and troubling. There is a great deal of pressure on us to change our convictions on this matter. At the same time, we must be honest and face the fact that the church—in addition to our tendency to idolize marriage and family—has significantly failed to love LGBT+/Same-Sex attracted people at Grace, in our families, and in our community.

In many ways, this weekend highlights the fact that there is an elephant in the room. We have tiptoed our way around the elephant for too long. This has the impact of hurting people and diminishing our witness for Christ in our city. Our hope is that our brothers from Revoice will help spark prayer, conversations, and holy imagination that will help us more faithfully and creatively live as the people of God in our time and context.

Here are the opportunities we have put together. Please be in prayer about this weekend!

January 27, Sunday Morning

Nate will speak briefly in each worship service about Revoice. And, during Christian Formation (1045am), Nate & Stephen will take part in a panel discussion. This will be a great opportunity to hear from them about their vision for how LGBT+/Same-Sex Attracted people can actually flourish in a church like ours. They will also be taking time to answer some of the many questions I am sure we all have.

January 27, Sunday Afternoon, 2pm-4pm

This will be a confidential meeting for people in our congregation who identify as LGBT+/Same-sex attracted or think they may be. The goal is to connect these congregants to one another, let them know they are not alone, hear Nate's and Stephen's perspective on their own journey of discipleship, and give them a safe space to be known and supported. If you are interested in attending, or are curious about this time, please email Dan Huie at dan@graceseattle.org. The only people who will be at this meeting will be those who identify as LGBT+/Same-sex attracted—which also includes Dan Huie—or think they may be. Location of the meeting will only be disclosed to participants.

January 27, Sunday Evening, 6pm-8pm

This will be a confidential meeting for people who have close family members (siblings, spouse, child, parent) who identify as LGBT+/Same-sex attracted. The goal is to allow people who find themselves in this place to connect with others for mutual encouragement, prayer, and support. In addition, Nate and Stephen will offer advice on how one might practically live a life of genuine and faithful Christian love towards loved ones who experience sexuality and gender far differently than they themselves do. If you are interested in attending, or are curious about this time, please email Dan Huie at dan@graceseattle.org. Location of the meeting will only be disclosed to participants.

SERMON TEXT

Luke 9:46-50

[46] An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. [47] But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side [48] and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

[49] John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us." [50] But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you."

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

1/20 Second Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

1/27 Third Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Revoice Staff Visit 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

2/3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

2/10 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

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