Here you will find an energized and inclusive community of people seeking God’s transforming presence. Grace St. Paul’s is a safe place to connect your spirit and your mind. Please join with us in experiencing Christ’s love in a diverse congregation that celebrates individual gifts. We invite you to take part in liturgies that are rich and innovative, in spiritual formation for all ages, and in action for social justice. We welcome you to share in this joyful journey!
About Today’s Services

Altar Flowers & Plants
Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and for the beauty of the worship service
• In loving memory of Hetty Lewis, Mary Turner, and Jane Blackwell—grandmother, mother, and sister of Ann Schlumberger.

If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call the church office at 327-6857.

WELCOME HOME
The people who are Grace St. Paul’s church are pleased you are here and welcome you.
• Regardless of your faith tradition, you are welcome to receive communion in this church.
• Please join us for coffee and snacks after both the 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. services in McBride Hall, across the breezeway from the church. First-time guests, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Hall and pick up your special gift for being with us.
• Please fill out a yellow card located in the pew racks and give it to the friendly folks at the Welcome Table.
• Nursery care (for both services), Sunday School, and Youth Group are all located in the rooms below from the sanctuary:
  • Nursery care for children ages three and under is in the St. Teresa of Avila room.
  • Sunday School, preschool through 5th grade, is held concurrently with the 10 a.m. service.
  • St. Zeno’s Zombie Youth Choir rehearsal meets after the 10 a.m. service each week in the St. Nicholas Room.
• An usher or greeter would be pleased to show you to these areas.
• Restrooms are located just outside the church building in the covered breezeway.

We hope you will return many times and consider Grace St. Paul’s as your church home.

COVER ART: Oak and Grand Canyon. Photo by Bruce Anderson.
The Liturgy of the Word

Please remember to silence your electronic devices.

The Season of Creation begins today with this festival service. It is a celebration of the life of the earth and a call to humanity to recognize our relationship with the earth. It is a recognition that God’s incarnation is found not just in humanity, but in all of the created order. It celebrates God’s presence with us, in the face of the stranger and in the beauty of a flower. It is also a cry of hope that all of humanity will recognize the sacredness of creation and the interconnectedness of everything in the cosmos. It is a religious statement that love of neighbor extends to the entire cosmos.

At 7:40 and 9:55, the church bell will be tolled.

Prelude (7:45 a.m.) Desert Flutes Pamela Decker

Prelude to Creation (10 a.m.) Canyon Songs Pamela Decker
Johanna Lundy, French horn; Pamela Decker, piano

Greeting and Announcements
Silence

A Call to Prayer and Action Terry Tempest Williams

The silence is broken with Native flute followed by:

The world is holy. We are holy. All life is holy. Daily prayers are delivered on the lips of breaking waves, the whisperings of grasses, the shimmering of leaves.

Our kinship with Earth must be maintained; otherwise, we will find ourselves trapped in the center of our own paved-over souls with no way out.

Silence
Processional Hymn

We are a part of all creation
The people may stand.

No. 131, My Heart Sings Out (7:45 a.m.: stanzas 1 & 2)

The children process in with streamers, animals, and earth balls.

1 We are a part of all creation,
   all of creation sings in us, earth and sea and
   sky and creatures, join in the dance of life and love.

2 We are a part of every person,
   all of the peoples sing in us, one our journey,
   one our pathway, one in the dance of life and love.

3 We are a part of God's creation,
   God is the voice that sings in us, be our journey,
   be our pathway, come be our dance of life and love.

4 We are a part of all creation
   given the breath of life to share all the glory
   of our Maker with every person everywhere.

All of creation, one ohana,* All of creation sings in you;
Many the voices, one great music, part of me and part of

*ohana = great family

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: In the name of God, who creates planets, the name of Jesus Christ, born on planet Earth, and the name of the Spirit who envelops our cosmos. Amen.

People: Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth is filled with God’s presence.

Celebrant: Christ, we come into your presence today, to worship in this sanctuary called Earth.

People: Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth is filled with your presence.

Chant of Praise

Kristopher E. Lindquist

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The Collect of the Day

The Collect of the Day is by The Episcopal Church’s Season of Creation Liturgical Committee.

Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

Celebrant: God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship: Your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe, through Jesus Christ, our Liberator, who topples the dividing walls, and by the power of your Holy Spirit; who live and reign with you for ever and ever. Amen.
We have lived our lives by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world. We have been wrong. We must change our lives so that it will be possible to live by the contrary assumption, that what is good for the world will be good for us. And that requires that we make the effort to know the world and learn what is good for it.

Psalm 148:1-4, 7-10, 13

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse at 7:45 a.m.

At 10 a.m., the Choir sings the Antiphon once, then all repeat it.

Antiphon

1 Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens; *
   praise God in the heights.

2 Praise God, all you angels; *
   praise God, all creation.

3 Praise God, sun and moon; *
   praise God, all you shining stars.

4 Praise God, heaven of heavens, *
   and you waters above the heavens.

7 Praise God from the earth, *
   you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
   tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
   fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
    creeping things and winged birds;

13 Let them praise the Name of the Holy One: *
    God’s Name alone is exalted,
    whose splendor dazzles the earth and the heavens.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON
A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God

[Terry Tempest Williams, from Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert]

I want my life to be a celebration of slowness. Walking through the sage from our front door, I am gradually drawn into the well-worn paths of deer. They lead me to Round Mountain and the bloodred side canyons below Castle Rock. Sometimes I see them, but often I don’t. Deer are quiet creatures, who, when left to their own nature, move slowly. Their large black eyes absorb all shadows, especially the flash of predators. And their ears catch each word spoken. But today they walk ahead with their halting prance, one leg raised, then another, and allow me to follow them. I am learning how to not provoke fear and flight among deer. We move into a pink, sandy wash, their black-tipped tails like eagle feathers. I lose sight of them as they disappear around the bend.

On the top of the ridge I can see for miles....

Sequence Music

Native American Flute

The people may stand.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Luke 17:5-10]

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Diácono: Santo Evangelio de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, según Lucas.
Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”
Please be seated.

Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

A period of silence follows the Sermon, marked with meditation bell.

Manifesto

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front is by Wendell Berry.

Deacon: Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die.

People: And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer.

Celebrant 1: When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So, friends, every day do something that won’t compute. Love God. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it.

Celebrant 2: Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.

People: Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest.

Celebrant 1: Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophesy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years.

Celebrants & Deacon: As soon as the generals and the politicos can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn’t go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction.

All: Practice resurrection. Amen.
Each prayer is read by a different member of the congregation. Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer.

Leader: “The Earth. . . is a sparkling blue and white jewel. . . laced with slowly swirling veils of white. . . like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery.” (Edgar Mitchell, U.S. Astronaut)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.” (Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic)

Leader: “O moving force of Wisdom, you encircle the wheel of the cosmos, you encompass all that is, all that has life, in one vast circle.” (Hildegard of Bingen)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “It could be that God has not absconded but spread, as our vision and understanding of the universe have spread, to a fabric of spirit and sense so grand and subtle, powerful in a new way, that we can only feel blindly of its hem.” (Annie Dillard, naturalist writer)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “. . . stardust is not just fairy-tale magic; it is what we are really made of. . .” (Elisabet Sahtouris, Ecofeminist)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “Great Spirit, . . . give me the strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is! . . . all over the earth the faces of living things are all alike. . . This is my prayer; hear me!” (Black Elk, Oglala Sioux)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “There is not anything new to be born. It has been within you from the beginningless beginning. It has only to be awakened, to become aware of itself in you.” (Zen saying)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “. . . for in God we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “. . . When you stand in the presence of the moon, you become a new creation. . . The elementary particles of your body have absorbed an influence and in that sense they—and you—are brand spanking new, a human being resonating everywhere with moonlight.” (Brian Swimme, physicist)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” (T. S. Eliot, poet)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”
Celebrant:
O God of earth and sky, assist us in being aware of your presence in the world around us. Teach us to treat all of creation as part of your glory and to realize that we are not masters of the earth, but a strand in its web. We ask that these things be revealed to us through the power of the incarnation. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Deacon:
Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and God’s creation.

People:
Merciful and sustaining God:
we confess that we have sinned against you,
lacking humility and gratitude for the beauty and bounty
of your creation as it sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth;
grant us amendment of life, we pray.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites;
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted;
make us urgent now for its protection,
and, through our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive and renew us
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
with whom you live and reign one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Absolution was composed and/or adapted by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

Celebrant:
May the God of Creation pardon us for the sins that we heap upon God’s earth, our island home. May the Creator refresh us and renew us with love, and guide us again to see all of the cosmos as our kin. Give us the strength to protect all of God’s world as a Mother protects her children. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Liberator, and Sustainer be upon us and all of the cosmos. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Meditation bell will bring us back to silence.
Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries (7:45 a.m.)

Celebrant:
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries (10 a.m.)

Celebrant: O God, grant long life and peace and protection and many years!

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: The land shall observe a sabbath for God. Six years you shall sow your field ... but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land. [Leviticus 25:2-4]

Offertory Anthem O Sifuni Mungu Words and music by David Maddux, Marty McCall, Mmunga Mwenebulongo Mulongoy and Asukulu 'Yunu Mukalay, arr. Roger Emerson

St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir, accompanied by GSP Sunday School & Paul Gibson, percussion

Prayer over the Gifts The Prayer over the Gifts is from A New Zealand Prayer Book.

Celebrant: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.
People: Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. Amen.
**Table Chant**

The people may stand.

**Celebrant:** God is with us.

**People:** God is present here.

**Celebrant:** Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift our hearts to the Most High.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

**People:** It is right to offer thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:**

We do praise you, our intimate God, the one who is with us, and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, sensual, beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation, including this strange and wonderful home, our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond us. You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and meadows, canyons and valleys, deserts and jungles. Over and through this land you have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed all of this, this land of such intense wildness and beauty.

Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we shout with joy:

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

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Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we shout with joy:
Sanctus (Holy)

The Celebrant continues:
We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you.

Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other.

Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.
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People and Celebrant:
Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through His incarnation, You taught us that You are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about Your reign that He opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.

Celebrant:
On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.”
When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: “Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me.”

Deacon: Therefore, let us pray:

People and Celebrant:
Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day.

Celebrant:
Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. We offer them as well as ourselves that we may be food for the world.

+Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body. + Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.

People and Celebrant:
Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.

Celebrant:
Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever: AMEN.
The Lord’s Prayer (From A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Deacon: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

The Fraction Anthem is adapted from other texts by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Be known to us, risen Christ, in the breaking of the bread.
People: The bread which we break makes all of us one with you. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Please approach the altar rail from the center aisle. Take the first available space. You may choose the standing station at the center or the stations along the rail. You may come forward to receive a blessing if you prefer not to receive communion. Place crossed arms on chest to signal your desire for a blessing. You may also do this if you prefer not to receive the wine. You may touch the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

Communion Music (7:45 a.m.)

Communion Anthem (10 a.m.)

O Sacred River

Johanna Lundy, French horn

Bradley Nelson

O sacred River, from whose flow the stars, the seas, the cells were cast, whose playful patterns brought to life the surging earth, the heavens vast: murmur in us, that we know that you still within us flow.

O sacred Darkness, from whose night the seed my flower, the spirit bloom, whose warm embraces brought to pass Creation's fruit, an empty tomb: to your shadow us invite that we may not shun the night.
O sacred Beauty, from whose Word the oceans blast, the tempests play, whose holy palette brought to light the crimson dawn, translucent day: wake in us the artist *surd that we manifest your Word.

O sacred Banquet, from whose love the thirsty drink, the hungry fare, whose invitation brought to feast the image lost, the heart’s despair: to compassion may we move that all feast upon your love.

*that which cannot be expressed, silent muttering

Communion Hymn (10 a.m.)

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

(B) No. 383

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.
Music: St. Elizabeth, melody from Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)
Sending Eucharistic Visitors

After communion, the service resumes here. The Celebrant may name the Eucharistic Visitors and those who may receive Holy Communion at home. All say together:

We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts. May those to whom you go share with us in the Communion of Christ’s Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

The people may stand.

The Postcommunion Prayer was written by Edward Abbey.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your rivers flow without end, meandering through pastoral valleys tinkling with bells, past temples and castles and poets’ towers into a dark primeval forest where tigers belch and monkeys howl, through miasmal and mysterious swamps and down into a desert of red rock, blue mesas, domes and pinnacles and grottos of endless stone, and down again into a deep vast ancient unknown chasm where bars of sunlight blaze on profiled cliffs, where deer walk across the white sand beaches, where storms come and go as lightning clangs upon the high crags, where something strange and beautiful and more full of wonder than your deepest dreams wait for you—beyond that next turning of the canyon walls. Amen.

Blessing

The first half of the blessing is from Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman.

Celebrant: This is what you shall do. Love the earth and the sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, argue not concerning God.

And may the blessing of the God who surrounds us continue to be known to us in the beauty of Creation. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Song of the Earth (7:45 a.m.: stanzas 1 & 2)

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared. Alleluia!
2. Hail the rainbow flying high. Alleluia!
3. Hail the planet blue and green. Alleluia!
4. Hail our body made with clay. Alleluia!
When a word from God was heard. Al-le-lu-ia!
Spun by God across the sky. Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the face of God is seen. Al-le-lu-ia!
Given breath to praise and pray. Al-le-lu-ia!

Let the Earth arise and be. Al-le-lu-ia!
Giving Earth a solemn word. Al-le-lu-ia!
Glory filling all the Earth. Al-le-lu-ia!
Clay God honored by God's birth. Al-le-lu-ia!

Filled with living mystery. Al-le-lu-ia!
Never to unleash a flood. Al-le-lu-ua!
Celebrating every birth. Al-le-lu-ia!
As a human life on Earth. Al-le-lu-ia!

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Music: Easter Hymn, from Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. The Compleat Psalmodist, 1749, alt.
Dismissal

The Dismissal was adapted from a prayer by The Rev. Debbie Royals.

Deacon: Go now into the four Sacred Directions, the east, south, west, and north.
Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places.
Go where God’s name is well known and where it has yet to be known.
Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you.
Go and share the Gospel of God in Creation with all who will hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude (7:45 a.m.)

Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

Creation Postlude (10 a.m.)

St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir; GSP Sunday School; Paul Gibson, percussion

Please join us following this service for Coffee Hour in McBride Hall (across the labyrinth), or join us for classes—classrooms are downstairs beneath the sanctuary, with access either by the stairs off the breezeway or by the ramp near the parking lot.

Service Participants, 7:45 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister
Lectors: Laurie Camm, Bob Cummings
Gospel in Spanish: Debbie Tinajero
Chalice: Donna Shreve, Ric Wood
Acolytes: Terry Shreve, Henry Loew
Verger: James Gooden
Altar Guild: Jane Thrall, Heather Williams
Ushers: Robin Beelen, Dick Begler

Service Participants, 10 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Chris Ledyard
Assisting: The Rev. Joe Fitzgerald
Lector: Francesca Jarvis
Gospel in Spanish: Judith Fischer
Subdeacon: Br. Chuck Hannan
Chalice: David & George Ruder, Willie Schlentz, Martha Whitaker
Ushers: BJ Bower, Dianne Bret Harte, Chris Cole, Jeanne Fearson
Altar Guild: Marilyn Abraham, William Flowers, Bill & Therese Trujillo

We thank Johanna Lundy, French horn; Paul Gibson, percussion; St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir; and GSP’s Sunday School for their musical offerings at today’s 10 a.m. service.

Listings of lay ministers are subject to last-minute changes after the bulletin is printed.
We hold the following in our prayers today:

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Kirk our Bishop; Steve, our Rector; and the clergy and staff who serve Grace St. Paul’s; The Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Sarfo, Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal Province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi; all of our Episcopal schools; Church of the Painted Hills, UCC, in Tucson.

We pray for peace in Zimbabwe, Syria, Congo, Sudan, Gaza, and in all places. We pray for those in the military, especially those serving in combat zones, including Ronald Berryhill; Owen Chandler and family; Christopher Gallo; Michael Hannan; Andrew Harris; Donna Heath; Frederick Jenning; Jordan S. Marks; Eric Osche; Mark Pundt; Terrence Robinson; Laramie Struble; Brian.

We pray for the people of South Sudan; GSP’s Prayer Action Committee; Virginia Ames; the family and friends of Dee Arnaud; Aaron Bradley; Catherine & William Brown; Anagrethe Christensen; Jim & Rosemary DeCook; Henry & Rosie Dirtadian; Jay Elliston; Peter Foley & Pia Cuneo; Phyllis Garver; Ann Grisel; Oma “Sam” Guard; Br. Chuck Hannan; Sally Heinlein; Sara Heitshu; Joyce Henderson; Francesca Jarvis; Cricket Kelbaugh; Janet Kells; Anagrace & Dan Misenheimer; Brenda Pentland; Bill & Heather Pentland; Danielle Phillips; Dorée Ramey; Robert Rosenberg; The Rev. Jack Smart; Susan Southwick; Ann M. Stephens; Al Whitehurst; Sr. Carol Willans; Ed; Georgie; Jason; Lee; Marilyn; Melea; Mildred Gregory; Tony Jones; Maribel Ortiz; Peggy Southwick; Brigid Waszczak; Bill; Jerry & Rondy; Joel; Mark; Monica & Danitza; Nate; Nick & Emily; Penny; Tina.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need, especially the vaquitas of the Gulf of California.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died.

We pray for those who have died, especially Dee Arnaud.

We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border and all those who have died in Afghanistan.

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES
Names of parishioners submitted this week will remain on the list during the current month. Please contact David Wachter by 4 p.m. on Wednesday (327-6857 or e-mail bulletins@grace-stpauls.org) to add a name to the list printed in the bulletin. Names of non-parishioners, including relatives of parishioners, will remain on the prayers for one week only—if the crisis continues, please call the church office each week by 4 p.m. on Wednesday to renew, or send an email to bulletins@grace-stpauls.org. Full names will be listed unless “first name only” is requested. The Intercessory Prayer Team will receive all names submitted; this large team maintains daily intercessions. There are no time limitations on this ministry.

Blessing of the Animals 2016: Today at 5 p.m.
Attention all creatures great and small (including ALL, not only dogs, cats, hamsters, turtles, birds, snakes, and horses): Every day we receive a special kind of unconditional love from our pets no matter how big or small. Just as we receive blessings for ourselves, don’t our other family members deserve them too? In addition to their unconditional love, they provide a window to God’s love for Creation.

TODAY at 5 p.m., on the labyrinth, we will observe and celebrate a Grace St. Paul’s custom with the blessing of animals on Creation Sunday and the Feast of St. Francis. It’s important to note that if your animal companion has transitioned, bring a favorite toy or a picture (if you have one) of your companion animal. Come and celebrate all of God’s beautiful creations!

Our Animals and Spirituality Ministry has grown through the support of this congregation. This ministry includes the Animal Memorial Garden, along with Celebration of Life memorial services, food collections, accompanying one on the Grief Journey on the loss of a companion animal, and our blanket/towel collections for the animals at Pima Animal Care Center. If you wish to be on the email list for this ministry, contact Reverend Chris at mach8350@hotmail.com.