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Creation Sunday

October 7, 2012

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Sanctuary Flowers

Today’s altar plants are given to the glory of God and for the beauty of the worship service
• in memory of Herman White on his birthday, by the White family.
If you would like to dedicate flowers or plants, please call the church office at 327-6857.

Service Participants, 8 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nadine Martin
Assisting: The Rev. Debbie Royals
Subdeacon: Chris Ledyard
Lectors: Rick Wood, Brian Arthur
Gospel in
Spanish: Peggy Scott
Chalice: Pia Cunea, Marilyn Thompson
Acolyte: Ann Schlumberger
Altar Guild: Ann Schlumberger
Ushers: Robin Beelen, Robert Rosenberg, Peggy Scott, Heather Williams

Service Participants, 10 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nadine Martin
Assisting: The Rev. Debbie Royals
Subdeacons: Linda Hutson, Nanalee Raphael
Lectors: James Neeley, B.J. Bower
Gospel in
Spanish: Judith Fischer
Chalice: Chuck Hannan, Linda Hutson, Chris Ledyard
Server: Isaiah Davis
Crucifer: Kayla Cordero
Torches: George Ballenger, Olivia Lara
Ushers: Aimee Graves, Effie Graves, Nancy Smith, Diana Bailey
Altar Guild: Aimee Graves, Effie Graves, Nancy Smith, Diana Bailey
Greeters: Kayla Cordero, Jean Smart

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
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 Keplinger, Celebrant

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

Prelude

Quiet Village
Les Baxter, arr. George Wright

Greeting and Announcements

Processional Hymn

Pray for the wilderness

(stanzas 1 & 2)

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

Pray for the forest open and vast;
Learn from the dragonfly, spider, and snail;
Work for the health of each plant and each seed;
Trust that earth's people will turn to the good;
Learn from the river, the rock, and the tree,

Pray for the people who live in the trees,
Learn from the people in neighboring lands,
Work for the creatures abuse has betrayed,
Trust that creation for ever will grow,
Work till shalom in full harmony rings,

Pray for the planet brought down by degrees.
Learn from the children who play in their sands.
Work for the garden God's wisdom once made.
Trust that God's goodness to us over flows.
Trust the connection of all living things.
Opening Acclamation

The Opening Acclamation 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.

Chant of Praise

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
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 Sirach [42:15-25]

I will now call to mind the works of God, and will declare what I have seen. By the word of God his works are made; and all his creatures do his will. The sun looks down on everything with its light, and the work of God is full of his glory. God has not empowered even his holy ones to recount all his marvelous works, which God Almighty has established so that the universe may stand firm in his glory. He searches out the abyss and the human heart; he understands their innermost secrets. For the Most High knows all that may be known; he sees from of old the things that are to come. He discloses what has been and what is to be, and he reveals the traces of hidden things. No thought escapes him, and nothing is hidden from him. He has set in order the splendors of his wisdom; he is from all eternity one and the same. Nothing can be added or taken away, and he needs no one to be his counselor. How desirable are all his works, and how sparkling they are to see! All these things live and remain forever; each creature is preserved to meet a particular need. All things come in pairs, one opposite the other, and he has made nothing incomplete. Each supplements the virtues of the other. Who could ever tire of seeing his glory?
Psalm 24 The Psalm is read responsively.

1 The earth and all that is in it belong to the Holy One; *
   the world and all who dwell therein are God’s creation.

2 For God laid its foundations upon the seas *
   and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 Ascend the mountain of the Holy One, *
   and seek the sacred places of the Living God.

4 Come with innocent eyes and clean hands, and do not lift up your heart to vanities; *
   do not give yourself to idols, nor pledge yourself to lies.

5 Those who follow the Holy One shall be blessed; *
   they shall learn wisdom from the God of their deliverance.

6 So it is for those who seek your face, O God; *
   they shall rest in the arms of your compassion.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
   and the God of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this God of glory? *
   the Holy One, strong and steadfast, the Holy One, steadfast in adversity.

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
   and the God of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this God of glory? *
   the God of all creation; this is the God of glory.

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God to People of Faith

[“Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” from The Country of Marriage, copyright © 1973 by Wendell Berry]

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know.

So, friends, every day do something that won’t compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.
Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.

Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion—put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not go cheap for power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields. Lie down in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicos can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn’t go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

A period of silence follows, marked with meditation bell.

Sequence Music

A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Mark 10:2-16]

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.
The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

The Sermon

Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

Please be seated.

A period of silence follows, 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 appear on page 40.

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. We pray for the children of northwestern Nigeria who are severely ill and have died from extreme lead toxicity due to unsafe gold mining in the region. We pray that controls will be put in place to end this crisis.

(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 especially pray this week for those who are struggling with loss, despair, illness, death, or addiction.

(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 Miriam Cummings and her family.

(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.

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.

The Collect after the Prayers for the People is composed and adapted by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.
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 be rung to 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)
Please be seated.

Table Chant

Please stand, as you are able.

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:

Sanctus (Holy)

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Verse

1. All the Universe is full of your Glory,
2. Blessed is the One who comes in your name,

Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.
Music & text © 2001, 2005 KEL
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)

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

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.

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.

Communion Chant

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The Communion

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

Please stand, as you are able.
The Postcommunion Prayer is adapted from The Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Recessional Hymn Hail the Earth that first appeared

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared. Alleluia!
2. Hail the rainbow flying high. Alleluia!

When a word from God was heard. Alleluia!
Spun by God across the sky. Alleluia!
Dismissal

**Deacon:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in beauty of God's world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Postlude**

*And Faith Points Upward to the Sky*

*The Sacred Harp*

arr. Robert J. Powell

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*Please join us following this service for the GSP Ministry Fair in McBride Hall (across the labyrinth).*
10 a.m. Communion Service  
The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrant

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

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.

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 and during the Prelude.

Prelude

Quiet Village  
Les Baxter, arr. George Wright

Litany of the Four Elements

The Litany of the Four Elements is by Kate Compston and is taken from Earth and all the Stars, edited by Anne Rowthorn.

Today’s service begins with a procession to the four elements of creation. It is led by the sacred Eagle Dance that is done in honor of the Eagle itself. The Eagle is held in the highest regard in many indigenous traditions. In today’s service, the Dancer represents humanity’s link with God through creation. The Dancer wears Eagle wings and an Eagle tail imitating the great bird of prey. The dance symbolically begins by representing the eagle leaving the nest and making a big circle as it flies around the world, collecting Prayers and Blessings. The Dance then moves in circular patterns to the four directions. It finishes in a figure eight, making a circle in the opposite direction and ending back home.

During the Procession, the elements of earth, wind, fire, and water will be presented at each station.

The Earth Station

Celebrant: Earth, wind, fire, and water are traditionally symbols of life. Our “slavery to sin” has meant that these elements may equally carry and contain death.

Life: I am life. I offer earth to share between the daughters and sons of God—soil for bearing plants to sustain the planet’s life and yield bread for all people.
Death: I am death. I take earth away from the many and give it to the few. I exploit and overuse it. I waste its bread, while many starve.

Celebrant: O God, who wore our clay in Christ, we confess we have not shared the land; we have broken our bond with the earth and one another.

All: Forgive us: we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.

The Wind Station

Life: I offer air to breathe; for the endless energy of the wind, for birds to fly, and seeds to blow. Air has no frontiers; we share the breath of life.

Death: I fill the air with poisonous fumes which all must breathe, and which claw away the threads of the universe.

Celebrant: O God, who breathed life into the world, we confess that we have polluted the air; we cannot sense the harmony of your creation.

All: Forgive us, we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.

The Fire Station

Life: I offer fire for life and warmth, for purification and power. Fire draws us together in fellowship, around a meal cooked and shared together.

Death: I use fire for my own violent ends. I burn the forest and choke the air. I give the rich the earth’s energy to waste: I deny the poor their fuel to cook with.

Celebrant: O God, pillar of fire, and Pentecostal flame, we confess our lack of inner fire for your justice to be done, your peace shared on earth.

All: Forgive us, we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.

The Water Station

Life: I offer water to drink and cleanse; to be the veins and arteries of the land; I offer strong waves for energy and still lakes for calm of spirit.

Death: I pollute water with waste from the mines and factories, that it may kill the fish, be bitter to drink, and carry disease. I withdraw water from the land and make a desert; I extend the waters of the sea and drown cities.

Celebrant: O God, fountain of all living waters, we confess that we are cracked cisterns, lacking stillness to listen to your word, and energy to act on it.

All: Forgive us, we have chosen death. We long for healing: we choose Your life.

Celebrant: God of earth, wind, fire, and water, we surrender to you our old humanity;

All: Christ, we would rise with you: we would be born anew.

Celebrant: Christ has died: Christ has risen. We are forgiven: we too may leave the grave.
Entrance Hymn

The Opening Acclamation 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.
Chant of Praise

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.  No. 398, The Hymnal 1982
Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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 Sirach [42:15-25]

I will now call to mind the works of God, and will declare what I have seen. By the word of God his works are made; and all his creatures do his will. The sun looks down on everything with its light, and the work of God is full of his glory. God has not empowered even his holy ones to recount all his marvelous works, which God Almighty has established so that the universe may stand firm in his glory. He searches out the abyss and the human heart; he understands their innermost secrets. For the Most High knows all that may be known; he sees from of old the things that are to come. He discloses what has been and what is to be, and he reveals the traces of hidden things. No thought escapes him, and nothing is hidden from him. He has set in order the splendors of his wisdom; he is from all eternity one and the same. Nothing can be added or taken away, and he needs no one to be his counselor. How desirable are all his works, and how sparkling they are to see! All these things live and remain forever; each creature is preserved to meet a particular need. All things come in pairs, one opposite the other, and he has made nothing incomplete. Each supplements the virtues of the other. Who could ever tire of seeing his glory?

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s Creation.
People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 24  The Choir sings the Antiphon first, then all repeat the Antiphon.

Antiphon

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors.

1 The earth and all that is in it belong to the Holy One; *
the world and all who dwell therein are God’s creation.

2 For God laid its foundations upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 Ascend the mountain of the Holy One, *
and seek the sacred places of the Living God.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

4 Come with innocent eyes and clean hands, and do not lift up your heart to vanities; *
do not give yourself to idols, nor pledge yourself to lies.

5 Those who follow the Holy One shall be blessed; *
they shall learn wisdom from the God of their deliverance.

6 So it is for those who seek your face, O God; *
they shall rest in the arms of your compassion.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
and the God of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this God of glory? *
the Holy One, strong and steadfast, the Holy One, steadfast in adversity.

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
and the God of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this God of glory? *
the God of all creation; this is the God of glory.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON
Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know.

So, friends, every day do something that won’t compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.

Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion—put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not go cheap for power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields. Lie down in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is nighest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicos can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn’t go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

A period of silence follows, marked with meditation bell.
Sequence Hymn

**Earth is gift of God’s creation**

**(stanzas 1 & 4)**

1. Earth is gift of God’s creation, ours to nurture
2. We are kin to every being, sharing space on
3. When our lifestyle lessens others, we become a
4. Tending space within earth’s garden, honoring the

or neglect. We are called to witness boldly
earth, our home. Yet we squander vast resources,
measure less. When we choose to live more simply
future there, we can serve with God as partners,

that all life deserves respect. How can we see rich and
seek to save ourselves alone. Can we lose our tunnel
we confirm what we profess. As we seek to keep life
a community of care. Strengthened by the rainbow's
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo!

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing

Words: Edith Sinclair Downing, 2002
Music: Abbot’s Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)
little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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, marked with meditation bell.

Creedal Statement: Affirmation of Faith

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 40.

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. We pray for the children of northwestern Nigeria who are severely ill and have died from extreme lead toxicity due to unsafe gold mining in the region. We pray that controls will be put in place to end this crisis.
(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 especially pray this week for those who are struggling with loss, despair, illness, death, or addiction.

(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 Miriam Cummings and her family.

(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.

**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 is said, the People standing, sitting, or kneeling (as able).
The Confession of Sin is taken from the Web of Creation website.

A Remembering
A small piece of rosemary is given to each person as a reminder of our past connection with creation.

Celebrant: As we rub this symbol in our hands we remember our wonder when we first saw Earth as a green-blue planet spinning in space.

All: O God, we thank you for our planet home.

Deacon: We remember and confess how we have violated and polluted our garden planet.

All: Christ, born on planet Earth, hear our cry.

A Confession

Deacon: God, we have treated our planet as disposable, as an endless pool of resources, as a mere stopping place on route to heaven,

All: Christ, born on planet Earth,
We have turned our greed into global warming,
We are sorry. We are sorry.

The Absolution

Celebrant: Christ hears our confession and forgives our sins against the planet.

All: Christ, teach us to love Earth as our home and the planet as a precious sanctuary.

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.

All: Shalom! Earth is our home. 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 be rung to 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)

If you are visiting us for the first time, please do not put anything in the offering. Your presence is gift enough for God and for us.

Offertory Anthem

All creatures of our God now sing Lasst uns erfreuen,
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, arr. Margaret R. Tucker

St. Cecilia’s Children’s Choir, St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir, Adult Choir, Bell Choir

Pause
Please stand, as you are able.

**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, sensuous, 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)**

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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.

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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.

Fraction Anthem  
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 Chant

Refrain
From the fruit of your Creation Bread and wine we bring to share,

Verse
From the bounty of the Planet That you give to human care.

By your Spirit all is sacred So your Presence may appear,

In thanks-giving celebration For your people gathered here.  Repeat Refrain

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Communion Anthem

Soplo de Dios viviente/Breath of the living God
Floríndez, Carl Gottlieb Hering, arr. Lorraine Floríndez
St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir, Adult Choir, Michael Sugimoto, soloist

Communion Hymn
O blessed spring
(Green) WLP No. 765

1. O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us
2. Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain
3. When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4. As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our
5. Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for
Sending Eucharistic Visitors

After Communion, the service resumes here.

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

The first half of the prayer is from China and the second half is from New Zealand. Both were taken from Meditations and Prayers from Around the World, Morehouse Publishing.

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 Benediction was written by Edward Abbey.

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

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

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

Recessional Hymn

Hail the Earth that first appeared

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared. Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hail the rainbow flying high. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Hail the planet blue and green. Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Hail our body made with clay. Al - le - lu - ia!
5. Hail the groans of Earth in pain. Al - le - lu - ia!
When a word from God was heard._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Spun by God a - cross the sky._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the faice of God is seen._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Giv - en breath to praise and pray._ Al - le - lu - ia!
From the weight of hu - man sin._ Al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Earth a - rise and be._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Giv - ing Earth a sol - emn word._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry fill - ing all the Earth._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Clay God hon - ored by God's birth._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Long - ing for the Christ who died._ Al - le - lu - ia!

Filled _ with _ liv - ing mys - te - ry._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Nev - er _ to un - leash a flood._ Al - le - lu - ia!
Cel - e - brat - ing ev - ery birth._ Al - le - lu - ia!
As _ a _ hu - man life on Earth._ Al - le - lu - ia!
All _ cre - a - tion to re - vive._ Al - le - lu - ia!

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

And Faith Points Upward to the Sky

The Sacred Harp,
arr. Robert J. Powell

Please join us in McBride Hall following this service for the GSP Ministry Fair in McBride Hall (across the labyrinth).

During the Prayers of the People 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 who serve Grace St. Paul’s; The Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Rev. Dr. Justice Akrofi, Archbishop of West Africa & Bishop of Accra; St. Alban’s in Wickenburg; and progressive congregations and organizations in Pennsylvania including Christ Church in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, and Redeemer Church in Pittsburgh.

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; Frederick Jenning; Eric Osche; Mark Pundt; Thomas Rice; Terrence Robinson; Laramie Struble; Matt Woodruff; James Zuelow, Jr; Brian.

We pray for William Brown; the family and friends of Miriam Cummings; Henry Dirtadian; Eleanor Feeney; Christine Nelson; Suzanne Nystrom; the Pascoe family; Danielle Phillips; Dorée Ramey; Peter Sincox; Susan Southwick; Ann M. Stephens; Elizabeth Traficanti; Raymond Turner; Ed; Lee; Betsy Bret Harte & Mkay Zeeb; Dennis DeWitt; Mary Jane Hunt; Francesca Jarvis; Tony Jones; Jim Kimmins; Sara Livezey; Amy & Phil; Charlie; Connie; Fred; Grace; Harold; Jerry & Rondy; Sister Joan Therese; Monica & Carri; Nicole; Pat, Sam, Sarah & Josh; Shari; Tom.

We hold in prayer animal companions that are in need, especially Saskia; Mas; Sophie; Biscuit; Teddy.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died, especially Chispa; Xena; Scruffy.

We pray for those who have died, especially Miriam Cummings.

We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border, and all those who have died in Afghanistan, especially Riley G. Stephens; Jonathan A. Gollnitz; Orion N. Sparks.

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.
The Sunday bulletin is filled with information about events at Grace St. Paul’s or of interest to the Grace St. Paul’s community. Please take it home and read it at your leisure. There’s something for everyone!

Check out GSP’s website: [www.gsptucson.org](http://www.gsptucson.org).

**GSP Ministry Fair, Sunday, October 7**

Today the various ministries of Grace St. Paul’s will be on display in McBride Hall after the 8 and 10 a.m. services. You will have the chance to take a look at all the things we do, and to let your heart speak to you about how you can find and join the ministry that calls to you.

**Represent Grace St. Paul’s at Pride in the Desert**

For the last several years, Grace St. Paul’s GLBT and straight members have participated in Tucson’s annual Pride celebration. As outreach, all interested members are invited to represent our parish at Pride in the Desert this year.

- **Be present at the Interfaith Pride Service**, here at Grace St. Paul’s, Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m.
- **Participate in the Pride Parade** by simply showing up at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, October 13 at GSP’s parking lot.
  - If you have a GSP T-shirt, please wear it (see below), along with whatever head covering and sunscreen you will need.
  - This is great fun, as GSP is recognized in the GLBT community as being a great place, so cheers and cheery hellos are commonplace as we process!
- **Staff the Grace St. Paul’s table at the Pride Festival**, Saturday, October 13, Noon to 6 p.m. (2-hour shifts).
  - A sign-up will be circulated at today’s coffee hours.
  - Please wear a blue GSP T-shirt.
  - This is also a fun way to engage people in conversation and promote the parish.

Note: GSP Blue T-shirts are also available today in limited sizes for those in the parade or at the festival. An $8 donation is requested, but not required.

**Parish Fun Night Potluck**

- **What**: Parish Fun Night Potluck
- **Where**: GSP, McBride Hall
- **When**: Saturday, October 13 from 4-7 p.m.
- **Who**: Everybody is welcome—games for the kids!
- **How**: Contact Carrie Kube at kubeandyandcarrie@yahoo.com to let her know how many will be coming and what dish you will bring.
This is meant to be a fun, easy come-as-you-are evening. Join us, meet other GSP families, and relax! A second potluck is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at 4-7 p.m. in McBride Hall.

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**Parish Wellness Meeting, Sunday, October 14**

Plan to attend one of the Parish Wellness Meetings after the 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday services on October 14. You'll learn about all the ministry news, the status of our Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee, and take part in a discussion about the past summer’s liturgical experiments. We will want your opinions on:

- The shorter announcements at the beginning of the service, followed by a time of quiet and darkness before the prelude, which contribute to creating a more meditative worship space;
- The longer time between meditation bells, which helps continue the meditative feel throughout the service;
- The change to our bulletin to add all of the hymns and make the bulletin easy to use for everyone, but especially newcomers;
- The Sunday bulletin having been available for download to an electronic device;
- The availability of a QR code at the front door of the church for downloading the Sunday Bulletin as you enter; and
- The 8 a.m. Sunday worship experiment of utilizing a Prayer Book liturgy

I look forward to seeing you all there! — Martha P.L. Whitaker, Senior Warden

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**How You Can Support the Rector’s Discretionary Fund**

In August 2012, the Vestry voted to identify the second Sunday of each liturgical season as the day on which the loose plate offering is designated for the Rector’s Discretionary Fund (RDF). Since Fr. Steve’s arrival, 100 percent of the RDF has been used to support social service ministries, to assist those in need. That means that all of your donation goes to support this ministry. Your next opportunity to donate to the RDF is **October 14**, the day of the Parish Wellness Meeting.

Here is a handy cut-and-save list of Sundays through 2013, designated for the RDF:

- October 14, 2012
- December 9, 2012
- December 30, 2012
- January 13, 2013
- February 24, 2013
- April 7, 2013
- May 26, 2013
- October 13, 2013
- December 8, 2013
- December 29, 2013

Feel free to post it on your refrigerator!
We Want Your Stuff!
Second Annual J2A Rummage Sale

We are collecting gently used items to sell at our **Saturday, November 17 Rummage Sale** (7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.). We particularly need furniture, household items, clothing in excellent condition, toys in excellent condition, working electronics, working small appliances, DVDs, and patio furniture.

Items will be accepted on Sundays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Wardall Room, beginning September 30. **Our last collection day will be Sunday, November 11.** Arrangements for limited pickup of heavy or bulky items must be made through Co-chairs Carrie Kube who can be reached at kubeandyandcarrie@yahoo.com or 548-1538 or Nicole Kerns at nicoljam2010@yahoo.com or 289-6250. Please do not call after 8:30 p.m.

Tax receipts will be available on Sundays or in the church office. We must have a copy of your tax receipt on file in the office in order for you to be able to claim your deduction. Thank you for your help in keeping our paperwork in order.

**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 the co-chairs of the Coffee Hour Hospitality ministry: Kathy Allen (327-4448) and Phoebe Goodwin (820-6081).
Liturgy & Music

SPIRIT NOW: an Emerging Worship Experience, Inclusive and Interactive—5:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Chancel.

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. You are encouraged to come for a while (3 to 4 consecutive weeks) to experience the rhythm of this Daily Office. Stay afterwards for the brief fellowship afterwards if you’d like. We’re a small group looking to expand a few more and will turn away no one—come and join us in the joy of small, prayerful community. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Chris Ledyard, Chuck or Nan Hannan, Gale Odion, or Mark Drew.

INTERFAITH MEDITATION GROUP

Please join us for meditation every Tuesday at 7 p.m. 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 are an experienced meditator. Our format begins with a short walking meditation flowing into 20-25 minutes of silent seated meditation. We then take a short break before playing a short audio or video talk for those who wish to remain. These talks are on meditation and related contemplative topics from a variety of Eastern and Western faith traditions. For more information please contact David Clements at 408-7446.
ALTAR GUILD THANKS & SEEKS MEMBERS

Please extend your gratitude for service and leadership to Laura Oney, Beth Lee, and Chuck and Nan Hannan, all of whom have served GSP many years as Team Leaders and Chairs. While they intend to continue regularly volunteering on the Altar Guild, they would like to direct their energies to new endeavors. Beth Lee has taken on Linen Care Team Leader; and Chuck Hannan Supply Ordering Liaison. Ann Schlumberger, Heather Williams, Jane Thrall, Jean Smart, and Chuck & Nan Hannan have graciously stepped into team leadership roles for the next year.

If you are interested in finding out more about serving on GSP’s Altar Guild, please contact Aimee Graves at aimeegraves67@gmail.com or 971-7247.

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. sermon may be ordered at the Rector’s bookshelf.

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 & Education

GSP Readers’ Group—Mondays, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 17 & 31 at 3 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. A lively and thoughtful discussion of a wide variety of books—each one chosen by participants with a focus on spiritual and personal growth. You will enjoy the conversations and meet some new people, too. Everyone is invited—come and explore this wonderful experience of fellowship and new insight. Linda Hutson is convener and coordinator for the group.

Rev. Richard Rohr Webcasts—Saturdays, Oct. 13 & Dec. 8, 10 a.m., in the Bloom Education Center. Richard Rohr is a highly acclaimed speaker, conference leader and spiritual guide. Founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico, Fr. Rohr, a Franciscan, has produced some of the most exciting books in recent decades about developing the spiritual life after the patterns of Jesus’ teachings. He is an excellent and captivating speaker as you will discover in these two webcasts. In October he will speak about Practicing Contemplation and Facing Paradox; then in December about The True Self and the Risen Christ. Sessions typically last 1.5 to 2 hours. Peggy Scott and Brian Arthur will facilitate the sessions and lead discussion.

Film & Fellowship—Fridays, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. How can you beat a potluck meal and a great movie!? Take part in the wonderful fellowship and the stimulating discussion of the evening’s movie with old friends and new friends, too. Discussion and
movie themes range from social justice to romance—something for everyone. The group selects each month’s film, so what’s your favorite? Led by Kitt Cordero and Eric Carr, GSP members and film aficionados.

Joan Chittister: A Voice of Hope and Renewal—Sundays, October 21 & 28, November 4 at 9 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Joan Chittister, well-known international speaker, theologian, social psychologist, and prolific writer, is a voice of hope for the future. A leader in justice ministries, peace initiatives and women’s movements for equality, the Benedictine abbess covers a wide range of spiritual topics which will be explored in this three-week discussion of her work. Video presentations will be used with references to her many books. Facilitated by Lynne Albright, Brian Arthur, and Peggy Scott.

Exploring Interspirituality Through The Mystic Heart—Sundays, October 21 & 28, November 4 & 11 at 11:45 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. “Interspirituality” draws on the world’s diverse spiritual traditions which address solidarity with all of life, self-knowledge, non-violence, daily spiritual practice, and simplicity of life style. This 4-week exploration will use Wayne Teasdale’s book, The Mystic Heart: Discovering A Universal Spirituality in the World’s Religions as a basis for discussion and conversation. The exploration will be led by Anna Ortiz, GSP member and ordained Interfaith Minister.

Longing Soul, Aging Body—Mondays, Oct. 22 & 29, Nov. 5, 12 & 19 at 1 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. “So Sarah laughed to herself…” (Gen. 18:12) A paradox: what happens when the soul is still giving birth and the body laughs? Join this small group, meeting once a week for six weeks to explore the issues that arise when the spirit is alive and confronts the realities, the compromises, the changes that are part of the aging process. The group will be led by Rev. Rosanna C. Kazanjian and Rabbi Helen Cohn. It is limited to 8 participants and registration is required. Contact the Parish Office, 327-6857, to register.

Spirit Players: A Play-Reading Experience—Fridays, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bloom Education Center. Love the theatre? Curious about stageplays? Want to assume a new identity for an hour or two? Then join us as a reader OR an observer as we give voice to comedies, dramas, social commentaries, and more. Scripts are available to all at these unrehearsed readings scheduled the first Friday of each month. Lively discussions may follow when time allows. Warning: May be addictive, causing increased patronage of live performance. Readings coordinated by Nanalee Raphael and Halsy Taylor, career professionals in theatre design, direction, and performance.

Children, Youth & Families

CALLING PEOPLE WITH MUSCLE AND/OR TRUCKS
J2A youth group is having a rummage pick-up day on Saturday, October 13 at 2 p.m. We’re meeting in the north parking lot, where we will receive maps and instructions for bulky item pick up from Rummage sale co-chair Carrie Kube. If you can help, please contact Carrie via e-mail at kubeandyandcarrie@yahoo.com or phone 548-1538. Afterwards, we can meet in the Parish Hall for the Parish Fun Night Potluck from 4-7 p.m.

ANNUAL APPLE ANNIE’S TRIP
The GSP Youth Groups are heading to Apple Annie’s in Willcox for their annual adventure and everyone is invited! The trip is scheduled for Sunday, October 14, leaving GSP right after the 8:00 service. We will meet in the parking lot to coordinate carpools. Apple Annie’s consists of two farms: an orchard with apple trees as well as a gift shop and a burger restaurant, and a farm with a variety of you-pick vegetables and the famous corn
maze. For more information go to the Apple Annie's website (www.appleannies.com) or call Wendy Pipentacos at 954-5193.

**ST. ZENO'S ZOMBIE CHOIR**
Calling all Zombies! The **St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir**, directed by Christina Jarvis, includes youth from middle school to college age. Instrumentalists are also welcome to join the ensemble. We rehearse in the chancel 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.

**Health & Healing Ministries**

**INTERCESSIONARY PRAYER TEAM**
The Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) invites everyone to submit prayer requests for the IPT to Linda Brown through email (gspipt@hushmail.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.**

**HELP GSP’S QUILTING MINISTRY REACH THEIR GOAL!**
The Quilting Ministry needs your help! We have committed to making 100 quilts by November 30, 2012. The quilts are Christmas presents for the children served by St. Andrew’s clinic in Nogales, Arizona. You can help in different ways: join the ministry (no experience necessary), or donate supplies (fabric, thread, batting, etc.). Please contact Judith Turner at 822-4227 for more information and details. Thank you!

**PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER**
We have made reaching a member of the pastoral care team easier and quicker. If you would like to receive a visit or just speak with someone, call (520) 668-5727. Members of our pastoral care team who rotate being “on call” include Lynne Albright, Chuck Hannan, Linda Hutson, Chris Ledyard, Nadine Martin, Nancy Meister Book, and Ana Ortiz. If you would like to learn more about how to become a trained pastoral care team member, please contact Lynne or Kay.

**TRANSPLANT HELP NEEDED**
James Alier Chol, our Sudanese church member who needs a kidney transplant, has had several donors rejected for medical reasons. A year after he came to GSP for help, he still needs people to help him find a donor. He recently had several setbacks, and his need for the transplant is now urgent. Please keep James in your prayers, and help him find people who will volunteer to test for donorship. For information, visit www.kidney.org. If you’re interested in testing, call Celeste, Transplant co-ordinator at the University of Arizona Medical Center, 694-6637. You can reach James at 304-8614.

**PASTORAL CARE VISIT AND/OR COMMUNION**
If you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit or home/hospital communion please call the office number. During the day the volunteer will take the message and pass it along to the “on-call” person. When the office is closed please use the Pastoral Care phone number, 668-5727. The person on call will contact a clergy person or lay pastoral visitor as appropriate.

**Social Justice & Outreach**

**LEADERSHIP CHANGE**
After five years as ministry leader for Joseph’s Pantry, Joan Cooney is stepping down. Joan will continue to volunteer at the pantry but she is going to turn leadership responsibilities over to the new
co-leaders: Brooke Bedrick and Andrew Gardner. We are grateful to Joan for all her hard work—under her leadership the pantry expanded its services to include showers and distribution of toiletries, as well as fresh vegetables from GSP’s community garden. We are pleased she will continue to volunteer and assist Brooke and Andrew as they assume their leadership roles.

We are delighted to welcome Brooke and Andrew as the new co-leaders and thank them in advance for their generous donation of time and energy!

On average, 250 people are helped each week by Joseph’s Pantry.

**JOIN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR A LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES**

“Mental Illness Awareness: Becoming a Welcoming Community” on Thursday, October 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. The Lunch and Learn features speaker UA President Emeritus Dr. Peter Likins, who will discuss what his family experienced in dealing with the stigma of mental illness and the misunderstanding that surrounds it. A panel discussion will follow with members of local faith communities and an open discussion to allow participants to make the most of the session. Clergy, congregational care volunteers, lay leaders, and anyone with an interest in this issue are invited to attend. Registration is $10 per person and includes lunch. Seating is limited! To register contact Terry Alexander at 297-2738 ext. 233 or talexander@icstucson.org or visit www.icstucson.org for more information.

**Bread from the Pantry Ministry** is in urgent need of people who can deliver the bread to the receiving agencies and church sites. Help is needed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Additional assistance with sorting and bundling the bread is also needed. To volunteer contact Bill Trujillo at 344-8498.

**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. Your tag will be ready two weeks to a month after you sign up.

**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 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.

Community Events at Grace St. Paul’s

MUSICA SONORA PRESENTS…

St. Hildegard von Bingen: Reflections of the Living Light

Tickets are $15 general admission and $5 for students and are available at the door. For further information, please contact 628-8119 or see our website at www.musicasonora.org.

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179) was one of the most influential women of her age. Abbess, visionary, author, composer, public preacher, and religious reformer, she was proclaimed a prophetess in her day and this year was made a saint. Singers Cassandra Ewer and Karen Knudsen from the Phoenix Chorale join with Mireille Hofmann Jacquod, Christina Jarvis, and organist Jeffri Sanders to perform a program of her liturgical songs and an excerpt from the Ordo Virtutum, a music drama—the first morality play in music history—in which Anima (Soul) is forced by the Virtues to live in the world and struggle with the Devil before she can return to God.

TUCSON CHAMBER ARTISTS IN CONCERT AT GSP

Tucson Chamber Artists, southern Arizona’s professional chamber choir and orchestra, presents music of Mozart and Arvo Pärt. Featured works include Mozart’s Mass in C Major and Horn Concerto No. 4 with Johanna Lundy. Concerts are Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., at Catalina Foothills High School; and Sunday, November 4, 3 p.m., at Grace St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. For tickets: call 401-2651 or visit www.TucsonChamberArtists.org.
**Sunday, October 7**

*The First Sunday of Creation*

8 a.m. – Communion Service – Sanctuary
8 a.m. – Setting Our Hearts retreat – Bloom Education Center
8 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation – McBride Hall
9 a.m. – GSP Ministry Fair – McBride Hall
9:45 a.m. – Childcare begins – Nursery
10 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by GSP Ministry Fair – Sanctuary, McBride Hall
10 a.m. – Sunday School (Preschool-Fifth Grade) – Undercroft
11:15 a.m. – St. Cecilia’s Children’s Choir rehearsal – St. Nicholas Room
11:30 a.m. – Rite 13 (Sixth & Seventh Grades) – Mary of Bethany Room
11:30 a.m. – J2A Youth Group (Eighth & Ninth Grades) – Wardall Room
11:30 a.m. – GSP’s GPS (Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth Grades) – St. Francis Room
Noon – GSP Library – Weeks Room
12:30 p.m. – St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir rehearsal – Chancel
2 p.m. – Recording Session – Sanctuary

**Monday, October 8**

11:30 a.m. – Spiritual Direction – Julian Chapel
12:30 p.m. – GSP Communications Group – Bloom Education Center
3 p.m. – GSP Reading Group (Adult Spiritual Formation & Education) – Bloom Education Center
4 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall
7 p.m. – Setting Our Hearts (Adult Spiritual Formation & Education) – Bloom Education Center
7 p.m. – Pusch Ridge Christian Academy Choral Concert – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – Weeks Room
7:30 p.m. – AA Southside Group – McBride Hall

**Tuesday, October 9**

5 p.m. – Family Caregiver Support Group – Mary of Bethany Room
6 p.m. – Evening Prayer – Julian Chapel
6 p.m. – Arizona Repertory Singers rehearsal – McBride Hall
7 p.m. – Interfaith Meditation Group – Julian Chapel
7:45 p.m. – Musica Sonora rehearsal – Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 10
7 a.m. – Communion Service – Julian Chapel
9 a.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – Weeks Room
10 a.m. – GSP Quilting Ministry – McBride Hall
Noon – Staff Meeting – Bloom Education Center
1:30 p.m. – Liturgy Planning Meeting – Bloom Educ. Center
5 p.m. – Spirit Dojo Karate – McBride Hall
7 p.m. – Education for Ministry (EfM) – Bloom Educ. Center
7:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal – Chancel

Thursday, October 11
11 a.m. – Bridge Group – Bloom Education Center
11:30 a.m. – ICS Clergy Roundtable on Mental Health – McBride Hall
3 p.m. – Healing Touch Clinic – Weeks Room
5:15 p.m. – TIHAN Liaison Meeting – Weeks Room
6:30 p.m. – Tucson Pride Multifaith Service (Music begins at 6:30 p.m., Service at 7 p.m.) – Sanctuary

Friday, October 12
9:30 a.m. – TIHAN Liaison Meeting – Weeks Room
Noon – Opera Guild of Southern Arizona Brown-Bag Preview Luncheon – McBride Hall
6 p.m. – Old Pueblo Community Services – McBride Hall
8 p.m. – AA Goodlife Group – Weeks Room

Saturday, October 13
9 a.m. – Arizona Companions of the Holy Cross – McBride Hall
9 a.m. – Rev. Richard Rohr Webcast (Adult Spiritual Formation & Education) – Bloom Education Center
4 p.m. – Parish Fun Night Potluck – McBride Hall

Sunday, October 14
The Second Sunday of Creation
8 a.m. – Communion Service – Sanctuary
8 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation – McBride Hall
9 a.m. – GSP Parish Wellness Meeting – McBride Hall
9:45 a.m. – Childcare begins – Nursery
10 a.m. – Communion Service, followed by GSP Parish Wellness Meeting – Sanctuary, McBride Hall
10 a.m. – Sunday School (Preschool-Fifth Grade) – Undercroft
11:15 a.m. – St. Cecilia’s Children’s Choir rehearsal – St. Nicholas Room
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3 p.m. – Musica Sonora concert – Sanctuary
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.

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J2A (Eighth & Ninth Grades): Brian Fairbanks, Alice Garcia
GSP’s GPS (Tenth, Eleventh & Twelfth Grades): Brian Atkinson

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