

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
Worship Service 9:00 am
Christian Formation 10:45 am

FIRST SERVICE

9:00 AM
Nursery
6 months - 2 years
Toddlers (2&3): Room 117
PreK: Room 119

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

Adults & Youth: Sanctuary

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

It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship.

C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory"

A prominent New Monasticism community house had a sign on the wall that famously read "Everyone wants a revolution. No one wants to do the dishes." My life is really rich in dirty dishes (and diapers) these days and really short in revolutions. I go to a church full of older people who live pretty normal, middle-class lives in nice, middle-class houses. But I have really come to appreciate this community, to see their lifetimes of sturdy faithfulness to Jesus, their commitment to prayer, and the tangible, beautiful generosity that they show those around them in unnoticed, unimpressive, unmarketable, unrevolutionary ways. And each week, we average sinners and boring saints gather around ordinary bread and wine and Christ himself is there with us.

And here is the embarrassing truth: I still believe in and long for a revolution. I still think I can make a difference beyond just my front door. I still want to live radically for Jesus and be part of him changing the world. I still think mediocrity is dull, and I still fret about settling.

But I've come to the point where I'm not sure anymore just what God counts as radical. And I suspect that for me, getting up and doing the dishes when I'm short on sleep and patience is far more costly and necessitates more of a revolution in my heart than some of the more outwardly risky ways I've lived in the past. And so this is what I need now: the courage to face an ordinary day – an afternoon with a colicky baby where I'm probably going to snap at my two-year old and get annoyed with my noisy neighbor – without despair, the bravery it takes to believe that a small life is still a meaningful life, and the grace to know that even when I've done nothing that is powerful or bold or even interesting that the Lord notices me and is fond of me and that that is enough.

Tish Harrison Warren

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

THIRD 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.

Standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 72:1-5

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

**Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

**May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi ca., 1225

Trans. William H. Draper, 1926

Music: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

All crea - tures of our God and King,
Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong,
All ye who are of ten - der heart,
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless,lift up your voice and with us sing Al - le -
ye clouds that sail in heaven a - long, O
for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, sing his
and wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!
prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam,
Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice,
Ye who long pain and sor - row bear,
Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O
ye lights of eve - ning find a voice,
praise God and on him cast your care,
and praise the Spir - it, Three in One,

praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

1.2. 3 3. 7

LECTIO SACRA*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

“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.

Old Testament

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

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New Testament

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

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.

music: Samuel John Stone
text: Samuel Sebastian Wesley
1866

INTERLUDE **The Church's One Foundation**



CONFESSION OF SIN

From The Worship Sourcebook

**Eternal Light,
shine in our hearts;
Eternal Goodness,
deliver us from evil;
Eternal Power,
be our support;
Eternal Wisdom,
scatter the shadows of our ignorance;
Eternal Compassion,
have mercy on us,
that with heart and mind
and soul and strength
we may seek your face
and be brought by your infinite mercy
to the Holy Presence,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

(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

1 John 1:5-7



This is the message we have heard from him
and proclaim to you,
that God is light,
and in him is no darkness at all.

**If we say we have fellowship with him
while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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

Nothing But The Blood

**What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Refrain:

**O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

[Refrain]

**Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

[Refrain]

**This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

[Refrain]


Seated

REVOICE: NATE COLLINS, FOUNDER

We are thrilled to have Nate Collins and Stephen Moss—two key leaders of Revoice (revoice.us)—with us today. Revoice's 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.

Take My Life And Let It Be



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

Seated

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 Path to True Greatness

Luke 9:51-56

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.

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 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.



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.

Standing

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

**Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

**In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Standing

Trinity Song

Ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit.
 Ho - ly Com - mu - nion, Three - in - One.
 Come with your peace, with your in - vi - ta - tion.
 Bind us to - ge - ther in ho - ly love.

Sandra McCracken
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Seated

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:



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.

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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).

Sanctus

Standing

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!

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

Take Us O Lord

Isaac Wardell
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1. O how he takes the cross; O how he lifts it up
2. Hear how he breaks the curse; Hear how he cries a-loud.
3. How deep the wounds he wears; How deep the scars he shows.

to take the weight from us. O how he pays the cost;
Hear how his voice re-sounds. O how he forms the words.
How well the name he knows: writ-ten up - on the palms,

O how he drinks the cup to make a place for us. --(go to Verse 2)
O how he cries them out: "See, it is fin-ished now!"
O what a name to find: that name be-fore him, mine!

Take us, O Lord, and all we have known. Shape us, O
Lord, and form us in - to your own! Take ev - 'ry heart, and know ev - 'ry
sin. Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole a - gain!
Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole a - gain!

BENEDICTION

Jude 20-21



Beloved,
building yourselves up in your most holy faith
and praying in the Holy Spirit,
keep yourselves in the love of God,
waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
that leads to eternal life. **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

TODAY Grace Kids Drop Off/Pick Up Logistics

In order to allow parents to attend the entirety of the Revoice panel discussion, Grace Kids will also run from 10:45-noon this Sunday. We will have regular Grace Kids classes from 10:45-11:30 then transition to the Fellowship Hall for games and snacks from 11:30-noon. Toddlers will join the nursery for the last segment of the morning.

Revoice Visit

TODAY Sanctuary 10:45 AM to Noon

This is a great opportunity we have. For more information, see the detailed announcement on page 15.

Women's Retreat Registration Opens TODAY

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! Please see Danielle Taniguchi in the lobby after service today to help you register.

Revoice Follow-Up

There will be a follow-up discussion to the Revoice weekend on Sunday, February 3rd after the second service (12:15pm). More details to follow.

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 His invitation to dine with Him at the Lord's Supper. The dates for the class fall on 2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/3, 3/17, and 3/24—all during the 9am service. During and/or after the class, interviews will be arranged between the Session and families prior to coming to the Table. [The deadline to register for the class is Wednesday, January 30th](#), please email Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org if you're interested in having your little one attend.

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.

Fellowship Sunday Brunch

Sunday, February 17th 10:30 AM

In a few weeks, we will have one worship service at 9 AM followed by a church-wide fellowship brunch for everyone after the service. This will be a time to take some unstructured time to fellowship with one another, eat great food and celebrate God's goodness to our congregation. We hope you will join us. More details to follow early in February.

Sacred Road Informational Meeting

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.

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: 3 volunteers needed
- Toddlers Christian Formation: 2 volunteers needed
- 2nd grade Christian Formation: 1 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.

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: Weekday Evening Women's Study Fall 2019

Andrea Frankenfeld and Jennifer Spaith are looking to start a women's study next fall. Anyone who is interested can attend an informational session at Jennifer's home in Bellevue on March 18th from 6:30 to 8pm. For more details or any questions, please email Andrea at andrea@andreafrankenfeld.com or Jennifer at jennifermarielane@hotmail.com.

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 Nate 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, 10:45 AM to Noon

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 9:51-56

[51] When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. [52] And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. [53] But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. [54] And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" [55] But he turned and rebuked them. [56] And they went on to another village.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

1/27 Third Sunday after Epiphany

One Worship Service 9 AM
Revoice Staff Visit 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

2/17 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

One Worship Service 9 AM
Fellowship Sunday Brunch 10:30 AM

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