



Order of Worship
September 6, 2020
[Livestream 10:30 am](#)



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Live stream Worship 10:30 am
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[Prelude/Postlude music playlist](#)

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Artist Statement

This year's artwork series
visualizes the thematic chapters
of the church calendar using
simple geometric illustrations to
highlight the interconnected
nature of the chapters. Each
chapter is a standalone piece of
artwork, but together they will
form a collective mosaic that
symbolizes the holistic story of
the church calendar.

-Josh Klekamp, visual artist

Front cover artwork:
Pentecost
Josh Klekamp, 2020

HEBREWS: FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

I am bound for the Promised Land.
Samuel Stennett

My dad used to be a marathon runner. When he was in his late 50's, he wanted to run in the Boston Marathon. To qualify for Boston, he had to run another marathon in under a set amount of time.

He knew this was going to be a challenge to him. So he trained for the better part of a year. He also invited me to come and run with him for the key part of one of the qualifying races. The idea was that as I ran alongside of him, I could keep him on track and encourage him so he could make it to the finish line in time.

The book of Hebrews tells us that the Christian life is like a marathon race. To be sure, it is glorious and filled with joy. But it is also long and—at times—grueling.

And, the book of Hebrews is focused on answering one question:

How can we finish the race as Christians?

Herein lies the brilliance of Hebrews...it doesn't give us a strategy for finishing the Christian life. Instead, Hebrews gives us Jesus.

In this book, we are given numerous sketches of Jesus—highlighting his majesty, glory, and superiority. And, we are told in chapter 12 to “fix our eyes” on him. This means to look away from anything and everything else so that we might be able to focus our attention on Jesus—seeing him clearly and distinctly.

This, and only this, is how we finish the race.

Let us worship.

REFLECTION QUOTES

'Twas in another lifetime, one of toil and blood
When blackness was a virtue the road was full of mud
I came in from the wilderness, a creature void of form
Come in, she said
I'll give ya shelter from the storm

And if I pass this way again, you can rest assured
I'll always do my best for her, on that I give my word
In a world of steel-eyed death, and men who are fighting to be warm
Come in, she said
I'll give ya shelter from the storm

Not a word was spoke between us, there was little risk involved
Everything up to that point had been left unresolved
Try imagining a place where it's always safe and warm
Come in, she said
I'll give ya shelter from the storm

I was burned out from exhaustion, buried in the hail
Poisoned in the bushes an' blown out on the trail
Hunted like a crocodile, ravaged in the corn
Come in, she said
I'll give ya shelter from the storm

Suddenly I turned around and she was standin' there
With silver bracelets on her wrists and flowers in her hair
She walked up to me so gracefully and took my crown of thorns
Come in, she said
I'll give ya shelter from the storm

Bob Dylan, "Shelter from the Storm"

The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy" [available here](#)



WELCOME

PRELUDE

Standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hebrews 12:27-29

The kingdom of the Lord cannot be shaken and will remain.

With grateful hearts, let us receive his kingdom.

Let us offer to God acceptable worship,

with reverence and awe,

for our God is a consuming fire. **Amen.**

Praise the Lord!**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.

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

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

LECTIO SACRA*Deuteronomy 4:15-24*

"Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day. Furthermore, the Lord was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance. For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land. Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the Lord your God has forbidden you. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

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

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



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Resources

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world,
so much suffering through the ages,
wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you love and care for us as a parent;
you came to share life with us as a brother.
But we confess we have failed to live as your children
and instead have broken many bonds.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you have called us to live together in community,
to consider one another as brother and sister,
regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity.

Yet we prejudice one another,
refuse to love one another,
and victimize one another.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, giver of all life,
you fearfully and wonderfully made us
and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life.

Yet we endanger the lives of one another,
abuse the lives of young children among us,
destroy those who are defenseless,
and oppress those who are powerless.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

Pardon us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18 (NRSV)



The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

Your sins are forgiven!

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 102



Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to you!
**Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!**

Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!
For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.
My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;
I forget to eat my bread.
**Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh.**

I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;
I lie awake;
I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
**All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.**

For I eat ashes like bread
and mingle tears with my drink,
because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
**My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.**

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.

(Continued on next page)

But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.

**You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.**

For your servants hold her stones dear
and have pity on her dust.
Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

**For the Lord builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory;
he regards the prayer of the destitute
and does not despise their prayer.**

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:
that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

**He has broken my strength in midcourse;
he has shortened my days.**

"O my God," I say, "take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!"

**Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end.

**The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.**

Come Messiah, Come

1. Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come be-fore you;
 2. I'm like a vul-ture in my own wild-er-ness;
 3. But you, O Lord, you are en-throned for-ev-er-more;

hide not your face from me in my day of trou-ble.
 lone de-sert owl, I fly a-bove de-so-late lands.
 you are re-mem-bered through-out all ge-ner-a-tions.

In-cline your ear to me; when I call, an-swer me; days drift a-
 I lie a-wake and groan; cast a-side; all a-lone. All day my
 You will a-rise and have com-pas-sion for Zi-on; for it is

way like smoke, my bones are hot as coals.
 e-ne-mies, armed with hate, curse my name.
 time to grant un-to her your fa-vor.

Come Me-ssi-ah, come. Come Me-ssi-ah, come.

Come Me-ssi-ah, come. Come Me-

ssi-ah, come.

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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 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.

Seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Share with us your visit and prayer requests.](#)

PASSING THE PEACE

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

GOSPEL LESSON

Sinai or Zion?

Hebrews 12:18-29

Rev. John Haralson

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

SERMON TEXT

[18] For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest [19] and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. [20] For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." [21] Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." [22] But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, [23] and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, [24] and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

[25] See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. [26] At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." [27] This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. [28] Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, [29] for our God is a consuming fire.



OFFERING

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

- To give via text message, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405.
(This will take you to our on-line giving page)
- To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play and click the giving tab within the app.
- Give via Venmo (Give to @graceseattle.org; all transactions are private)
- Give via PayPal (Give to bookkeeper@graceseattle.org)
- To gift stock, contact our bookkeeper@graceseattle.org
- Mail to check to:
Grace Church Seattle
400 E Pine St, #215
Seattle, WA 98122

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.
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MUSICAL OFFERING

O Jerusalem

Lyrics below for reflection

They have told us of a city
where all tears are wiped away
and every shadowed valley is washed
in endless day.

They have told us of a table
where the poor are honored guest,
where all the weary wanderers
come in and find their rest.

Will we see the day of the city of God?
O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!
Can we run away to the city of God?
O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

They have told us of a chorus
where all voices join as one
in songs of celebration
that all our wars are done.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

They have told us of a city
where all death will be undone,
and all our tearful mourning
gives way to healing song.

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PRAYER FOR CONGREGATIONAL & CITY NEEDS



Standing

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Frederick Hedge and Martin Luther

1. A might - y for - tress is our
 2. Did we in our own strength con -
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly

God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ling;
 fide, our striv - ing would be los - sing,
 filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 were not the right man on our side, the
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ling.
 man of God's own choos - sing.
 truth to tri - umph through us.
 him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the

craft and power are great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on
 Sab - a - oth his name, from age to age the same, and
 rage we can en - dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one
 bod - y they may kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; his

earth is not his e - qual. 2. Did
 he must win the bat - tle. 3. And
 lit - tle word shall fell him.
 king - dom is for - ev - er.

3. 6 4. That



BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Now may our God and Father himself,
 and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,
 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love
 for one another and for all, as we do for you,
 so that he may establish your hearts blameless
 in holiness before our God and Father,
 at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. **Amen.**



SENDING

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

Thanks be to God!

UPDATES

Sunday Worship & Other Church Gatherings. We will be worshipping by live stream every Sunday at 10:30AM on our YouTube page (search for "Grace Church Seattle" on YouTube). *If you are comfortable doing so, we are encouraging households to join together for worship in their homes.*

All in-person meetings have been suspended. Many Community Groups, men's groups, and women's Bible studies have transitioned to all on-line meetings. In addition, our Youth Community Group (YCG) has begun to meet on Sundays via Zoom. We are working to put together more online gatherings each week. To find out more, please [contact our leadership team](#) and check [our website](#) for updates.

Pastoral Care. Please contact us if you have needs or if you have resources you would like to offer our community. We can be reached here (pastoralcare@graceseattle.org).

Loving God. During this season, in addition to continuing to maintain your practice of Sunday worship—though in the new online format—we are encouraging you to do two things:

Daily Prayer & Scripture Reading. We have three great resources to help you pray and read Scripture more regularly. Go to the [Daily Prayer](#) section of our website.

Midweek Liturgy. We will be creating and sending out a midweek liturgy every Tuesday that people can use individually or in a small gathering. This liturgy will have prayers, Scripture readings, and songs. Go to the [Midweek Liturgy](#) section of our website.

Loving Neighbor. Loving God is always bound up with loving our neighbors. Here are some concrete things you can do:

Helping the hurting. We are taking steps to actively care for and provide some relief to needs within our congregation already brought to our attention. In addition, [we have begun forming partnerships](#) with local businesses and provide care for those on the margins who have been adversely affected by recent events. Dan & Renée Huie are also establishing a non-perishable food and household supply drop-off location at the Layne. We are partnering with local organizations to get this food delivered to seniors and homeless youth in our city. If you would like more information, want to volunteer, or have ideas for future partnerships, please contact [Pastor Jason](#).

Watch a "[Conversation on Race & the Church](#)"

Read Pastor John's [letter to the congregation on racial justice](#)

Hygiene & Social Distancing. Following the coronavirus health and safety protocols is a critical way that we exhibit a real love of neighbor by helping reduce the possibility of the spread of the virus.

Deacons Fund. Financial Support of our Relief Efforts.

You can give directly to Serving the City Fund or our Deacons Fund.

Our Serving the City Fund goes directly to our efforts to serve the hurting and marginalized in our city. Our Deacons Fund exists to help those in our congregation and community who are facing unexpected financial need.

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To request financial assistance during this time, please get in touch with our deacons (deacons@graceseattle.org).

Giving to Grace. As mentioned above, now is a wonderful opportunity to give to either our Serving the City and/or Deacons Funds. At the same time, it is important to point out that our expenses haven't significantly changed, and we still need folks to give generously and graciously to our General Fund. For more information, please visit the [Giving](#) section of our website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

For the most up to date information, please check the announcements section of our website

CONNECT

Young Adult Group

As a young adult, it can be difficult to find friendship in Seattle. You've probably either just moved here, just got out of college, or you're stuck at home during a global pandemic and finding it impossible to meet people. If you consider yourself "young-ish" and "adult-ish", and are interested in growing community and breaking bread (outside and at a safe distance!) with others, we're going to start having socially distanced meals every other Sunday afternoon. For more details or questions, reach out to Brent and Phoebe Williams by emailing us at brent.williams333@gmail.com.

To see all our small groups visit graceseattle.org/connect.

SERVE

Operation Nightwatch Shelter in Madrona

- *Dispatch volunteer:* 8-10 PM
- *Volunteer Driver:* Drive guests in a van from Nightwatch Dispatch Center to the new shelter in Madrona, 9-10 PM
- *Volunteer Coordinator:* Work with partnering organizations and churches in creating and maintaining a volunteer schedule.

Contact: Jeremy Herring at jeremy@graceseattle.org, with questions or to volunteer

For a full list of service opportunities, go to graceseattle.org/serve/serving-the-city

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9/6 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30 AM

9/13 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30 AM

9/20 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30 AM

9/27 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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