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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 thanksgiving for the life of Ralph Walker, by his wife and children, Priscilla, Melissa, Catherine, & Andrew;
- in loving memory of Hetty Harlan, Mary Turner, and Jane Blackwell—grandmother, mother, and sister of Ann Schlumberger;
- in memory of Emil & Audrey Weiblen, by Pete Weiblen.

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

Service Participants, 8 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister Book
Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Steve Keplinger
Lectors: Kay Bigglestone, Chuck House
Gospel in Spanish: Gerrie Mackaben
Chalice: Peter Foley & Pia Cuneo
Acolyte: Sara Heitshu
Altar Guild: Jane Thrall, Heather Williams
Ushers: Robin Beelen, Robert Rosenberg, Peggy Scott, Heather Williams

Service Participants, 10 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister Book
Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Steve Keplinger
Subdeacon: Br. Chuck Hannan
Lectors: Terry Trujillo, Lu Pipentacos
Chalice: Toni Sue Brooks, Chris Eastoe, Bill & Margaret Moore
Server: Kayla Cordero
Crucifer: Lily Orlando
Torches: Ayden Kube, Charlie Cormode
Ushers: Marilyn Abraham, B.J. Bower, Kitt Cordero, Steve Williams
Altar Guild: Marilyn Abraham, Kayla Cordero, Kitt Cordero, Terry & Bill Trujillo

Greeters: Aimee Graves, Jean Marie Smart

We thank Joan Brundage, native flute; the members of the St. Cecilia’s Children’s Choir, Joan Brundage, Director, and St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir; and David Christy, Eric Carr, and Richard Rhoads, readers during the offertory anthem, for their offerings at today’s 10 a.m. service. We also thank the members of Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc Danzantes for their offerings at both services today.

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

CHILD CARE — We offer childcare for all ages beginning at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. If you’d like childcare provided for any other church event, please contact the church office at 327-6857.

NURSERY — Nursery care is available for children ages 3 and under from 9:45-11:45 a.m. on Sundays.

Weekly Worship

Monday
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Drop-in Spiritual Direction

Sunday
8 a.m. – Communion Service
10 a.m. – Communion Service

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. Debbie Royals, 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

The silence is broken with a voice from on high:

The Voice from on High is from the Christian mystic Hildegard of Bingen, who lived from 1098 to 1179.

I am the one whose praise echoes on high.
I adorn all the earth.
I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.
I am led by the spirit to feed the purest streams.
I am the rain coming from the dew
that causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life.
I am the yearning for good. Amen.

Silence

Processional

The Procession begins with drums and rattles. The dancers (Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc Danzantes) lead us into the worship of the God who created all.

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 to into your presence, today, 
            to worship in this sanctuary called Earth.

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

Chant of Praise  

_O God of stars and sunlight_ 

_Singing the Living Tradition, No. 11 (stanza 1)_

1. O God of stars and sunlight, whose wind lifts up a
bird, in marching wave and leaf-fall we hear thy patient
art, thy plan and care and meaning renew the head and
head, we breathe in thy long breathing, our spirit spirit-

2. O God of cloud and mountain, whose rain on rock is
word. The color of thy seasons goes gold across the
heart. Thy word and color spoken, thy summer noons and
ed. We walk beneath thy blessing, thy seasons, and thy

3. O God of root and shading of boughs above our

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 Stanza 1

O God of stars and sunlight, whose wind lifts up a
bird, in marching wave and leaf-fall we hear thy patient
art, thy plan and care and meaning renew the head and
head, we breathe in thy long breathing, our spirit spirit-

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 Stanza 2

O God of cloud and mountain, whose rain on rock is
word. The color of thy seasons goes gold across the
heart. Thy word and color spoken, thy summer noons and
ed. We walk beneath thy blessing, thy seasons, and thy

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 Stanza 3

O God of root and shading of boughs above our
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 Genesis [2:4b-9, 18-22]

In the day that YHWH God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for YHWH God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then YHWH God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And YHWH God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there God put the man whom God had formed. Out of the ground YHWH God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then YHWH God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground YHWH God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So YHWH God caused a deep
sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then God took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that YHWH God had taken from the man God made into a woman and brought her to the man.

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

Psalm 96

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

1 Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God, all the whole earth.

2 Sing, and bless God’s Holy Name; *
proclaim God’s love for us from day to day.

3 Declare God’s glory among the nations *
and God’s wonders among all peoples.

4 For God is from everlasting, *
to be praised for ever and loved above all things.

11 Let the heavens shine forth; 
let the earth be glad; *
let the teeming sea resound.

12 Let the fields exult and all that live therein;*
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the coming of the Living God.

A Reading from the Pascua Yaqui Creation Story

[Adapted by The Rev. Debbie Royals]

A big dry tree with all its limbs almost crumbling to the ground appeared in the wilderness every day from sunrise to sunset. This tree was vibrating like the chords of a harp, the sound of which was audible a great distance around. Every day the Surem (the little people) gathered to hear it. But no one could understand it, not even wise men from many different places.

A leader in the community called for a party to travel to the home of the Old Woman who lived with her daughter, Seahamut, in an obscure part of the wilderness. She was well known for her wisdom and her ability to transcend the obvious while being connected to the Yo ania (the enchanted world). It was time for her daughter to take up the role for which she was intended. Reluctantly, but in obedience, Seahamut traveled back through the wilderness with the men. When they were approaching the Surem, she began to hear the message of Talking Tree.

When Seahamut prepared to speak, a hush came over the land. She listened to the sound of the tree. Then her voice rang clearly in full tone. “This message the Creator of all things sends to the people, a testament that he will establish with the earth: that it must produce all sorts of subsistence for every creature upon it; trees in the forest shall bear edible fruit in
abundance; the vegetation of the earth will sustain the beast and the fowl and even the tiniest insect that has life in itself; another thing called seed will also come upon the earth; every bush, shrub or tree which does not bear fruit shall be cut down and the ground cleared for the good seed, then tilled with an instrument called the plow. Thus the ground will be prepared.

“After the ground is prepared and seed is placed beneath the soil it shall come to pass that, from the seas, water will be lifted in clouds and carried by the winds to the plains in the form of rain. The seed under the soil will burst forth into life and if cultivated properly it shall bear fruit in such quantity doubled, that one seed will produce one hundred, and this shall be for the maintenance of the people.

“But there is another thing to come in exchange for the benefit the earth will provide. It is called death. Together with the sustenance, all creatures upon the earth will receive also death, for death will not spare even the tiniest insect that has life in itself. And it shall come to pass after death that all substance will be swallowed by the earth in payment for the nourishment given during life.”

Seahamut spoke about the things to come for a very long time. The tree continued to vibrate like the chords of a harp when touched by a passing wind. When it had completed its message it became silent and remained so forever. The wise men tried to conceal this wisdom from the people, but there was a great change among them. All those who accepted the word remained in their homes and those who did not receive it gathered and danced the farewell dance and disappeared into the morning air, going underground to establish another world. We say that these are the black ants. Some even made the sea their home and are living now in a variety of sizes and shapes. The Surem who chose to follow this new path were fed by Maso (the Deer) who gave its life freely to sustain the people as they grew and developed into the Yoeme (the People)—also called the Yaqui in today’s terms.

Sequence Music

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

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory to you, O Christ.
Diácono: Santo Evangelio de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, según Lucas.
Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!

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

The Sermon

Please be seated.
Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

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

Creedal Statement

Please stand, as you are able.

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 39.

The Prayers of the People were adapted from those written by The Rev. Claudia Heath.

Each prayer is read by a different member of the congregation. Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer. It is perfectly acceptable for multiple readers to participate simultaneously in reading prayers.

Leader: Creator God, Architect of the Universe, we gather to praise your holy name and give thanks for all of your creation and our place in it.

Majestic mountains point our hearts and minds upward to your splendor. You bless us with peace and grace that flow like your rivers. Like the flowers bursting with blooms, we too can glorify your Name. Like your love and kindness, the twinkling stars and blazing sun give us warmth and light for the journey.

For these and all of the other blessings of creation, we thank you.

People: Give us grace to learn lessons from nature.

Leader: In speaking your word and truth, help the Church be like the determined and single-minded salmon, struggling upstream against the current.

(People add specific prayers for the church either silently or aloud.)

God, who is with us in all Creation,

People: Give us grace to swim upstream.

Leader: When we gather to form nations, cities, and governments, help those in high places and all of us learn from the small ants that teach us to replace greed and exploitation with community, teamwork, responsibility, and diligence. Today we give thanks for the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park, in light of the recent study that shows a new, more healthful balance in that ecosystem due to their return.

(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)

God who is with us in all Creation,

People: Give us grace to live in harmony with each other.
Leader: We thank you for the creatures that are irritants to us, reminding us that challenges and conflicts are a part of life. We grieve the loss of seven javelinas in our neighborhood who were killed when they conflicted with humans. We also pray this week for the honeybees of the world and that we can quickly reverse the drastic decline that has occurred in colonies in recent decades.

(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)

God who is with us in all Creation,

People: Give us grace to live life with passion and joy.

Leader: Give us the wisdom to see that our hearts can be like the fire, sending sparks out into the world as light and warmth for others. We pray for those in need on our prayer list* and for those we name now either silently or aloud.

God who is with us in all Creation,

People: Give us grace to kindle our hearts with your Love.

Leader: Comfort us with the lessons from seeds. We are born; we grow; we bloom; we die; and we are born again. This week we pray especially for Clif Click and the Colorado family killed in a boulder slide while hiking.

(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)

God who is with us in all Creation,

People: Give us grace to believe in our own resurrection.

Leader: Wet kisses from puppies, purrs and rubs from kittens remind us to cherish each other and love unconditionally.

God who is with us in all Creation,

People: Give us grace to take time for fellowship and friendships.

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.

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*We pray for Dianne Bret Harte; the family and friends of Clif Click; Oma "Sam" Guard; Christine Nelson; Suzanne Nystrom; Ana Ortiz; Elise Petropoulos; Susan Southwick; David Wachter; Lee; Betsy Bret Harte & MaryKay Zeeb; the family of Renie Howard; Francesca Jarvis; Tony Jones; David Shaw; Peggy Southwick; Beryl Todd; Mary Wilcox; Amanda; Amy, Phil & Vince; Brian, Martha & Nick; Charlie; Jerry & Rondy; Monica & Carri; Nichole; Rob.
Confession of Sin

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

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

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

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

The Peace

Celebrant:    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

Table Chant

Please stand, as you are able.

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.

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)

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

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, sanitificado 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.

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 Please 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 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.

Postcommunion Hymn

*Hail the Earth that first appeared* (stanzas 1 & 2)
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!
From the weight of human sin, 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!
Longing for the Christ who died, Alleluia!

Filled with living mystery, Alleluia!
Never to unleash a flood, Alleluia!
Celebrating every birth, Alleluia!
As a human life on Earth, Alleluia!
All creation to revive, Alleluia!

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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

The Recessional begins with the dancers (Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc Danzantes) leading us all to enter the beauty of God’s creation.

Dismissal

The Dismissal is from The Book of Common Prayer, p. 366.

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

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.
10 a.m. Communion Service
The Rev. Debbie Royals, The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrants

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.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

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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

The silence is broken with a voice from on high:

The Voice from on High is from the Christian mystic Hildegard of Bingen, who lived from 1098 to 1179.

I am the one whose praise echoes on high.
I adorn all the earth.
I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.
I am led by the spirit to feed the purest streams.
I am the rain coming from the dew that causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life.
I am the yearning for good. Amen.

Silence

Processional

The Procession begins with drums and rattles. The dancers (Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc Danzantes) lead us into the worship of the God who created all.
Opening Acclamation

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

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

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

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

Chant of Praise

1 We are___ a part of all creation,
2 We are___ a part of every person,
3 We are___ a part of God's creation,
4 We are___ a part of all creation

all of___ creation sings in us, earth and sea and
all of___ the peoples sing in us, one our journey,
God is___ the voice that sings in us, be our journey,
given___ the breath of life to share all the glory

sky and creatures, join in___ the dance of life and love.
one our pathway, one in___ the dance of life and love.
be our pathway, come be___ our dance of life and love.
of our Maker with every person everywhere.

The Opening Acclamation is from The Season of Creation website.
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 Genesis [2:4b-9, 18-22]  Please be seated.

In the day that YHWH God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for YHWH God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then YHWH God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And YHWH God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there God put the man whom God had formed. Out of the ground YHWH God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then YHWH God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground YHWH God
formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So YHWH God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then God took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that YHWH God had taken from the man God made into a woman and brought her to the man.

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

Psalm 96

The Antiphon is sung once by the Choir, then repeated by everyone.

Antiphon

1 Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God, all the whole earth.

2 Sing, and bless God’s Holy Name; *
proclaim God’s love for us from day to day.

3 Declare God’s glory among the nations *
and God’s wonders among all peoples.

4 For God is from everlasting, *
to be praised for ever and loved above all things.

11 Let the heavens shine forth;
let the earth be glad; *
let the teeming sea resound.

12 Let the fields exult and all that live therein;*
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the coming of the Living God.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

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A big dry tree with all its limbs almost crumbling to the ground appeared in the wilderness every day from sunrise to sunset. This tree was vibrating like the chords of a harp, the sound of which was audible a great distance around. Every day the Surem (the little people) gathered to hear it. But no one could understand it, not even wise men from many different places.

A leader in the community called for a party to travel to the home of the Old Woman who lived with her daughter, Seahamut, in an obscure part of the wilderness. She was well known for her wisdom and her ability to transcend the obvious while being connected to the Yo ania (the enchanted world). It was time for her daughter to take up the role for which she was intended. Reluctantly, but in obedience, Seahamut traveled back through the wilderness with the men. When they were approaching the Surem, she began to hear the message of Talking Tree.

When Seahamut prepared to speak, a hush came over the land. She listened to the sound of the tree. Then her voice rang clearly in full tone. “This message the Creator of all things sends to the people, a testament that he will establish with the earth: that it must produce all sorts of subsistence for every creature upon it; trees in the forest shall bear edible fruit in abundance; the vegetation of the earth will sustain the beast and the fowl and even the tiniest insect that has life in itself; another thing called seed will also come upon the earth; every bush, shrub or tree which does not bear fruit shall be cut down and the ground cleared for the good seed, then tilled with an instrument called the plow. Thus the ground will be prepared.

After the ground is prepared and seed is placed beneath the soil it shall come to pass that, from the seas, water will be lifted in clouds and carried by the winds to the plains in the form of rain. The seed under the soil will burst forth into life and if cultivated properly it shall bear fruit in such quantity doubled, that one seed will produce one hundred, and this shall be for the maintenance of the people.

“But there is another thing to come in exchange for the benefit the earth will provide. It is called death. Together with the sustenance, all creatures upon the earth will receive also death, for death will not spare even the tiniest insect that has life in itself. And it shall come to pass after death that all substance will be swallowed by the earth in payment for the nourishment given during life.”

Seahamut spoke about the things to come for a very long time. The tree continued to vibrate like the chords of a harp when touched by a passing wind. When it had completed its message it became silent and remained so forever. The wise men tried to conceal this wisdom from the people, but there was a great change among them. All those who accepted the word remained in their homes and those who did not receive it gathered and danced the farewell dance and disappeared into the morning air, going underground to establish another world. We say that these are the black ants. Some even made the sea their home and are living now in a variety of sizes and shapes. The Surem who chose to follow this new path were fed by Maso (the Deer) who gave its life freely to sustain the people as they grew and developed into the Yoeme (the People)—also called the Yaqui in today’s terms.
Sequence Hymn

O God of stars and sunlight

Singing the Living Tradition, No. 11

Please stand, as you are able.

Words: John Holmes, 1904–1962
Music: Johann Christian Störl’s Württemberg Gesangbuch, 1710

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

_Deacon:_ The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

_People:_ Glory to you, O Christ.

_Diácono:_ Santo Evangelio de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, según Lucas.

_Pueblo:_ ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!

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

_Deacon:_ The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

_People:_ Praise to you, O Christ.

_Diácono:_ El Evangelio del Jesucristo.

_Pueblo:_ Te alabamos, Cristo.

The Sermon

Please be seated.

_Preacher:_ The Rev. Steve Keplinger

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

Creedal Statement: Affirmation of Faith

Please stand, as you are able.

_Preacher:_ 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 39. 
The Prayers of the People were adapted from those written by The Rev. Claudia Heath. 

Each prayer is read by a different member of the congregation. Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer. It is perfectly acceptable for multiple readers to participate simultaneously in reading prayers. 

Leader: Creator God, Architect of the Universe, we gather to praise your holy name and give thanks for all of your creation and our place in it. 

Majestic mountains point our hearts and minds upward to your splendor. You bless us with peace and grace that flow like your rivers. Like the flowers bursting with blooms, we too can glorify your Name. Like your love and kindness, the twinkling stars and blazing sun give us warmth and light for the journey. 

For these and all of the other blessings of creation, we thank you. 

People: Give us grace to learn lessons from nature. 

Leader: In speaking your word and truth, help the Church be like the determined and single-minded salmon, struggling upstream against the current. 

(People add specific prayers for the church either silently or aloud.)
God, who is with us in all Creation,

**People:** Give us grace to swim upstream.

**Leader:** When we gather to form nations, cities, and governments, help those in high places and all of us learn from the small ants that teach us to replace greed and exploitation with community, teamwork, responsibility, and diligence. Today we give thanks for the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park, in light of the recent study that shows a new, more healthful balance in that ecosystem due to their return.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People:** Give us grace to live in harmony with each other.

**Leader:** We thank you for the creatures that are irritants to us, reminding us that challenges and conflicts are a part of life. We grieve the loss of seven javelinas in our neighborhood who were killed when they conflicted with humans. We also pray this week for the honeybees of the world and that we can quickly reverse the drastic decline that has occurred in colonies in recent decades.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People:** Give us grace to live life with passion and joy.

**Leader:** Give us the wisdom to see that our hearts can be like the fire, sending sparks out into the world as light and warmth for others. We pray for those in need on our prayer list and for those we name now either silently or aloud.

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People:** Give us grace to kindle our hearts with your Love.

**Leader:** Comfort us with the lessons from seeds. We are born; we grow; we bloom; we die; and we are born again. This week we pray especially for Clif Click and the Colorado family killed in a boulder slide while hiking.

*(People add their own prayers silently or aloud.)*

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*We pray for Dianne Bret Harte; the family and friends of Clif Click; Oma "Sam" Guard; Christine Nelson; Suzanne Nystrom; Ana Ortiz; Elise Petropoulos; Susan Southwick; David Wachter; Lee; Betsy Bret Harte & MaryKay Zeeb; the family of Renie Howard; Francesca Jarvis; Tony Jones; David Shaw; Peggy Southwick; Beryl Todd; Mary Wilcox; Amanda; Amy, Phil & Vince; Brian, Martha & Nick; Charlie; Jerry & Rondy; Monica & Carri; Nichole; Rob.*
God who is with us in all Creation,

**People:** Give us grace to believe in our own resurrection.

**Leader:** Wet kisses from puppies, purrs and rubs from kittens remind us to cherish each other and love unconditionally.

God who is with us in all Creation,

**People:** Give us grace to take time for fellowship and friendships.

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.**

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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

Yonder Come Day Georgia Sea Islands spiritual, additional words, music, & arrangement by Judith Cook Turner

St. Cecilia’s Children’s Choir, St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir, Adult Choir
Eric Carr, David Christy, Richard Rhoads, Readers

Pause
Table Chant

Please stand, as you are able.

Kristopher E. Lindquist

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

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)  

My Heart Sings Out, No. 38

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  

Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the highest!  

Ho-san-na in the highest! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!
Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

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)  

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  

Please 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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Tune: Wie lieblich ist der Maien, Nürnberg, 1581
Setting: Healey Willan

Communion Hymn

We celebrate the web of life
Singing the Living Tradition, No. 175

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter, 1930– , © 1990 Alicia S. Carpenter
Music: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1560–1616
CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN
C.M.
After Communion, the service resumes here.

**Sending Eucharistic Visitors**

The Celebrant may name the Lay Eucharistic Ministers and those who may receive home Holy Communion. 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**

Please stand, as you are able.

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.

**Postcommunion Hymn**

*Hail the Earth that first appeared* (stanzas 1-3)
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!
From the weight of human sin.__ 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!
Longing for the Christ who died.__ Al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

The Recessional begins with the dancers (Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc Danzantes) leading us all to enter the beauty of God’s creation.

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!

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.
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 Diocese of Sunyani (Ghana), The Rt. Rev. Dr. Festus Yeboah-Asuamah; All Saints of the Desert in Sun City; Mission San Xavier del Bac 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; Laura Goodman; Michael Hannan; Andrew Harris; Frederick Jenning; Greg Maynard; Eric Osche; Mark Pundt; Thomas Rice; Terrence Robinson; Laramie Struble; Matt Woodruff; Brian.

We pray for Dianne Bret Harte; the family and friends of Clif Click; Oma “Sam” Guard; Christine Nelson; Suzanne Nystrom; Ana Ortiz; Elise Petropoulos; Susan Southwick; David Wachter; Lee; Betsy Bret Harte & MaryKay Zeeb; the family of Renie Howard; Francesca Jarvis; Tony Jones; David Shaw; Peggy Southwick; Beryl Todd; Mary Wilcox; Amanda; Amy, Phil & Vince; Brian, Martha & Nick; Charlie; Jerry & Rondy; Monica & Carri; Nichole; Rob.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died, especially Bear.

We pray for those who have died, especially Clif Click.

We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border and all those who have died in Afghanistan, especially Thomas A. Baysore, Jr.; Jonathan S. Gibson; Landon L. Jones.

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 persists, 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.
Francis of Assisi Celebration & Blessing of the Animals
Today, 5 p.m. on the Labyrinth

We begin the Season of Creation by honoring Francis of Assisi and connecting with all of creation. Bring your furry, scaly, feathered, invertebrate, or even stuffed animal companions or photos of animals to be blessed in celebration of St. Francis Day. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the spirituality of our animal companions! Remember to be sensitive to all animals’ needs by keeping your dogs on leashes, cats in sturdy carriers (if they will tolerate coming at all), and other animals in appropriate enclosures.

Blessings and treats for all animals!

Tucson Pride Booth Needs You!

Sign up to staff the table at Tucson’s GLBT Pride Celebration, Saturday, October 12, at the Kino Sports Complex on Ajo Way. We are sharing a table with Episcopal Campus Ministry, who will staff in the morning. We will staff from noon to 6 p.m. Please see or email Bruce Anderson for a 2-hour shift. Available shifts are noon–2:00, 2:00–4:00, and 4:00–6:00. Thank you!

Have a LARGE ITEM to Donate for the Rummage Sale?

Is it too big for you to bring in to GSP? We have the solution!

LARGE ITEM Pick-Up for Donations to GSP’s Annual Rummage Sale
Saturday, October 26, beginning at 1 p.m.

Please call or email Rosalind Garcia at 327-6857 or Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org to schedule pick-up for October 26.
Buy a Wreath and Save National Forests!*  
Wreath Sales Benefit J2A Pilgrimage 2014

The J2A Youth Group will sell beautiful fresh wreath and other Christmas greenery from TODAY through Nov. 10.

- Prices range from $18 - $35
- Wreaths can be sent directly to gift recipients*
- The wreaths come from Mickman Brothers, a “green company” that harvests in a manner that does little harm to the trees.

*When you purchase a wreath as a gift, a seedling is planted in the name of the recipient in a national forest. Over 250,000 trees have already been planted!

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Thank you for your continued support of GSP! We are anticipating several thousands of dollars of unforecasted building related costs which will challenge us for the balance of the year.

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 and have every Sunday offer a feast rather than have uneven episodes of feasts and famines. 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—This service is a contemporary expression of ancient spiritualities emerging from the people. The service begins at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday and is followed by a meal of soup, bread, and wine. On the third Thursday of each month, there is a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome!

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 Chris Ledyard, Br. Chuck or Nan Hannan, Gale Odion, or Mark Drew.

INTERFAITH MEDITATION GROUP
Please join us for meditation every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for an intimate, candelit 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.

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 at the church entrances.

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.
TODAY: Co-Creation and Giving at Grace St. Paul’s—Sunday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m., in the Bloom Education Center.
The third spiritual path, Via Creativa of Matthew Fox, builds on creation spirituality (Via Positiva, the first path), and consists of a call to co-create, to contribute imaginatively to God’s creation. Because our GSP community evolves in response to that call, joyful and generous giving of time and money to GSP is a valuable exercise in co-creation. Facilitated by Chris Eastoe, vestry member, former Senior Warden, and enthusiastic student of Matthew Fox.

CONTINUING TODAY: Introduction to Centering Prayer Practice by Father Thomas Keating—Sundays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 11:45 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. An introductory course on meditation in the Christian tradition known as Centering Prayer. While this is listed as an introductory course, long-time meditators should find it inspirational. Each 30- to 45-minute class will feature an audio presentation by Father Keating and is meant to be heard sequentially to get the most out of the course, but can be beneficial to anyone who just drops by for one or more of the scheduled talks:

September 22 – Prayer in Secret
September 29 – The Discipline of Centering Prayer
October 6 – What Centering Prayer is and what it is
October 13 – The Method of Centering Prayer I
October 20 – The Method of Centering Prayer II
Facilitated by David Clements.

ANIMATE: Faith Development for Progressive Christians (GROUP ONE)—Mondays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 7 to 9 p.m., at the home of Catherine Penn Williams. Minimum 6 people to hold the sessions; maximum enrollment is 10.

ANIMATE: Faith Development for Progressive Christians (GROUP TWO)—Mondays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 10 a.m.-noon in the Bloom Education Center. Minimum 6 people to hold the classes; maximum registration is 10 people.
This adult course imaginatively explores central topics of Christianity. In each Animate: Faith session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. Each session delves into a faith topic: God, religion, Jesus, salvation, the cross, the Bible, and church. Presenters include Lillian Daniel, Bruce Reyes-Chow, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Lauren Winner, Shane Hipps, Mark Scandrette, and Brian McLaren.

Group 1 will be led by Catherine Penn Williams, an experienced small group and retreat leader. She is interested in finding ways to translate the tenets of Christian faith for modern people. Contact Catherine or the church office for directions.

Group 2 will be led by Brian Arthur, teacher and parish leader.

Registration for both groups is through the church office.

CONTINUING: Gifted by Otherness Women’s Group—Wednesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 7 p.m. in the Mary of Bethany Room. A women’s group is forming. We’ll study the book Gifted by Otherness by L. W. Countryman and M. R. Ritely, which encourages gay and lesbian people to adopt a positive attitude to spirituality and to take a proactive role in the Church through telling our own stories, recognizing our spiritual gifts, interpreting spiritual writings in our own context, and refusing to apologize for who we are. In addition, we’ll review aspects of progressive theology, and take plenty of time to share our stories. Intended for gay and lesbian people from inside and outside the Grace St. Paul’s community. Non-lesbian participants who are contending with spiritual issues relating to sexuality and who are willing to maintain safe space for other participants are also welcome. Please obtain the book and read Chapter 1 before the first meeting.
Facilitated by Chris Eastoe, long-term member of GSP, former Senior Warden and Treasurer, current vestry member.

The Solitary Visions of Charismatic Religious Leaders—Sundays, Oct. 13 & 20, 9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Founders of the world’s great religions spent time in solitude, often in times of testing, far from home, physical resources and human friends. These periods of silence and seclusion, during which they learned to be alone with their thoughts, led each one to revolutionary action. The similarity to Native American vision quests is evident. Two PowerPoint presentations by Dr. Chuck Dickson, long-time GSP member, will examine the visions and the people like Abraham, Jesus, Buddha, and others whose lives were redirected by their experiences.

Project Visibility: Receiving Quality Care for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Older Adults—Friday, October 18, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Sandy Davenport from the Pima Council On Aging will discuss Project Visibility, which provides training for home health agencies and facilities that wish to provide safe and respectful communities for GLBT residents. Sandy will explain what this program includes, how to determine if a service provider has received the training, and how to help service providers obtain the training. Sandy will also discuss questions that GLBT individuals, their families, caregivers, and/or their pastoral care visitors should be asking in advance of requiring care, either at home or in a long-term care setting, and also when making a final decision regarding a residential facility. Please note: This program had been publicized earlier as taking place at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church. It is now taking place at Grace St. Paul’s.

Film and Fellowship—Friday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Film and Fellowship presents Cloud Atlas, one the most epic cinematic experiences in film history! The cast includes Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Susan Sarandon, Hugh Grant, Hugo Weaving, and more, crossing gender, age, and ethnic lines as their characters incarnate through the ages. Starting in 1849, the film traces relationships and consequences as they ripple through the centuries, all the way to the 24th century. We see how acts of kindness permeate the lives of those affected, eventually transforming a killer into a hero and inspiring a social revolution. Film and Fellowship is always the third Friday of each month, is always free, and is hosted by Kitt Cordero and Eric Carr. A potluck dinner with fresh popcorn starts at 6:30, followed by the film at 7:00 and a lively discussion afterward. Come join us!

EfM Graduates’ Forum—Mondays, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. in the Weeks Room. This monthly forum is for graduates of EfM. The purpose of the forum is to provide an ongoing format in which we can continue to participate in the transformation of the world within a supportive group. Each month’s forum is a two-hour meeting with a theme, a short reading or video, reflection and discussion, and ending with worship. Advance registration is required; please call the church office to sign up. This forum is convened by Brian Arthur, member of GSP and current EfM facilitator.

Spirit Players: A Play Reading Experience—Friday, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Grace St. Paul’s Spirit Players’ First Friday play reading for November is the elegant fantasy, The Madwoman of Chaillot, authored by Jean Giradoux, a French novelist, essayist, diplomat and playwright. He is considered among the most important French dramatists of the period between World War I and World War II.

In the not-so-distant past (or is it the present?) a group of money-hungry businessmen plot to tear up Paris in order to unearth the oil which a prospector believes he has located under a popular cafe. When these plans come to the attention of The Madwoman of Chaillot, she rallies her bohemian friends and neighbors to foil the greedy tycoons. The beauty of the world and goodness of everyday people come to the fore as the Madwoman finds her lost love.
The reading on Nov. 1 begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. No theatre or public speaking experience is necessary; parts will be randomly assigned to anyone who shows up. Non-readers are welcome as well and can participate as an “audience.” Facilitated by Halsy Taylor and Nanalee Raphael, theatre professionals and aficionados.

Rummage Sale Collection continues TODAY!!
Please bring us your items for GSP’s 3rd annual youth rummage sale to benefit J2A Pilgrimage. We will be collecting Sunday mornings in the Mary of Bethany room (room 11) in the undercroft. We need furniture, large and small appliances, camping equipment, household items, clothing, tools, games and toys! Please help us by making sure your donations are in good shape for sale.

Please contact Rosalind Garcia at 327-6857 or at Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org for more information and large item pick-up dates.

ST. ZENO’S ZOMBIE CHOIR
Do you enjoy munching brains at coffee hour? Then the Zombies may be for you. The St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir, directed by Christina Jarvis, is looking for youth from middle school to college age to sing and/or play instruments for 10:00 Sunday services and other services throughout the church year. We rehearse in the St. Nicholas Room from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. on Sundays. Please sign up with Christina or contact her at 628-8119 or by email at clj@delegation.org for further information.

FELLOWSHIP

20s/30s GROUP: SAVE THE DATE
The 20s/30s Group is heading to Halloween Howl at Colossal Cave. The event has haunted hay wagon rides, candlelight cave tours, food, and more. We will be going the evening of October 26. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Health & Healing Ministries

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM
The Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) invites everyone to submit prayer requests for the IPT to Linda Brown through email (gsipt@aim.com), by calling 795-1720, or by contacting her in person at Grace St. Paul’s. These prayer requests are sent to the IPT members and placed on private prayer lists. The names are held in strict confidentiality and privacy is respected by all members of the IPT. The IPT members invite all GSP members to join in a "virtual prayer time" from noon to 12:05 p.m. every day.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER
We have made reaching a member of the pastoral care team easier and quicker. If you have a pastoral emergency after hours, please call (520) 668-5727. If you would like to learn more about how to become a trained pastoral care team member, please contact Lynne Albright.

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.

DONATIONS: TIHAN POZ CAFÉ
Donations are being sought for TIHAN’s Poz Café. Items needed: toilet paper and paper towels. Thank you for your support! For more information, please contact Jay Elliston at tcsnjay@aol.com.

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
Parish Membership & Administration

We believe everyone who comes to Grace St. Paul’s has something to offer this community, and we are happy to welcome you. Information forms are available in the church office Monday through Friday, and in McBride Hall at the Welcome Table on Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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 AN EVENT 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.

Coming Up in the Diocese

DIOCESAN MEN’S RETREAT
“Dare to be Known”
Join Bishop Kirk Smith, Craig Weatherup (former CEO of PepsiCo) and Rectors Phil Jackson, Bruce Jackson, and Jim Clark for an event geared to strengthen men in their spiritual journey.

The weekend includes:
✓ prayer
✓ insightful presentations
✓ group discussion
✓ personal time

Dates: Fri., November 22 – Sun., November 24
Cost: $50 – $186 (depending on occupancy) (scholarships available upon request)
LOCATION:
Chapel Rock Camp, 1131 Country Club Drive, Prescott, AZ
For registration information, go to www.azdiocese.org
The Sunday Octave: October 6 – 13

Sunday, October 6
The First Sunday of Creation
8 a.m. – Communion Service – Sanctuary
8 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation – McBride Hall
9 a.m. – Co-Creation & Giving at GSP – Bloom Education Center
9:45 a.m. – Childcare begins – Nursery
10 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Coffee Hour – Sanctuary, McBride Hall
11:45 a.m. – Introduction to Centering Prayer Practice – Weeks Room
12:30 p.m. – St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir rehearsal – St. Nicholas Room
5 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals – Labyrinth

Monday, October 7
10 a.m. – Animate: Faith Development for Progressive Christians (Group 2) – Bloom Education Center
11:30 a.m. – Spiritual Direction – Julian Chapel
4 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall
7 p.m. – Animate: Faith Development for Progressive Christians (Group 1) – off-site
7 p.m. – Green Church Committee – Mary of Bethany Room
7 p.m. – Tucson Masterworks Chorale rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – Weeks Room
7:30 p.m. – AA Southside Group – McBride Hall

Tuesday, October 8
9 a.m. – Spiritual Book Discussion Group – Bloom Education Center
5 p.m. – Family Caregiver Support Group – Weeks Room
6 p.m. – Evening Prayer – Julian Chapel
6 p.m. – Arizona Repertory Singers rehearsal – McBride Hall
6:30 p.m. – EfM Year 13 Group – Bloom Educ. Center
7 p.m. – Interfaith Meditation Group – Julian Chapel

Wednesday, October 9
7 a.m. – Communion Service – Julian Chapel
9 a.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – Weeks Room
10 a.m. – GSP Quilting Ministry – McBride Hall
12:30 p.m. – GSP Staff Meeting – Bloom Educ. Center
1:30 p.m. – Liturgy Planning Meeting – Bloom Educ. Ctr.
5 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall
7 p.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – McBride Hall
7 p.m. – Gifted by Otherness Women’s Group – St. Francis Room
7 p.m. – Sonora Winds concert – Sanctuary

Thursday, October 10
10:30 a.m. – Bridge Group – Bloom Education Center
2 p.m. – Musica Sonora rehearsal – McBride Hall
3 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – Weeks Room
4 p.m. – Tucson Chamber Artists rehearsal – Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. – Spirit Now: An Emerging Worship Experience, Inclusive and Interactive – McBride Hall
5:30 p.m. – TIHAN Congregational Liaison meeting – Bloom Education Center
7:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal – Chancel
7:30 p.m. – Musica Sonora rehearsal – McBride Hall

Friday, October 11
9:30 a.m. – TIHAN Congregational Liaison meeting – Bloom Education Center
Noon – Opera Guild of Southern Arizona Brown-Bag Preview Luncheon – McBride Hall
2:30 p.m. – Musica Sonora rehearsal – McBride Hall
4:30 p.m. – Wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. – Tucson Chamber Artists concert – Sanctuary
8 p.m. – AA Goodlife Group – Weeks Room

Saturday, October 12
10 a.m. – Memorial Service for Clif Click – Sanctuary; reception follows in McBride Hall
6 p.m. – Newcomers’ Dinner – off-site

Sunday, October 13
The Second Sunday of Creation
8 a.m. – Communion Service – Sanctuary
8 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation – McBride Hall
9 a.m. – The Solitary Visions of Charismatic Religious Leaders – Bloom Education Center
9:45 a.m. – Childcare begins – Nursery
10 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by Coffee Hour – Sanctuary, McBride Hall
11:45 a.m. – Introduction to Centering Prayer Practice – Weeks Room
Noon – Lay Minister training (Chalice Bearers, Readers, Acolytes) – Chancel
12:30 p.m. – St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir rehearsal – St. Nicholas Room
3 p.m. – Musica Sonora concert – Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. – Telling Our Stories: Giving & Receiving in Community – McBride Hall
Our Mission:
Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal Church is a spiritual home, open to all, built on a progressive Christian theology, providing food for the journey and calling people to change the world.

Our Vision:
Grace St. Paul’s will be known for its commitment to the spiritual formation of people, that they might live a dynamically transformative Christian life. This vision will be embodied in:

- experience of Christ’s love
- innovative Episcopal worship
- education in progressive Christianity for all ages
- a diverse congregation
- full integration of children and youth
- celebration of individual gifts
- action in the community.

Vestry
Martha P. L. Whitaker, Senior Warden; Mark Drew, Junior Warden; Rob Rauh, Chancellor; Peggy Scott, Giving & Receiving Chair; Tom Pitello, Treasurer; Lou Ann Bieging, Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry Members: Kitt Bret Harte, David Clements, Chris Eastoe, Spencer Hunter, Steve Mattix, Roger Pierce, Lu Pipentacos, Richard Rhoads, Janet Roths, Holly Shinn, Jean Marie Smart, Steve Williams

Clergy
Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona; Mary Delaney, Joe Fitzgerald, Rosanna Kazanjian, Priest Associates; Nancy Meister Book, Deacon; Lynn Marie Hunter, Ana Ortiz, Interfaith Ministers; Debbie Royals, Assistant to the Rector; Steve Keplinger, Rector.

Pastoral Ministries—Health & Healing Ministries
Healing Touch: Pat Dickson, CHTP; Linda Hutson, CHTP; Ann Misenhimer, CHTP; Carol Forshey, CHTP; Miriam Huber, CHTP; Dorée Ramey; Mary Wildner-Bassett, CHTP

Community of Hope Leaders: Lynne Albright, Kay Biglestone, Patricia Dickson, Ann Schlumberger

Intercessory Prayer: Linda Brown

Staff
Joan Brundage, Director, Children’s Choir; Jane Click, Pianist; Director, Handbell Choir; Pamela Decker, Organist; KiKi Fenik, Parish Administrator; Rosalind Garcia, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries; Christina Jarvis, Music Director; Patti Morrison, Bookkeeper; Bob Randall, Computer & Staff Consultant; James Teal, Facilities Assistant; David Wachter, Publications Manager & Computer Specialist; James White, Sexton.

Sunday School Teachers, Youth Mentors
Beginning (Preschool & Kindergarten) (meets in the Martha of Bethany Room): Nikki Kerns, Suzanne McCullough, Rochelle Ramey, Holden Sanders
Primary (Grades 1-3) (meets in the St. Jude Room): Judy Gossard, Holly Shinn
Intermediate (Grades 4-6) (meets in the Weeks Room): Madeleine Caldwell, David Christy, Jim Kane, Jean Keplinger
Youth Groups (Grades 7-12) (meets in the St. Francis Room): Eric Carr, Brian Fairbanks, Alice Garcia, Michael Sugimoto

Verger
Beth Miksa, Verger

Adult Spiritual Formation & Education Ministry Group
Peggy Scott and Roger Pierce, Co-Chairpersons

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