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 Ralph, by Priscilla Walker.
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 8 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.
• Youth group, grades 6 through 12, meets in the St. Francis Room right after the 10:00 service.
• 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.

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Weekly Worship
Sunday
8 a.m. – Communion Service
10 a.m. – Communion Service
Monday
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Drop-in Spiritual Direction
Tuesday
6 p.m. – Evening Prayer (1st Tuesday of month includes Communion)
7 p.m. – Meditation Group
Wednesday
7 a.m. – Communion Service
Thursday
5:30 p.m. – Spirit Now Service
8 a.m. Communion Service

The Rev. Steve Kelsey, The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrants

You are invited to sit toward the front and center of the church for this service.

Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue) or Wonder, Love, and Praise (green) in your pew racks.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please remember to silence your electronic devices.

Prelude

Native Flute

Greeting and Announcements

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.

Native Flute

Silence

A Call to Prayer

Source: letallcreationpraise.org

The silence is broken with a voice from on high:

We who have lost our sense and our senses—our touch, our smell, our vision of who we are: we who frantically force and press all things, without rest for body or spirit, hurting our earth and injuring ourselves: we call a halt.

We want to rest. We need to rest and allow the earth to rest. We need to reflect and to rediscover the mystery that lives in us, that is the ground of every unique expression of life, the source of the fascination that calls all things to communion.

We declare a Sabbath, a space of Quiet; for simply being and letting be; for recovering the great, forgotten truths; for learning how to live again.

Silence
Processional Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

(Blue) No. 400 (stanzas 1 & 4)

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us
   sing:  Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing

2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
   loft, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing

3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to
   hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our
   way, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and

5 All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your
   part, O__ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that

6 And even you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final
   breath, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back

7 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humble-
   ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,

2 morn, with praise rejoice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,

3 tense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:

5 pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:

Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O__ praise him, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.
Music: Last uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 123;
adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

No. 400, The Hymnal 1982
Opening Acclamation

The Opening Acclamation is from The Season of Creation website.

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

We are a part of all creation

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

1 We are____ a part of all cre-a-tion,
2 We are____ a part of ev-ry per-son,
3 We are____ a part of God's cre-a-tion,
4 We are____ a part of all cre-a-tion

all of____ cre-a-tion sings in us, earth and sea and
all of____ the peo-ple-s sing in us, one our jour-ney,
God is____ the voice that sings in us, be our jour-ney,
giv-en____ the breath of life to share all the glo-ry
sky and crea-tures, join in____ the dance of life and love.
one our path-way, one in____ the dance of life and love.
be our path-way, come be____ our dance of life and love.
of our Mak-er with ev-ry per-son ev-ry-where.
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.

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God [Teilhard de Chardin]

The people may be seated.

I live at the heart of a single, unique Element, the Center of the universe, and present in each part of it: personal Love and cosmic Power:

To attain to him and become merged into his life I have before me the entire universe with its noble struggles, its impassioned quests, its myriad of souls to be healed and made perfect. I can and I must throw myself into the thick of human endeavor, and with no stopping for breath. For the more I bring my efforts to bear on the whole surface of reality, the more also will I attain to Christ and cling close to him. God who is eternal Being-in-itself, is, one might say, ever in process of formation for us.

And God is also the heart of everything; so much so that the vast setting of the universe might be engulfed or wither away or be
creation's dust, which is vitalized by a halo of energy and glory, to be swept away, the substantial Reality wherein every perfection is incorruptibly contained and possessed would remain intact; the rays would be drawn back onto their Source and there I should still hold them all in close embrace.

*Psalm 104 [5,10-13,16-22,24]*

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations; *
   it shall never be moved.

10 You send the springs into the valleys; *
    they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
    and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Trees flourish on their banks; *
    there the birds of the air make their nests
    and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
    the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your labor.

16 Oil to make a glowing countenance *
    and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of God are watered abundantly, *
    the cedars of Lebanon which you planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
    and in whose tops the storks make their dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats *
    and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
    and the sun knows the time of its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night, *
    in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey *
    and seek their food from God.

24 Human beings go forth to their work *
    and to their labor until the evening.
You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour.

Now you must go back and tell the people that this is The Hour.

And there are things to be considered:
Where are you living?
What are you doing?
What are your relationships?
Are you in right relation?
Where is your water?
Know your garden.

It is time to speak your Truth.

Create your community. Be good to each other. And do not look outside yourself for the leader.

This could be a good time!

There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart, and they will suffer greatly.

Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water. See who is in there with you and celebrate.

At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally. Least of all, ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves!

Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary.

All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.

We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.

Sequence Music

A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Matthew 21:33-46]

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

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let
us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Diácono: El Evangelio del Jesucristo.
Pueblo: Te alabamos, Cristo.

The Sermon

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

Creedal Statement

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

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.”

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
The Confession of Sin is by The Episcopal Church’s Season of Creation Liturgical Committee.

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.
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: May the Peace of God be with you.
People: And also with you.

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.

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
The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

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.*

**Celebrant:**

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.*

**Celebrant:**

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 libranos 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**

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Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: 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

The people may be seated.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to receive communion at Grace St. Paul’s. It is appropriate to stand or kneel.

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  God, You spin the whirling planets  
(stanzas 1 & 2)

1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the moun-tains, fa-shion blos-soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.
We, cre-a-ted in Your im-age, Would a true re-flec-tion be
We, cre-a-ted in Your im-age, Would a true re-flec-tion be

2. You have called us to be faith-ful In our life and min-is-try.
We re-spond in grate-ful wor-ship Joined in one com-mu-ni-ty.
When we blur your gra-cious im-age, Fo-cus us and make us whole.
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3. God, your word is still cre-a-ting, Call-ing us to life made new.
Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion. Pol-ish us with lov-ing care.
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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Fugue
Felix Mendelssohn

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, 8 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister Book
Lectors: Kay Bigglestone, Ric Wood
Gospel in Spanish: Peggy Scott
Chalice: Sara Heitshu, Marilyn Thompson
Acolyte: Kathy Liu
Altar Guild: Toni Sue Brooks, Heather Williams
Ushers: Robert Rosenberg, Peggy Scott

Listings of lay ministers are subject to last-minute changes after the bulletin is printed.
10 a.m. Communion Service  
The Rev. Steve Kelsey, The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrants

**SACRED SPACE**
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**Greeting and Announcements**

*As the Greeting and Announcements end, the church will be darkened and the candles will be lit by the acolytes, signaling the silence we enter into before worship.*

**Prelude**  
Joan Brundage, Native Flute

Silence

**A Call to Prayer**  
Source: letallcreationpraise.org

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Silence

**Creation Processional**  Sudanese Choir and Dancers
Solomon Machar Kuch, director

**Opening Acclamation**

The Opening Acclamation is from The Season of Creation website.

**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**

The children process in with streamers, animals, and earth balls.
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 [Teilhard de Chardin]

The people may be seated.
creation’s dust, which is vitalized by a halo of energy and glory, to be swept away, the substantial Reality wherein every perfection is incorruptibly contained and possessed would remain intact; the rays would be drawn back onto their Source and there I should still hold them all in close embrace.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s Creation.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104 [5, 10-13, 16-22, 24]

At the beginning, the Choir sings the Antiphon, then all repeat the Antiphon.

Antiphon

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations; * it shall never be moved.  
10 You send the springs into the valleys; * they flow between the mountains.  
11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, * and the wild asses quench their thirst.  
12 Trees flourish on their banks; * there the birds of the air make their nests and sing among the branches.

All repeat the Antiphon

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; * the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your labor.  
16 Oil to make a glowing countenance * and bread to strengthen the heart.  
17 The trees of God are watered abundantly, * the cedars of Lebanon which you planted,  
18 In which the birds build their nests, * and in whose tops the storks make their dwelling.

All repeat the Antiphon
19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats *  
   and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *  
   and the sun knows the time of its setting.
21 You make darkness that it may be night, *  
   in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
22 The lions roar after their prey *  
   and seek their food from God.
24 Human beings go forth to their work *  
   and to their labor until the evening.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God  
[Thomas Banyacya, Sr. (1910-1999), Speaker of the Wolf, Fox, and Coyote Clan,  
Elder of the Hopi Nation. (This is Mr. Banyacya’s prophecy following the dropping of the first atomic bomb.)]

You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour.  
Now you must go back and tell the people that this is The Hour.  
And there are things to be considered:  
Where are you living?  
What are you doing?  
What are your relationships?  
Are you in right relation?  
Where is your water?  
Know your garden.  
It is time to speak your Truth.  
Create your community. Be good to each other. And do not look outside yourself for the leader.  
This could be a good time!  
There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart, and they will suffer greatly.

Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water. See who is in there with you and celebrate.

At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally. Least of all, ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves!  
Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary.  
All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.  
We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.
A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Matthew 21:33-46]

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Diácono: Santo Evangelio de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, según Mateo.

Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the
tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.
Diácono: El Evangelio del Jesucristo.
Pueblo: Te alabamos, Cristo.

The Sermon

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

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.”

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

The Confession of Sin is by The Episcopal Church’s Season of Creation Liturgical Committee.

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 Shalom of God be always with you and all of God’s Creation.
People: And also with you.

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!

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

*Boat on Tai Lake*

By Ming/Qing Dynasty folk tune, Robert Chamberlain, cello, arr. Reed Criddle

*Translation:* The green mountains and gleaming water are restfully still; a gust of wind blows on the surface of the lake. Row, oh row, forward, oh forward. At dusk, there are few people out; the reflection of the moon on the surface of the water undulates. Row, etc. Water plants abound on the bank of Tai Lake; breezes waft the fragrance of reeds and flowers. Row, etc. The setting sun is reflected in the water’s image and the mountains’ glow. The surface of the lake slightly shows the sail’s reflection. Row, etc.

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.

Table Chant

*The people may stand.*

Text inspired by quote attributed to Chief Seattle, 1786-1866 CE.

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The Great Thanksgiving

*The Eucharistic Prayer was written and is copyrighted by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.*

*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:

Sanctus (Holy)

Refrain
Kristopher E. Lindquist

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy One.

Verse

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;

All creation, filled with Life, is your holy Love. Repeat

Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.
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Celebrant:
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.

_People and 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.

_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.

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) Please stand, as you are able.

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: Be known to us, risen Christ, in the breaking of the bread.
People: Alleluia. 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 The people may be seated.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to receive communion at Grace St. Paul’s. It is appropriate to stand or kneel.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Please approach the altar rail from the center aisle and take the first available space at either side. You may choose to stand or kneel for communion. 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 All things bright and beautiful John Rutter
Communion Hymn

Welcome to Desert!

1. Welcome to the desert! Desert is calling.
2. Desert is calling. Know in your spirit,
3. Desert is crying, crying in anguish!
4. Welcome to the desert! Christ at the center

Call from the scrub and water hole: 
Land is alive and blessed you at birth.
Landscapes and lizards feel the pain.
Calling for healing, holds out his hand: 

Sense now the sacred spirit of the desert,
Celebrate now the song of your mother.
Forests destroyed and rivers polluted,
Reconciled true each brother and sister,

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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  God, You spin the whirling planets

1. God, You spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
   Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
   We, created in Your image, Would a true reflection be

2. You have called us to be faithful In our life and ministry.
   We respond in grateful worship, Joined in one community.
   When we blur your gracious image, Focus us and make us whole.

3. God, your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.
   Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare and do.
   Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
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.

Deacon: Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places.

Deacon: Go where God’s name is well known and where it has yet to be known.

Deacon: Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you.

Deacon: Go and share the Gospel of God in Creation with all who will hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Fugue

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Service Participants, 10 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister Book
Assisting: The Rev. Rosanna Kazanjian
Lectors: Fiona Fischer, Dan Misenhimer
Gospel in Spanish: Judith Fischer
Subdeacon: Willie Schlentz
Chalice: Toni Sue Brooks, Julie Gasaway, Br. Chuck Hannan, Dennis Kirchoff
Ushers: Laura Angeley, BJ Bower, Chris Cole, Carmella Powell
Altar Guild: Nancy Barton, Eric Carr, Br. Chuck & Nan Hannan
Greeters: Amy Cormode, Kitt Leonard

Listings of lay ministers are subject to last-minute changes after the bulletin is printed.

We thank the Sudanese Choir and Dancers, Solomon Machar Kuch, their director, and Robert Chamberlain, cellist, for their musical offerings at this service today.
We hold the following in our prayers today:

We pray for Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Kirk our Bishop; Steve, our Rector; and the clergy and staff who serve Grace St. Paul’s; The Church in Wales, The Most Rev. Dr. Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff; St. Mary’s in Phoenix; Calvary Chapel, Oro Valley.

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; Katherine Bernard; Toni Sue Brooks; Catherine Brown; Oma “Sam” Guard; Joyce Henderson; Christine Nelson; Suzanne Nystrom; Danielle Phillips; Dorée Ramey; Barbara & Sam Reynolds; Susan Southwick; Heather Williams; Ed; Lee; Alison Bower; William Brown; Francesca Jarvis; Tony Jones; Julie LaRue; Maribel Ortiz; Peggy Southwick; Cody & family; Jerry & Rondy; Joel; Karl; Leah; Monica, Roman & Danitza; Nichole; Nick & Emily; Vince & Amy.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need.

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 gsp1@dakotacom.net) 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 gsp1@dakotacom.net. 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
Join us on the labyrinth this evening!
Sunday, October 5 at 5 p.m.

Bring your furry, scaly, feathered, invertebrate, or even stuffed animals—or photos—to be blessed in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please remember to be sensitive to all animals' needs and use leashes & carriers.

Last Chance! Don’t Miss Out!
The final small group gathering for this year’s Giving and Receiving emphasis, Living Generosity, is tonight at 6 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Good fellowship...helpful information...delicious snacks...and a chance to win a special door prize crafted by one of our artistic church members. Winners at the last gathering were Steve Mattix who took home a lovely Cholla cross fashioned by Annie Holbrook, and Dee Arnaud who received a silver and turquoise cross made by Henry Dirtadian.

If you cannot attend the final gathering, you will receive the pledge form and other helpful information in the mail this week, prior to Celebration Sunday. Forms are also available in the office and the narthex of the church.

Celebration Sunday, Oct. 12
The ingathering of financial pledges for 2015 will be October 12 during both worship services. Please bring your completed pledge forms with you that morning. If you have already sent your pledge in, extra forms will be available if you would like your intentions to be part of the in-gathering.

- The Celebration continues with a special catered Mexican breakfast after the 8 o’clock service and a Mexican luncheon following the 10 o’clock. Everyone is invited.
- Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Living Generosity! Let’s Do It Together!
**SpiritSong: Worship in the Style of Taizé**

SpiritSong is GSP’s monthly contemplative worship experience in the style of the very popular Taizé movement in France. Using candlelight, times for silent reflection, lovely repetitive chants from Taizé, and opportunities for personal reflection, SpiritSong is designed for anyone who seeks to go deeper in the Spirit. SpiritSong, led by Roger Pierce and Jane Click, occurs on the second Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Join us in the chancel area for the beautiful experience of SpiritSong.

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**Buy a Wreath and Help Save National Forests!*  
Sunday, October 5 – Sunday, November 9**

**Prices range from $19-$35; all sales benefit GSP youth programs.**

The youth are once again selling beautiful wreaths** and other Christmas greenery. Look for our table outside McBride Hall or contact Rosalind Garcia at 327-6857 or Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org.

These wreaths make beautiful gifts and they can be mailed directly to recipients.

*Gift recipients have a seedling planted in their name in a national forest. Over 400,000 have already been planted!

**Greenery is harvested in a manner that does not damage the trees.

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**We’re Going to the Pumpkin Patch!**

**When:** On Sunday, October 19

**Where:** we will be heading to Buckelew farms in Marana for the annual pumpkin festival.

**Who:** Everybody is invited to join, but kids under 5th grade MUST have their parents or another trusted adult with them and must have transport arranged. The youth leaders will be responsible for kids and teens 5th grade and older.

Here’s the pertinent info:

- We will be leaving after the 10 a.m. service from the GSP north parking lot.
• Cost is $4 entry fee and pumpkins are 50 cents a pound. If cost is a problem, please speak with Rosalind by Oct. 12.
• Please RSVP to Rosalind at Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org by Thursday, Oct 16. We must have final numbers to arrange transport of 5th graders and youth.
• We will be back by 5:30 p.m., but will call as we leave Buckelew farms.
• The website is http://www.buckelewfarm.com/pumpkin/pumpkin_festival_information.html.

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**Scary Halloween Week Fun for the Youth!**

*When:* Saturday evening, October 25  
*Who:* GSP’s youth groups (Rite 13 and older only, please)  
*What:* “Terror in the Corn” at Buckelew farms in Marana.

Here is other pertinent info:  
• Cost is $25, which gives us access to everything.  
• We will leave GSP from the north parking lot at 5 p.m.  
• Let Rosalind know by Oct. 19 if cost is a difficulty.  
• We will return around 9:30 p.m., calling parents before we leave Marana.  
• Please RSVP no later than Oct. 19—we must arrange transportation! RSVP to Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org.  

We should have a frightfully good time!

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**Do You Have a Calling to Work with Children? We Need You!**

We have even more children attending GSP, and we need teachers! If you enjoy working with children, then please consider volunteering as a Sunday School teacher for pre-school and grades 1-3. No experience is necessary and the schedule is flexible.

A background check and a few other things are required. For more information, please contact the Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry, Rosalind Garcia, as soon as possible at Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org.
Advertisements in the GSP Directory

Do you have a business, product, or service you would like to let the GSP community know about? We will be offering full-color advertising space in the church directory. Four different sizes are available: 1/8 of a page, 1/4 of a page, 1/2 of a page, and full pages. Please contact Holly at hollyshinn74@gmail.com for prices and other details.

GSP Is Making a Photo Directory!

Photography sessions have started! Many of you have already had your picture taken, and many more of you are scheduled for the remaining dates: October 28, 29, and 30.

Please Help Us Keep Our Children Safe at GSP By:

- signing your child into Sunday School or Nursery care every Sunday
- remembering that no one under 18 may sign a child into or out of Sunday School
- signing your child out of Sunday School immediately after the 10 a.m. service
- remembering to pick up your St. Cecilia’s Choir member immediately after choir practice
- knowing your child’s whereabouts at all times after you have checked her or him out of Sunday School
- not allowing your child to wander our open campus and parking lot alone
- escorting your child to the restroom yourself if he or she is not checked into Sunday School or Nursery care

Thank you all for your help in keeping our children safe. If you have any questions, please call or email Rosalind Garcia at 327-6857 or Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org.
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.

**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.

**LOOKING FOR A CHANGE IN YOUR PRAYER LIFE?** Would you like to try Prayer in a small community? Come to Evening Prayer on Tuesdays, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Julian Chapel. **On the first Tuesday of each month, Evening Prayer will include Communion.** Stay afterwards for the brief fellowship afterwards if you’d like. Come join us in the joy of small, prayerful community. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Br. Chuck or Nan Hannan, Gale Odion, or Mark Drew.

**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 KiKi Fenik, our Parish Administrator.

**Adult Spiritual Formation**

**TODAY: Spiritual Relationships through St. Francis and Animals—**9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. We’ll take a look at the life of St. Francis and how we can adapt the “Prayer of St. Francis” to our lives. We will also discuss the life of animals and our role in developing relationships with them. **Facilitated by Gale Odion and Chris Ledyard.** Gale is interested in developing a spiritual practice using the Prayer of St. Francis. Chris is a deacon and interested in the spiritual ministry of animals.

**The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd—**Friday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m., in the Bloom Education Center. Writing at the height of her narrative and imaginative gifts, Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the
quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world. Kidd’s sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah Grimke’s eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Hetty “Handful” Grimke, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other’s destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love. Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, this exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved.

GSP Reader’s Group meets on the second Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Contact Deacon Linda Hutson through the church office at 520-327-6857 for more information about the group.

**Film Series: How Do We Live Abundantly?**—Fridays, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14, from 7-9 p.m., in the Bloom Education Center.

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” — John 10:10

We are constantly tempted by aspirational desires created by the marketing strategies of a global consumerist culture that attempts to convince us that having more stuff, acquiring the latest gadget or owning a certain brand of clothing will make our lives better. How do we live the promise of abundant life that the Gospel of John promises? How do we know when we have enough? How do we define abundance for ourselves? What really makes us happy? Join us for two more documentary films that attempt to illuminate how others have grappled with finding answers to these questions. A discussion will follow each film.

  “I had everything I needed, I had a house and I had raised two children. I gave it all away.”
  —Heidemarie Schwermer

  This documentary portrays the life of 68-year-old Heidemarie Schwermer, a German woman who made a deliberate choice to stop using money 14 years ago. She cancelled her apartment, gave away all of her belongings, and kept nothing but a suitcase full of clothes. The film follows Heidemarie in her day-to-day life and shows the challenges she meets by living an alternative lifestyle. Today, she is still living almost without money and claims she is feeling more free and independent than ever. (55 min.)


  *Happy* takes us on a journey from the swamps of Louisiana to the slums of Kolkata in search of what really makes people happy. Combining real life stories of people from around the world and powerful interviews with the leading scientists in happiness research, *Happy* explores the secrets behind our most valued emotion. (75 min.)

The series is offered by Catherine Penn Williams and co-sponsored by the Giving and Receiving Ministry. Catherine is an Episcopal layperson and experienced small-group leader. She has a long-standing interest in finding spiritual themes in contemporary films.

**Way of the Monk, Path of the Artist: Seeking God Through Contemplation and Creativity**—Saturdays, Oct. 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 1, 10-11:30 a.m. McBride Hall. Based on The Artist’s Rule by Christine Valters Paintner, this course is organized around St. Benedict’s monastic ideals of obedience, stability, and commitment to “listening deeply to the ways God calls you in everyday life” as we continue to seek a spiritual growth which includes “stumbling and getting up again.” Our methods will include contemplative practices such as guided meditations, *lectio divina* and reflection questions, visual art activities with markers, crayons, watercolor, and collage, creative writing such as composing poems and blessing prayers, and music activities to inspire and energize. No art experience is necessary!

Registration is limited; please preregister via email to adulted@grace-stpauls.org or the sign-up sheet in the church office by Monday, Oct. 6. Facilitated by the creative team of GSP members Pat Dickson, artist and spiritual director; Georghan Polk, art therapist; and Jane Click, music therapist.
Special Event: A Poetry Reading with Greg Miller—Sunday, October 19, 9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Greg Miller will read from *The Sea Sleeps*, a collection that draws heavily from the core devotional strain in Miller’s poetry, offering what novelist Fenton Johnson described in his review of *Iron Wheel* as “the vision and experience of that place where dark merges seamlessly into light; the house and home of grace-unasked for and perhaps undeserved, but transformative all the same.” The new poems reflect on the callings and limits of art in responding to desire, history, mortality, and injustice and are set in the American South, France, South Sudan, among other places, addressing and invoking the divine.

Poet Greg Miller grew up in Kentucky and studied French literature and political science at Vanderbilt University. He earned an M.A. in English and creative writing from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Berkeley. Miller is the author of the collections *Iron Wheel* (1998), *Rib Cage* (2001), *Mississippi Sudan* (2006), *Watch* (2009), and *The Sea Sleeps: New and Selected Poems* (2014). Wide-ranging in his interests, he has written on southern culture, community, family, and the experiences of Sudanese refugees, and has held residencies at the Camargo Foundation and the CAMAC Centre d’Art in France. Miller’s poetry frequently deals with both visual art and the life of cities. His scholarly work includes the book *George Herbert’s “Holy Patterns”: Reforming Individuals in Community* (2007). For a decade, Miller served as chair of the Sudanese Ministry Committee of the Episcopal Church, diocese of Mississippi. Miller recently took early retirement from his position as professor of English at Millsaps College and works now as an assistant editor at Sheep Meadow Press in New York.

The Great Mystery: What’s a Deacon?—Sunday, October 26, 9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Let’s discuss the meaning of Servant Leadership, briefly process together the vows of a Deacon and how they are similar to our Baptismal Covenant, and review a brief description of the various ministries conducted by Deacons. Ministries have evolved—so let’s also talk about how ministries have changed Grace St. Paul’s. Led by Deacons Nancy Meister Book, Linda Hutson and Chris Ledyard.

Health & Healing Ministries

MEDICARE UPDATE
The Community of Hope is sponsoring a Medicare Update on Friday, October 16 from 9:30-12:00 in the Bloom Education Center. Parishioners or friends of the parish are invited. The presentation will be by Anne Sunderland, GSP member and a Medicare Presenter trained by the Pima Council on Aging. This workshop is guaranteed to dispel your confusion and provide information so you and others can make informed decisions.

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.

GSP’s Social Service staff is looking for a temporary residence for a parishioner in transition. If you think you may be able to help, contact the Rector for more information.

JOSEPH’S PANTRY
The amount of people coming to Joseph’s Pantry for food continues to increase, but the pantry’s resources do not. Currently what is needed the most is canned food: chili, fruit, veggies, soup with meat, ravioli, tuna,
and beans. We also could use unopened hotel-sized toiletries (lotion, shampoo, conditioner, soap, and body wash); no shower caps, please. And there are volunteer opportunities throughout the week. Please talk to Kyle or Andrew. Thank you for your generosity.

TIHAN NEEDS YOUR HELP!
Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) seeks donations of all kinds for 2014. 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!

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!

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 gsp1@dakotacom.net. 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 gsp1@dakotacom.net. 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 AT GSP?
If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at Grace St. Paul’s, contact KiKi Fenik, GSP’s Parish Administrator, in the church office; please e-mail her at ParishAdmin@grace-stpauls.org.

Community News

SCHOOL AFTER-CARE POSITION
St. Michael’s Parish Day School currently has an opening in the school After Care Program. This is a part-time position, Monday-Friday, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Staff members help to prepare daily snacks, supervise students during outside play, and offer assistance in organizing and monitoring activities and games on the playground. Supervision and monitoring of homework time may also be required. The following documents are required for application: Resume indicating education and work history, references, negative TB test, level-one fingerprint clearance card, and a current first-aid CPR certificate or card. Application material should be submitted to Sarah Crane, sacrane@stmichael.net.
**Sunday, October 5**

**Creation Sunday**

8 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Coffee & Conversation – Sanctuary, McBride Hall

9 a.m. – Spiritual Relationships Through St. Francis and Animals – Bloom Education Center

9:45 a.m. – Childcare & Nursery – Teresa of Avila Room

10 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Coffee & Conversation – Sanctuary, McBride Hall

10 a.m. – Sunday School – Undercroft Classrooms

11:45 a.m. – Youth Group – St. Francis Room

12:30 p.m. – Youth Ensemble Choir rehearsal – St. Nicholas Room

5 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals Service – Labyrinth

6 p.m. – Living Generosity small-group gathering – Bloom Education Center

**Monday, October 6**

11:30 a.m. – Drop-In Spiritual Direction – Julian Chapel

4:30 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall

7 p.m. – GSP Green Church Committee – Mary of Bethany Room

7 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – Weeks Room

7 p.m. – Tucson Masterworks Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. – AA Southside Group – McBride Hall

**Tuesday, October 7**

6 p.m. – Evening Prayer & Communion – Julian Chapel

6 p.m. – Arizona Repertory Singers rehearsal – McBride Hall

7 p.m. – Interfaith Meditation Group – Julian Chapel

**Wednesday, October 8**

7 a.m. – Holy Communion – Julian Chapel

10 a.m. – GSP Quilting Ministry – McBride Hall

12:30 p.m. – GSP Staff Meeting – Bloom Education Center

1:30 p.m. – Liturgy Planning Meeting – Bloom Education Center

4:15 p.m. – Tucson Chamber Artists concert rehearsal – Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall

7 p.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – Weeks Room

**Thursday, October 9**

11 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 – Labyrinth

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Chancel

**Friday, October 10**

11:30 a.m. – GSP Reading Group – Bloom Education Center

Noon – Opera Guild of Southern Arizona Brown-Bag Preview Luncheon – McBride Hall

6:30 p.m. – Film Series: How Do We Live Abundantly? – Bloom Education Center

8 p.m. – AA Goodlife Group – Weeks Room

**Saturday, October 11**

10 a.m. – Way of the Monk, Path of the Artist: Seeking God Through Contemplation and Creativity – McBride Hall

6:30 p.m. – ISO Dinner & Dance – McBride Hall

**Sunday, October 12**

**Second Sunday of Creation**

8 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Celebration Sunday Breakfast – Sanctuary, McBride Hall

9:45 a.m. – Childcare & Nursery – Teresa of Avila Room

10 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Celebration Sunday Brunch – Sanctuary, McBride Hall

10 a.m. – Sunday School – Undercroft Classrooms

11:45 a.m. – Youth Group – St. Francis Room

Noon – Lay Minister Training (Ushers, Chalice Bearers, Readers, Acolytes) – Chancel

12:30 p.m. – Youth Ensemble Choir rehearsal – St. Nicholas Room

3 p.m. – Arizona Early Music Society concert – Sanctuary

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6 p.m. – SpiritSong: Worship & Prayer in the Style of Taizé – Chancel
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; Mark Drew, Junior Warden; Rob Rauh, Chancellor; Tom Pitello, Treasurer; Lou Ann Bieging, Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry Members: Bianca Lara, Kitt Bret Harte, David Clements, Kyle Devereux, Chris Eastoe, Zara Larsen, Steve Mattix, Richard Rhoads, Holly Shinn, Jean Smart, Angel Wang, Steve Williams

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

Staff
Jane Click, Pianist; Lieto Ensemble; Pamela Decker, Organist; Argelia El-Khayat, Childcare Giver; KiKi Fenik, Parish Administrator; Rosalind Garcia, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries; Christina Jarvis, Music Director; Patti Morrison, Bookkeeper; James Teal, Facilities Assistant; David Wachter, Publications Manager, Computer Specialist, & Associate Organist; James White, Sexton.

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

Youth Groups (Grades 6-12) (meets in the St. Francis Room): Eric Carr, Brianna Devereux, Alice Garcia, Kendyl Reisinger

Verger
Beth Miksa, Verger