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
Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and for the beauty of the worship service
• in memory of Emil & Audrey Weiblen, by Pete Weiblen;
• in loving memory of Hetty Lewis, Mary Turner, and Jane Blackwell—grandmother, mother, and sister of Ann Schlumberger.
If you would like to dedicate plants or 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.
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We hope you will return many times and consider Grace St. Paul’s as your church home.


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Processional Hymn

We are a part of all creation

The people may stand.

No. 131, My Heart Sings Out (stanza 1)

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
   the breath of life to share all the glory
   of our Maker with every person everywhere.

All of creation, one o’hana,* All of creation sings in you;

Many the voices, one great music, part of me and part of

you. you; part of me and part of you.

*ōhana = great family

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Opening Acclamation

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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.

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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 Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God

[Wendell Berry, from What Are People For?]

The evident ability of most church leaders to be “born again in Christ” without in the least discomforting their faith in the industrial economy’s bill of goods, however convenient and understandable it may be, is not scriptural.

Anyone making such a statement must deal immediately with the belief of many non-Christian environmentalists as well as at least some Christians that Genesis 1:28, in which God instructs Adam and Eve to “be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it,” gives unconditional permission to humankind to use the world as it pleases. Such a reading of Genesis 1:28, is contradicted by virtually all the rest of the Bible, as many people have pointed out. The ecological teaching of the Bible is simply inescapable: God made the world because God wanted it made. God thinks the world is good, and God loves it. It is God’s world; He has never relinquished title to it. And God has never revoked the conditions, bearing on His gift to us of the use of it, that oblige us to take excellent care of it. If God loves the world, then how might any person of faith be excused for not loving it or justified in destroying it?

Canticle [from Church Father Tertullian in the Second Century C.E.]

The Canticle is read responsively by half verse.

Earth is clearly more delved in and built over than before.

All its parts are trampled, familiar, full of trade.

Placid farms overspread notorious deserts.

Fields rebuff the forest.

Herds fright off the beasts.

The very sands are sown, rocks cultivated, swamps drained.

Today’s towns outnumber yesterday’s huts.

Islands are not lonely nor cliffs intimidating—

Everywhere are residences, peoples, governments, life.

And this above all proves man’s drastic growth—

We so clog the universe it can barely support us; as our needs increase, we struggle with each other for them, and nature fails us.
A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God
[Aldo Leopold, from A Sand County Almanac]

Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a good shovel. By virtue of this curious loophole in the rules, any clodhopper may say: Let there be a tree—and there will be one.

If his back be strong and his shovel sharp, there may eventually be ten thousand. And in the seventh year, he may lean upon his shovel, and look upon his trees, and find them good.

God passed on his handiwork as early as the seventh day, but I notice He has since been rather noncommittal about its merits. I gather either that He spoke too soon, or that trees stand more looking upon than do fig leaves and firmaments.

Sequence Music

A Reading from the Holy Gospel [John 1:1-5, 14, 16]

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

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

Creedal Statement: Affirmation of Faith

The Creedal Statement is by Anne Rowthorn and is her Affirmation of Faith based on the Nicene Creed.

We believe in the God of all creation, the maker of heaven and earth, of sun and moon, of planets and bright shining stars, of earth and water, of every living thing, of all that is,
seen and unseen,
of all that was and is and is to come.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
  God’s Son in human flesh who stands beside us.
  Born of a woman and servant of the poor,
  he was despised.
  Rejected and nailed to a tree,
  he suffered and died a cruel death.
  On the third day he rolled back the rock
  and rose from the tomb.
  He ascended into heaven and he is
  now everywhere present throughout all creation.
  He is judging the living and the dead and
  his reign of justice will never end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
  God’s breath within us and scattered
  throughout the universe.
  Creating God, Jesus the Christ, Holy Spirit—
  Triune God—
  you are worshiped and glorified.
  You spoke through the prophets before us,
  you speak through prophets among us now,
  you are source of judgment,
  the forgiveness of our sins
  and the healing of all creation.

We look for restoration
  of the beauty of your creation,
  the resurrection of the dead
  and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Parish intercessions are listed on page 35.

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)

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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.”

The Collect after the Prayers for the People is composed and adapted by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

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

Celebrante: La paz de Dios sea siempre con ustedes.
Pueblo: Y con tu espíritu.

Meditation bell will bring us back to silence.

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

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.

What Grace St. Paul’s Means to Me

Martha P.L. Whitaker
The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant:
O God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. [Revelation 4:11]

Offertory Music

Table Chant

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, ye host in heaven above, Praise God, the Trinity of Love.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt.
Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseuemes octante trois de David, 1551, alt; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C is adapted from The Book of Common Prayer.

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:
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant:
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant:
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the caretakers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant:
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his service, he reconciled us.
By his love, we are healed.

Celebrant:
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People and Celebrant:**

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**

**as we await the day of his coming.**

**Celebrate:**

God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Sarah, Leah, Rebecca and Chloe, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. We give thanks for the opportunity to come to this Table for solace and for strength, for pardon and for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People and Celebrant:**

**Risen Christ, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

**Celebrate:**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**The Lord’s Prayer (traditional)**

_The people may stand._

**Deacon:** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Deacon and People:**

**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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

**Diácono y Pueblo:**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,**

santificado sea tu Nombre,

venga tu reino,

hágase tu voluntad,

en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas,

como también nosotros perdonamos

a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación

y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino,

tuyo es el poder,

y tuya es la gloria,

ahora y por siempre. Amén.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Celebrate:** Alleluia! Christ is revealed in the breaking of the bread.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. 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

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 is adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365.

Celebrant and People:
Eternal God, divine Creator,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. 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

Hail the Earth that first appeared (Song of the Earth)  (stanzas 1 & 2)

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared.  Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hail the rainbow flying high.  Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Hail the planet blue and green.  Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Hail our body made with clay.  Al - le - lu - ia!

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!
Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit in Creation! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude  
Singing Tiger  
Pamela Decker

Please join us following this service for Coffee Hour and the first Giving & Receiving Gathering in McBride Hall (across the labyrinth).

Service Participants, 7:45 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Chris Ledyard  
Lectors: Steve Mattix, Kay Bigglestone  
Chalice: Toni Sue Brooks, Marilyn Thompson  
Acolyte: Ann Schlumberger  
Verger: James Gooden  
Altar Guild: Ann Schlumberger  
Ushers: Robin Beelen, Robert Rosenberg

We thank Joan Brundage for her musical offering played on Native Flute at this service.
Listings of lay ministers are subject to last-minute changes after the bulletin is printed.
10 a.m. Communion Service  
**The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrant**

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**SACRED SPACE**

Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Your sanctuary is a sacred place for all to prepare for worship in meditation and prayer. We encourage you to socialize and greet others in the foyer in the back of the church (the narthex) and in McBride Hall.

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Today we welcome and celebrate with the Glen Gross Quartet for our first Jazz Eucharist. The members of the quartet are Glendon Gross, trumpet; Malik Alkabir, tenor saxophone; John Einweck, piano; and Kathy Frank, drums.

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please remember to silence your electronic devices.*

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

**Prelude**

Glen Gross Quartet

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Silence**

**A Call to Prayer and Action**

Written by The Rev. Steve Keplinger

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Silence

Processional Hymn   We are a part of all creation

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No. 131, My Heart Sings Out

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

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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

All creation, dance and sing! Galaxies a-swirl through space,

D-N-A in pulsing cells, Hearts transformed by loving, loving grace.
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 Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God
[Wendell Berry, from What Are People For?]


T he evident ability of most church leaders to be “born again in Christ” without in the least discomforting their faith in the industrial economy’s bill of goods, however convenient and understandable it may be, is not scriptural.

Anyone making such a statement must deal immediately with the belief of many non-Christian environmentalists as well as at least some Christians that Genesis 1:28, in which God instructs Adam and Eve to “be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it,” gives unconditional permission to humankind to use the world as it pleases. Such a reading of Genesis 1:28, is contradicted by virtually all the rest of the Bible, as many people have pointed out. The ecological teaching of the Bible is simply inescapable: God made the world because God wanted it made. God thinks the world is good, and God loves it. It is God’s world; He has never relinquished title to it. And God has never revoked the conditions, bearing on His gift to us of the use of it, that oblige us to take excellent care of it. If God loves the world, then how might any person of faith be excused for not loving it or justified in destroying it?

Canticle [from Church Father Tertullian in the Second Century C.E.]

The Canticle is read responsively by half verse.

Earth is clearly more delved in and built over than before.

All its parts are trampled, familiar, full of trade.

Placid farms overspread notorious deserts.

Fields rebuff the forest.
Herds fright off the beasts.

The very sands are sown, rocks cultivated, swamps drained.

Today's towns outnumber yesterday's huts.

Islands are not lonely nor cliffs intimidating—

Everywhere are residences, peoples, governments, life.

And this above all proves man's drastic growth—

We so clog the universe it can barely support us; as our needs increase, we struggle with each other for them, and nature fails us.

### A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God

*Aldo Leopold, from A Sand County Almanac*

A cts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a good shovel. By virtue of this curious loophole in the rules, any clodhopper may say: Let there be a tree—and there will be one.

If his back be strong and his shovel sharp, there may eventually be ten thousand. And in the seventh year, he may lean upon his shovel, and look upon his trees, and find them good.

God passed on his handiwork as early as the seventh day, but I notice He has since been rather noncommittal about its merits. I gather either that He spoke too soon, or that trees stand more looking upon than do fig leaves and firmaments.

### Sequence Hymn

*Pray for the wilderness*

*The people may stand.*

(stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5)

\[\text{Pray for the wilderness,}\]
\[\text{vanishing fast,}\]
\[\text{Pray for the wilderness,}\]
\[\text{vanishing fast,}\]
\[\text{Pray for the wilderness,}\]
\[\text{vanishing fast,}\]

1. Pray for the wilderness, vanishing fast,
2. Learn from the elephant, eagle and whale,
3. Work for the justice created things need,
4. Trust that God's Christ overcame nails and wood,
5. Pray for the atmosphere, pray for the sea,

Pray for the rain forest vast; fish, and vast;
Learn from the dragonfly, spider, and vast;
Work for the health of each plant and each seed;
Trust that earth's peoples will turn to the good;
Learn from the river, the rock, and the tree,
A Reading from the Holy Gospel [John 1:1-5, 14, 16]

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated.

Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

A period of silence follows the Sermon, marked with meditation bell.
We believe in the God of all creation,
  the maker of heaven and earth,
  of sun and moon,
  of planets and bright shining stars,
  of earth and water,
  of every living thing, of all that is,
  seen and unseen,
  of all that was and is and is to come.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
  God’s Son in human flesh who stands beside us.
  Born of a woman and servant of the poor,
  he was despised.
  Rejected and nailed to a tree,
  he suffered and died a cruel death.
  On the third day he rolled back the rock
  and rose from the tomb.
  He ascended into heaven and he is
  now everywhere present throughout all creation.
  He is judging the living and the dead and
  his reign of justice will never end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
  God’s breath within us and scattered
  throughout the universe.
  Creating God, Jesus the Christ, Holy Spirit—
  Triune God—
  you are worshiped and glorified.
  You spoke through the prophets before us,
  you speak through prophets among us now,
  you are source of judgment,
  the forgiveness of our sins
  and the healing of all creation.

We look for restoration
  of the beauty of your creation,
  the resurrection of the dead
  and the life of the world to come. Amen.
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

Celebrante: La paz de Dios sea siempre con ustedes.
Pueblo: Y con tu espíritu.

Meditation bell will bring us back to silence.
Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

What Grace St. Paul’s Means to Me

Martha P.L. Whitaker

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: O God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. [Revelation 4:11]

Offertory Anthem

What a Wonderful World

arr. Russell Robinson

Glendon Gross, trumpet

Pause

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.
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrante: El Señor está con nosotros.

Pueblo: Dios es presente aquí.

Celebrante: ¡Alégranse! Exáltanse su animo.

Pueblo: Levantamos nuestro animo a Dios Altísimo.

Celebrante: Demos gracias a Dios Sagrado.

Pueblo: Es justo ofrecer gracias y alabanza.

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:

**Sanctus (Holy)**

**Refrain**

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\(\text{Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy One.}\)
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**Verse**

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1. All creation, filled with Light, is your glory and your joy;
2. Blessed is the One who comes, showing us your way of life;
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\(\text{All creation, filled with Life, is your holy Love.} \text{Bless ed is the One who comes: Hosanna, praise to you!}\)
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*(Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.)*

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*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.
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.”

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.

Celebrant:
+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) The people may stand.

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 Please be seated.

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 Anthem His Eye Is on the Sparrow St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir
Words: Civilla D. Martin Music: Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer
Let us break bread together (Blue) No. 325

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees;

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Words: African-American spiritual
Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

No. 325, The Hymnal 1982
**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

Hail the Earth that first appeared (Song of the Earth)  (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.  Alleluia!
Spun by God across the sky.  Alleluia!
Where the face of God is seen.  Alleluia!
Given breath to praise and pray.  Alleluia!

Let the Earth arise and be.  Alleluia!
Giving Earth a solemn word.  Alleluia!
Glory filling all the Earth.  Alleluia!
Clay God honored by God's birth.  Alleluia!
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

Please join us following this service for Coffee Hour in McBride Hall (across the labyrinth).

Service Participants, 10 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister
Assisting: The Rev. Lynn Marie Hunter
Lectors: Chuck Dickson, Karen Hanson
Subdeacon: Br. Chuck Hannan
Chalice: David & George Ruder,
        Terry Rosato, Martha Whitaker
Acolytes: Isaiah Davis, Apiew Garang, Diing Garang, Angelina Wang, Andrew Gooden
Acolyte Director: David Christy
Ushers: BJ Bower, Dianne Bret Harte, Chris Cole, Jay Elliston
Altar Guild: Karen McVean, Nancy Smith
Greeters: John Banks, Judith Turner

We thank the members of the Glen Gross Quartet (Glendon Gross, trumpet; Malik Alkabir, tenor saxophone; John Einweck, piano; and Kathy Frank, drums) for their musical offering at this service. We thank Karen Hanson for her musical offering played on Native Flute at this service. We thank the members of St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir for their musical offering at this 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 Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Michael our Presiding Bishop-elect; Kirk our Bishop; Steve, our Rector; and the clergy and staff who serve Grace St. Paul’s; the Diocese of Sunyani (Ghana), The Rt. Rev. Dr. Festus Yeboah-Asuamah; all of our Episcopal schools; Faith Lutheran Church 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; 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; Catherine Brown; Walter Collins; Jay Elliston; Phyllis Garver; Ann Grisel; Oma “Sam” Guard; Brenda & Gus Gustafson; Chris LaBour; Lois Mervyn; Anagrace & Dan Misenhimer; Danielle Phillips; Jane Pundt; Dorée Ramey; Sam Reynolds; Robert Rosenberg; Susan Southwick; Sr. Carol Willans; Ed; Lee; William Brown; Joe Godoy; Lucy Goodman; Mildred Gregory; Francesca Jarvis; Tony Jones; Maribel Ortiz; Laurence Pasquini; Peggy Southwick; Bill; Dolores; Jerry & Rondy; Jim; Joel; Marilyn; Michelle; Monica, Roman & Danitza; Nate; Nick & Emily; Tina.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need, especially Pop-Up.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died.

We pray for those who have died.

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.
Giving and Receiving—Celebration Time!

Giving to God is about more than money! It is about earth care, care of our community, self-care, sharing God’s message, and resource management. How will you respond to God’s personal call to you for generosity? Come to one of the Giving and Receiving gatherings to celebrate God’s abundance:

- **October 4 (today)** after the 7:45 a.m. service
- **October 18** after the 10 a.m. service
- **October 22** after the 5:30 p.m. Spirit Now service

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear how GSP shares with each other and beyond, providing food for the journey and calling people to change the world. All gatherings are in McBride Hall.

Youth Groups at GSP

Two youth groups meet in the undercroft on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Middle school students (grades 6, 7, and 8) meet in the St. Francis Room while high school students (grades 9-12) meet in the Mary of Bethany Room. We are currently planning service projects and fun activities, so come check it out!
Blessing of the Animals 2015

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 the First Sunday of Creation and the Feast of St. Francis. Let’s join together today with our faithful animal companions for a service of blessing and thanksgiving. 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, 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 Rev. Chris at mach8350@hotmail.com.

Grace St. Paul’s parishioners were asked to share a response to the following question. Each week we will publish responses as we celebrate GSP in our lives.

I am grateful to God for the Grace St. Paul’s community because:

Of Fr. Steve’s radical hospitality.

For being here for me, for all the people who keep the church and the activities going, and much thankful for Steve Keplinger, our amazing priest.

Of creative liturgy; welcome and friendly community; openness to grow and change.

It offers a way of worship that is loving and open-hearted, not guilt-ridden or forced.
Dangerously Alive:  
A Weekend with Mark Scandrette  
October 9-11, 2015  
Living deeply – Closing the gap between how we want to live and how we actually live

Practicing the Way of Jesus  
Friday, October 9 from 7–9 p.m.

We live in a time of skepticism about organized religion and Christianity in particular. And yet we long for healing change for our world and in our personal lives. What might we discover if we have the courage to put the teachings of Christ into practice?

FREE: Spending Your Time and Money on What Matters Most  
Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

We were made to flourish and do good in a world full of abundance. Yet our typical pace of life and rates of consumption are wearing us out and destroying the planet. There is a trusted path for recovering the life of meaning, freedom and compassion we were created for. In this six-hour workshop we will explore soul postures and practical steps towards greater alignment of time, money and global sustainability. Learn to live more gratefully, creatively and sustainably.

Where Do We Go Next?  
Sunday, October 11 at 9 a.m.

Mark will lead us in a discussion about our next steps as a community to implement some of the ideas and inspirations that come out of the time we spend together on Friday and Saturday.

Ticket fee includes all programs, lunch on Saturday, and a complimentary copy of Mark’s book FREE: Spending Your Time and Money on What Matters Most.

$45 (purchased before Oct 1)  
$60 (purchased on or after Oct 1)  
$250 for Sponsors (includes 2 tickets, a reception to meet Mark on Saturday evening and recognition in promotional material)

Tickets on sale at www.gsptucson.org.
Mark Scandrette is the founding director of ReIMAGINE: A Center for Integral Christian Practice, based in San Francisco, where he leads an annual series of retreats, workshops and projects designed to help participants apply spiritual wisdom to everyday life. He is author of several books—most recently, FREE: Spending Your Time and Money On What Matters Most. Mark lives with his wife Lisa and their three children in an old Victorian in San Francisco’s Mission District.

A limited number of scholarships for the weekend will be available. Please contact the church office at (520) 327-6857 or adulated@grace-stpauls.org for more information.

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A limited number of sponsorship opportunities (10 couples) for Dangerously Alive: A Weekend with Mark Scandrette (October 9-11, 2015) are available. For a $250 donation, sponsors will receive two (2) tickets to the two-day seminar, lunch on Saturday, a complimentary copy of Mark’s book FREE: Spending Your Time and Money on What Matters Most, AND are invited to a private reception with Mark Scandrette on Saturday evening, October 10.

This small gathering will afford sponsors the opportunity to engage Mark in dialogue about the future of the emerging church.

For tax purposes, $160 of the sponsorship is tax-deductible.

Contact Brian Arthur (brianarthur2009@gmail.com) for additional information; or secure your sponsorship at the link to purchase tickets at www.gsptucson.org.

Kiosk? What’s That?

It’s that little machine that looks like an iPad, the one in the narthex of the church…and…it is there to help you make your financial giving to GSP so much easier.

Remember, you can make a one-time gift, indicate your new financial intentions for 2015, and make regular contributions through your friendly Kiosk. If you’re unsure how it works, just ask. Try it—you’ll like it!

GSP Financial Report for the period ending August 2015

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Give now to support all the activities in this service bulletin. Use the QR code to the right, or go to: http://gsptucson.org/
Thank you for your support!
Coffee Hour Hospitality

We’d like to make coffee hour self-supporting. Your donations of food and any monetary contributions you make can help offset the costs of condiments and paper products.

Coffee and light refreshments are offered on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in McBride Hall. We have wonderfully generous members and talented bakers and we want to take advantage of both. So, in an effort to have the wealth spread evenly across the various Sundays each month, we’ll ask folks to provide goodies based on the first letter in their last names:

- The first Sunday of each month: last names that begin with letters A–F
- The second Sunday of each month: last names that begin with letters G–L
- The third Sunday of each month: last names that begin with letters M–R
- The fourth Sunday of each month: last names that begin with letters S–Z

Our hope is that, by providing some sort of schedule, we will have something delicious to offer consistently every Sunday. Let’s have a feast every week! Of course, anyone inspired to share good food on additional Sundays is welcome to do so. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Allen, the chair of the Coffee Hour Hospitality ministry, at 327-4448.

Liturgy & Music

SPIRIT NOW: An Emerging Worship Experience, Inclusive and Interactive—Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. in McBride Hall. Join us for a contemporary weekday worship service. Each week we focus on a different theme and our liturgy includes simple chants, readings from other traditions, and a shared Eucharist.

EVENING PRAYER: TUESDAY EVENINGS
Come join a small, prayerful community for Tuesday Evening Prayer, starting at 6 p.m. in the Julian Chapel. On the first Tuesday of each month, Evening Prayer includes Eucharist. We are in the exciting process of updating the Evening Prayer language and theology while respecting the monastic tradition from centuries ago. You’re welcome to be a part of the discussions and process as well as joining us in Prayer.

INTERFAITH MEDITATION GROUP
Please join us for meditation every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for an intimate, candle-lit gathering in the Julian Chapel. Our meditation group is inclusive and open to all regardless of where you may be on your spiritual journey or whether you are new to meditation or an experienced meditator. Our format begins with a short optional walking meditation that flows into our 20-25 minutes of silent seated meditation. For more information please contact David Clements at 429-4438.

INVITATION FROM THE USHERING COMMITTEE
GSP needs a few people who are willing to join ushering teams for the 10 a.m. service. The time commitment is once every four weeks. There are also opportunities for substitute ushers (vacation fill-ins, holidays, etc.) Training is provided. This is a wonderful way to meet people at GSP and to offer friendship and a warm welcome to the church! If you are interested, please contact Jane Nakazato at jnyoga@aol.com. Thank you!!
INVITATION FROM ALTAR GUILD
GSP needs a small amount of your time each month to help make its worship space a place of beauty, and to prepare and clean the vessels used for communion. If you would like to consider volunteering for this ministry, the Altar Guild would love to have you. Please contact Jane Thrall at either (520) 296-1241 or tucsonjane@aol.com. Thank you!

DIGITAL BULLETIN AVAILABLE!
For those who find it an aid to worship (and can help save trees and money), we have made our Sunday bulletin available for download on electronic devices. You can access the bulletin by visiting our website and clicking on “Sunday Bulletins,” clicking on the link provided in the left column of the Friday e-mail, or by scanning the QR code right here. If you choose to download the bulletin, please be respectful of your neighbor and be particularly careful about the light that your device casts. Our goal is always to create the most spirit-filled, meditative, energizing, and enlightening worship experience possible for all.

RECORDINGS AVAILABLE
CD and DVD recordings of the 10 a.m. service may be ordered; please contact the church office (327-6857).

FLOWERS—Did something special happen to you recently that you’d like to celebrate? Honor it with altar flowers or plants! Perhaps you want flowers or plants in memory of or in honor of a loved one. If so, call the office (327-6857) to arrange flower or plant dedications. Any Office Welcome Team volunteer will be happy to take your information and give it to Aaron Bradley, our Parish Administrator.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Today at 9 a.m., there will be the first Giving & Receiving Fall Campaign Gathering. To allow people to attend this gathering, there will be no Adult Spiritual Formation classes today.

DANGEROUSLY ALIVE: Where Do We Go Next?—Sunday, October 11 at 9 a.m. in McBride Hall. In addition to preaching at both the 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, Mark Scandrette will lead us in a discussion about our next steps as a community to implement some of the ideas and inspirations that come out of the time we spend together on Friday and Saturday. Mark Scandrette is the founding director of ReIMAGINE: A Center for Integral Christian Practice, based in San Francisco, where he leads an annual series of retreats, workshops and projects designed to help participants apply spiritual wisdom to everyday life. He is author of several books - most recently, FREE: Spending Your Time and Money On What Matters Most. Mark lives with his wife Lisa and their three children in an old Victorian in San Francisco’s Mission District.

Bible Women—Friday, October 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Weeks Room (10/2) or Bloom Education Center (10/16). [The group will meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Friday.] Where are the voices of women in the Bible? What do they have to say to us about our own lives? This is the first meeting of a new class to study the Bible through the voices of women in the Old and New Testaments. We will use Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter by Lindsay Hardin Freeman as a resource. The book is available from Amazon in softcover ($22) or Kindle ($9.99). All are welcome. No registration necessary! For more information about this class contact
Catherine Penn Williams, co-chair of Adult Spiritual Formation.

Exploring Today’s Lectionary—Sunday, October 18 at 9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Does it all just seem like Greek to you? One Sunday a month we provide an opportunity to discuss the Bible readings for that day in more depth in a small group setting. Come join us for a thoughtful but always lively conversation about scripture.

GSP Readers Group—Friday, October 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. The book for discussion in October is A Gate at the Stairs by Lorrie Moore. Moore knits together the shadow of 9/11 and a young girl’s bumpy coming-of-age in this luminous, heart-wrenchingly wry novel—the author’s first in 15 years. Moore’s graceful prose considers serious emotional and political issues with low-key clarity and poignancy, while generous flashes of wit endow this stellar novel with great heart. All are welcome! No registration necessary. For more information, please contact the church office at 327-6857.

Celebrating Dia De Los Muertos—Sunday, October 25 at 9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. We are fortunate to live among so many rich cultural traditions in Tucson. Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is one of those traditions and will be celebrated locally this year on Sunday, November 1 (our All Saints Day in the Episcopal Church). Join us for an informative look at how Dia de los Muertos is traditionally observed and learn some ways we might incorporate some of those traditions into our own All Saints/All Souls practice. Facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams, co-chair of Adult Spiritual Formation, and a Dia de los Muertos enthusiast.

Sermons on Tap—Sunday, October 25 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Ever leave worship on Sunday and wish you could talk about the sermon with others? Why not join like-minded folks for an open discussion of the day’s sermon over beer and sandwiches? This small group is for anyone with a desire to connect more deeply with others and a willingness to explore their own questions about how we live into the “good news” as preached at GSP. The setting will be informal and relaxed. No need to register, come anytime. All are welcome! This discussion occurs on the third Sunday of every month. Beer, iced tea, and a light lunch will be available. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of lunch.

The Devil Made Me Do It!—Sunday, Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center.
- What do we think the Devil looks like?
- What are the Devil’s names?
- Is the Devil in the Bible?
- Is the Devil in the Prayer Book?
- Is the Devil in our Hymnal?
- How does the Devil relate to the philosophical problem of evil?

Chuck Dickson, longtime GSP member and retired history professor, will present another of his entertaining and visually stimulating classes.

CONTINUING: Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys, Living the Way of Jesus—Every Monday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. For many, our understanding of what it means to be a Christian has been shaped by church teachings but also, more importantly, by time and experience over the course of our own unique spiritual journeys. In this small group we undertake a shared conversation about what matters most to us as followers of Jesus and how we practice this in our individual lives and the life of our community. Each meeting focuses on a different intersection between spirituality and religion, and the conversation takes us where the Spirit guides. Each session stands alone and all are welcome. No
registration is necessary. Co-facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams and Brian Arthur. Brian is a longtime EFM mentor at GSP and Catherine is the co-chair of Adult Spiritual Formation.

CONTINUING: For Men: Coffee, Bagels and Bible Stuff—Every Thursday morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in McBride Hall. Come join our Men’s BS (Bible Stuff) group! We engage different books of the Bible—beginning with the Book of Acts—in a relaxed and non-judgmental atmosphere, examining the text from a historical perspective and applying it to our current lives. All men are welcome! Come anytime! Facilitated by Bill Moore. Bill has been a member of GSP since 2012. He has facilitated men’s classes in other churches and participated in men’s bible study groups for decades. An Episcopalian for over 30 years, Bill enjoys having discussions about faith journeys with other men.

CONTINUING: Saturday Java Jive: Coffee & Conversation—Every Saturday from 8:30-11 a.m. at Epic Café (745 N. 4th Ave., SW corner of 4th Ave. & University Blvd.) Want to meet and get to know folks in a relaxed and friendly environment? All are welcome to join this long-running motley crew that meets every Saturday morning for coffee and conversation. We never know who will show up, the topic is always up for grabs and hilarity often ensues. Epic has free wi-fi so tablets and laptops are welcome (you never know when Wikipedia will need to be consulted…). Look for us at the group of little round tables in the back of the café.

Tell Us What You Think!
We are in the process of planning programs for the second half of 2015. Let us know what classes you would like to attend or teach! Email us at adulted@grace-stpauls.org.

Health & Healing Ministries

INVITATION FROM DESERT ANGELS QUILTING MINISTRY
Do you like to sew? Then maybe you would like to join our quilting group. We meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. in McBride Hall, with a break at noon for lunch (be sure to bring your lunch!). If you have any questions, or if you would like more information, please contact Judith Turner at (520) 882-4227.

BLANKETS OF LOVE FOR DOGS & CATS
The safety, security and comfort of blankets and towels helps the homeless animals at Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) become more calm and consequently more adoptable. PACC depends on the community for their donations of blankets and towels, and the need for these items is ongoing and desperate. Please leave your “Blankets and Towels of Love” in the donation box in McBride Hall. Thank you for your kindness. The animals thank you too!! Sponsored by the Animals and Spirituality Ministry.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES
It is easy and quick to reach a member of the pastoral care team. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 668-5727. If you would like to learn more about how to volunteer as a pastoral care giver, please contact The Rev. Steve Kelsey at 989-1514 or via e-mail at smkelsey@gmail.com.

Social Justice & Outreach

Just Coffee: Dark Roast, Regular Roast, and Decaf (bean or ground) will be available for sale and for order at $9-$10/pound in McBride Hall today after both services.
Coming soon: an event to benefit Just Coffee!

Tickets for this event are $20 and will be on sale at the Just Coffee table after both services today.

DRIVERS NEEDED: BREAD FROM THE PANTRY
Do you have 45 minutes to spare once a week? Or once a month? Bread from the Pantry is looking for drivers to collect and deliver bread on different days during the week. Volunteers can sign up for the same day every week or the same day once a month. We’ll work with your schedule!

Volunteers need a good-sized sedan or small SUV and need to be comfortable working alone in the evening. Volunteers collect bread from Beyond Bread (on Campbell south of Ft. Lowell) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The bread is collected at 8 p.m. and delivered to GSP. If you’re interested or would like additional details, please call Bill Trujillo at 344-8498. Thank you!

JOSEPH’S PANTRY UPDATE
Thank you to everyone who has been bringing sticks of deodorant for our pantry guests. The need for deodorant will continue all summer long. Socks also are crucial this time of year. In terms of volunteers, we have openings for people to go the Community Food Bank and bring food back to the pantry as part of the Agency Market Program. If you have a vehicle, are available for a few hours one weekday morning per week and are interested, please call Andrew Gardner at (520) 275-2148.

TIHAN NEEDS YOUR HELP!
Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) seeks donations of all kinds for 2015. Especially needed are toilet paper and paper towels (other congregations are taking care of other needs). Donations may be placed in the TIHAN box in McBride Hall. Thanks for your help!

Parish Membership & Administration

GET YOUR NAME TAG!
If you don’t already have a name tag, please sign up for one at the Welcome Table in McBride Hall or on the bulletin board across from the Welcome Table.

HOW DO I SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE SUNDAY BULLETIN?
Please send bulletin announcements to David Wachter at bulletins@grace-stpauls.org. Please make prayer list requests by calling the church office at 327-6857 and speaking with the Office Welcome Team volunteer, or by sending them directly to David Wachter at bulletins@grace-stpauls.org. The deadline for the Sunday bulletin is 4 p.m. on the preceding Wednesday. Prayer list requests for the bulletin may be made until 4 p.m. on Wednesday this week. Thanks!

HOW DO I SCHEDULE EVENTS?
If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at Grace St. Paul’s, contact Aaron Bradley, GSP’s Parish Administrator, in the church office; please e-mail him at ParishAdmin@grace-stpauls.org.
The Sunday Octave: October 4 – 11

Sunday, October 4
Creation Sunday
7:45 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Coffee & Conversation – Sanctuary, McBride Hall
9 a.m. – Giving & Receiving Fall Campaign Gathering – McBride Hall
9 a.m. – Children & Youth – Undercroft
9:45 a.m. – Childcare begins – Nursery
10 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Coffee & Conversation – Sanctuary, McBride Hall
10 a.m. – Sunday School (Preschool through Grade 6) – Undercroft Classrooms
11:30 a.m. – Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) – St. Francis Room
11:30 a.m. – High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) – Mary of Bethany Room
12:30 p.m. – St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir – St. Nicholas Room
3 p.m. – Arizona Early Music Society concert – Sanctuary
5 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals – Labyrinth

Monday, October 5
10 a.m. – EfM Post-Graduate Forum – Weeks Room
10 a.m. – Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys, Living the Way of Jesus – Bloom Education Center
4:30 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall
6 p.m. – Tucson Masterworks Chorale – Sanctuary
7 p.m. – GSP Green Church Committee – Mary of Bethany Room
7 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – Weeks Room
7:30 p.m. – AA Southside Group – McBride Hall

Tuesday, October 6
6 p.m. – Evening Prayer & Communion – Julian Chapel
7 p.m. – Interfaith Meditation Group – Julian Chapel

Wednesday, October 7
7 a.m. – Holy Communion – Julian Chapel
10 a.m. – Desert Angels Quilters – McBride Hall
Noon – Liturgy Planning Meeting – Bloom Education Center
Noon – GSP Prayer Shawl Ministry – McBride Hall
4:30 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall
6:30 p.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – Weeks Room
7 p.m. – Sonora Winds concert – Sanctuary

Thursday, October 8
7:30 a.m. – For Men: Coffee, Bagels, and Bible Stuff – McBride Hall
10:30 a.m. – Bridge Group – Bloom Education Center
3 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – Weeks Room
5:30 p.m. – Spirit Now: An Emerging Worship Experience, Inclusive and Interactive – McBride Hall
6 p.m. – Tucson Adoption Reunion Support – Bloom Education Center
7:30 p.m. – GSP Choir Rehearsal – Chancel

Friday, October 9
7 p.m. – Dangerously Alive: A Weekend with Mark Scandrette – Sanctuary, McBride Hall, Undercroft
8 p.m. – AA Goodlife Group – Weeks Room

Saturday, October 10
8:30 a.m. – Saturday Java Jive: Coffee & Conversation – Epic Café, 745 N. 4th Avenue
9 a.m. – Dangerously Alive: A Weekend with Mark Scandrette – Sanctuary, McBride Hall, Undercroft

Sunday, October 11
The Second Sunday of Creation
7:45 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Coffee & Conversation – Sanctuary, McBride Hall
9 a.m. – Dangerously Alive: A Weekend with Mark Scandrette – McBride Hall
9 a.m. – Children & Youth – Undercroft
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6 p.m. – SpiritSong: Worship & Prayer in the Style of Taizé – Sanctuary
The Mission & Vision of Grace St. Paul’s

Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will be a spiritual home, open to all, providing food for the journey, and calling people to change the world. We will move toward this vision through spiritual formation embodied in the experience of Christ’s love, in innovative worship, in progressive Christian education and in generous response to the gifts we have received. We will strive to be a diverse and supportive community. We will celebrate individual gifts and integrate people of all ages into our programs. We will be a beacon to our wider community, known for our care of creation and for our promotion of social justice.

Vestry
Roger Pierce, Senior Warden; Bill Moore, Junior Warden; Rob Rauh, Chancellor; Tom Pitello, Treasurer; Lou Ann Bieging, Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry Members: John Banks, Brianna Devereux, Kyle Devereux, Carol Forshey, Jim Franks, Julie Gasaway, Miriam Huber, Stephen Hymel, Carrie Kube, Bianca Lara, Steve Mattix, Richard Rhoads, Holly Shinn

Clergy
Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona; Mary Delaney, Joe Fitzgerald, Rosanna Kazanjian, Steve Kelsey, Priest Associates; Nancy Meister, Chris Ledyard, Deacons; Lynn Marie Hunter, Ana Ortiz, Interfaith Ministers; Steve Keplinger, Rector

Sunday School Teachers, Youth Mentors
Beginning (Preschool & Kindergarten) (meets in the Martha of Bethany Room): Anne Harri, Nikki Kerns, Amber Pitello, Chanel Willis

Primary (Grades 1-3) (meets in the St. Jude Room): Jane Conlin, Amy Cormode, Judy Gossard

Intermediate (Grades 4-5) (meets in the Weeks Room): Kristen Bury, Jim Kane, Rochelle Ramey

Youth Groups (Grades 6-12) (meets in the St. Francis Room): Eric Carr, David Christy, Martha Farnham, Alyce Garcia, Wes Hunter

Verger
James Gooden, Verger; David Christy, Acolyte Director

Staff
Aaron Bradley, Parish Administrator; Jane Click, Pianist; Lieto Ensemble; Pamela Decker, Organist; Madeleine Caldwell, Argelia El-Khayat, Childcare Giver; Christina Jarvis, Music Director; James Teal, Facilities Assistant; David Wachter, Publications Manager, Computer Specialist, & Associate Organist; James White, Sexton

Consultant
Patti Morrison, Bookkeeper