Welcome to

Grace St. Paul’s
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Progressive Community — Loving God, Serving Others, Journeying Together

Creation Sunday

October 10, 2010

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Here you will find an energized and inclusive community of people seeking God’s reconciling and transforming presence in their lives. Grace St. Paul’s is a safe place to connect your spirit without disconnecting your mind. Experience Christ’s love in a diverse congregation that celebrates individual gifts. Participate in liturgies that are rich and innovative. Take part in spiritual formation for all ages. Reach out to the world and act for social justice. We welcome you to share in this joyful journey!
About Today’s Services

Sanctuary Flowers
Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and for the beauty of the worship service.
• in memory of Ralph D. Walker, a kind and gentle husband and father, by Priscilla, Melissa, Catherine, and Andrew.

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

Service Participants, 8 a.m.
Deacon: The Rev. Herman White
Lectors: Kay Bigglestone, Peggy Scott
Prayers of the People: Lynne Albright
Chalice: Marilyn & Tom Thompson
Acolyte: Ann Schlumberger
Altar Guild: Danielle Phillips, Heather Williams
Ushers: Robin Beelen, Robert Rosenberg, Peggy Scott, Heather Williams

Service Participants, 10 a.m.
Deacon: The Rev. Nadine Martin
Assisting: The Rev. Fred Masterman
Lectors: Jean Marie Smart, Dan Misenhimer
Prayers of the People: Laura Briggs
Subdeacon: Nanalee Raphael
Chalice: Gretchen Collins, Linda Hutson, Martha Whitaker
Server: Allison Towner
Crucifer: Forrest Brown
Torches: Rachel Whitaker, George Ballenger
Ushers: Kathy & Michael Allen, Tricia Galvin, Phoebe Goodwin
Altar Guild: Marilyn Abraham, Beth Lee, Jeffrey Stewart
Bread Baker: Gretchen Collins

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

CHILDCARE—We offer childcare for all ages beginning at 9 a.m. on Sundays so that parents can attend choir rehearsal or the 9 a.m. adult education hour. 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 9-11:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Weekly Worship

Sunday
8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday
7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Thursday
6 p.m. – M3M
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Presider

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

Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue) in your pew.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude
Quiet Village
Leslie Baxter

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared. Al-le-lu-ia!
2. Hail the rainbow flying high. Al-le-lu-ia!

When a word from God was heard. Al-le-lu-ia!
Spun by God across the sky. Al-le-lu-ia!

Let the Earth arise and be. Al-le-lu-ia!
Giving Earth a solemn word. Al-le-lu-ia!
Opening Acclamation

The Opening Acclamation is from the Christian mystic, Hildegard of Bingen, who lived from 1098 to 1179.

Presider: 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.

Collect for Purity

Presider and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Words: Norman Habel
Music: Easter Hymn, from Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. The Compleat Psalmodist, 1749, alt.
The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
A Reading from Genesis [2:8-15]

Yahweh planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there God put the man whom God had formed. Out of the ground Yahweh 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. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. Yahweh took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Reader:  Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104

The Psalm is read responsively.

1 Bless the Holy One, O my soul; *
   bless the God of all creation.

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

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

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

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

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

14 You make grass to grow for flocks and herds *
   and green plants for humankind,

15 That we may bring forth food from the earth *
   and wine to gladden our hearts,
16 Oil to make a glowing countenance *  
and bread to strengthen the heart.

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

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

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

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

37 Bless the Holy One, O my soul. *  
bless the God of all creation.

**Second Reading: Song of the Earth Spirit** *(The Navajo Origin Legend)*

It is lovely indeed, it is lovely indeed. 
I, I am the spirit within the earth. 
The feet of the earth are my feet, 
The legs of the earth are my legs. 
The strength of the earth is my strength; 
The thoughts of the earth are my thoughts; 
The voice of the earth is my voice. 
The feather of the earth is my feather; 
All that belongs to the earth belongs to me; 
All that surrounds the earth surrounds me. 
I, am the sacred works of the earth. 
It is lovely indeed, it is lovely indeed.

A period of silence follows, marked with Tibetan bell.

**Sequence Music**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel** *(Luke 17:11-19)*

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

*People:* Glory to you, O Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called...
out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

The Sermon

Creedal Statement

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

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

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

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

Prayers of the People

Leader: Almighty God, Master Planner and 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 who goes 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, black ants who teach us to replace greed and exploitation with community, teamwork, responsibility and diligence.
(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.

(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.

Silence

**Composed and/or adapted by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.**

**Presider:**

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 that earth, but
just a strand in its web. We ask that these things be revealed to us through the power of the incarnation. Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

People: Grandfather, look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the Sacred Way. We know that we are the ones who are divided and we are the ones who must come back together to walk in the Sacred Way. Grandfather, Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor. That we may heal the earth and heal each other.

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Presider: 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, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon us and all of the cosmos. Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of God be always with you and all of God’s Creation.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music
Please stand, as you are able.

**Table Chant**

| 1. Circle the table, hands now extend. | Welcome a stranger, greet a new friend. |
| 2. See on the table, set in Christ’s name, signs of the suffering love overcame: your selfish ways. |
| 3. Eat and be thankful, lift up your praise. God has forgiven your self-ish ways. |

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Presider:** God is with us.  
**People:** God is present here.

**Presider:** Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** We lift our hearts to the Most High.

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to the Holy One.  
**People:** It is right to offer thanks and praise.

**Presider:**  
O God, you have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:
Sanctus (Holy)

Presider and People:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful caretakers and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.
On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

**People and Presider:**

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

**Presider:**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

**People and Presider:**

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**Deacon:**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

**Presider:**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

**People and Presider:**

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

**Presider:**

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul, William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, Henry Muhlenberg, William Bliss, R. T. Ely, Wilfred Grenfell, Vida Scudder, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. 

Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer *(traditional)*

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is revealed in the breaking of the bread.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Fraction Anthem

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. You may choose to stand or kneel for communion.
After communion, the service resumes here. The Presider may name the Eucharistic Visitors and those who may receive Holy Communion at home. All say together:

Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you are able.

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

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.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Holy One, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Christ and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love for us, blessed us with your grace and opened the gate of life. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to our world. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Praise to the Lord

(Blue) No. 390 (stanzas 1 & 2)

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Aaron David Miller

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. Holy Eucharist  
The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Presider

**SACRED SPACE**
As you enter the sanctuary, please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. We encourage you to socialize and greet others in the Narthex and in McBride Hall. Your sanctuary is a sacred place for all to prepare for worship in meditation and prayer.

_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  
Leslie Baxter

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Litany of the Four Elements**

**Procession to the Earth Station**

**Presider:**  
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.

**Presider:**  
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.

**Procession to 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.
Feathers are presented at the Wind station.

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

Presider: 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.

Procession to 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.

Presider: 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.

Procession to 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.

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.
Presider: Christ has died: Christ has risen. We are forgiven: we too may leave the grave.

Entrance Hymn

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared.
   Alleluia!
2. Hail the rainbow flying high.
   Alleluia!
3. Hail the planet blue and green.
   Alleluia!
4. Hail our body made with clay.
   Alleluia!
5. Hail the groans of Earth in pain.
   Alleluia!

When a word from God was heard.
   Alleluia!
Spun by God across the sky.
   Alleluia!
Where the face of God is seen.
   Alleluia!
Given breath to praise and pray.
   Alleluia!
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!
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Chant of Praise

Voices Found, No. 107

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God’s banners are o’er us, his ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing our light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is raise till all things now living unite in thanks-

banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
giving: “to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

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The Collect of the Day

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

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to respect its sacredness, to the honor of your glorious name, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

A Reading from Genesis [2:8-15]

Yahweh planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there God put the man whom God had formed. Out of the ground Yahweh 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. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. Yahweh took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 104

The Choir sings the Antiphon once, then all repeat the Antiphon.

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18 In which the birds build their nests, *
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and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

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The legs of the earth are my legs.
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The thoughts of the earth are my thoughts;
The voice of the earth is my voice.
The feather of the earth is my feather;
All that belongs to the earth belongs to me;
All that surrounds the earth surrounds me.
I, am the sacred works of the earth.
It is lovely indeed, it is lovely indeed.

A period of silence follows, marked with Tibetan bell.
Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

Song of Healing

1. Healing is flowing, deep in the waters,
Flowing from Eden, flowing from old.

2. Healing is rising, fresh with the morning,
Healing is rising, bursting with grace.

3. Healing is offered, leaves from the life tree,
Healing is offered, nations at war.

All through creation, God sends forth waters,
Christ, our rich healing, deep in creation.

Come, wounded Healer, torn by the violence,

Oceans of healing, for all the world.
Heal Earth's deep wounds and rise in this place.

Rise from the grave, bring peace to our shore.

Words: Norman Habel
Music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

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

Creedal Statement

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

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

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

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

Prayers of the People

Leader: Almighty God, Master Planner and 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 who goes 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, black ants who teach us to replace greed and exploitation with community, teamwork, responsibility and diligence.

(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.

(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.

**Silence**

**Presider:**
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 that earth, but just a strand in its web. We ask that these things be revealed to us through the power of the incarnation. Amen.

**Confession of Sin**

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

**Presider:** 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**

**Presider:** 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.
Presider: 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, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon us and all of the cosmos.

All: Shalom! Earth is our home. Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of God be always with you and all of God’s Creation.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Presider: O Lord our 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

O Sifuni Mungu/All Creatures of our God and King

Valerie Dugie, soloist

Words and Music by David Maddux, Marty McCall, Mmunga Mwenebulongo Mulongoy & Asukulu ‘Yunu Mukalay, arr. Roger Emerson

Pause
Please stand, as you are able.

Table Chant

Voices Found, No. 85

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

You may choose to stand or kneel for the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: God is with us.

People: God is present here.

Presider: Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift our hearts to the Most High.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider:

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

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

**Sanctus (Holy)**

**Refrain**

Kristopher E. Lindquist

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Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy One.
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Verse

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

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 Presider:**

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

**Presider:**

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:

**People and Presider:**

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.”

**Presider:**

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said:

**People and Presider:**

“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.”

**Presider:**

Therefore, let us pray:

**People and Presider:**

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.

**Presider:**

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 Presider:
+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.

Presider:
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.

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

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those
    who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
    and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
    and the glory are yours,
    now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider:  Alleluia. Christ is revealed in the breaking of the bread.
People:    Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider:  The gifts of God for the people of God.
Fraction Anthem

Reveal yourself to us, O Christ, in breaking of the Bread,

Reveal yourself to us, O Christ, in sharing of the Wine,

As once you showed yourself to those who walked the road with you,

Reveal yourself to us, O Christ, reveal your face Divine.

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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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

Now Is the Cool of the Day
Winifred Williams, soloist
Jean Ritchie, arr. Peter & Jon Pickow
Communion Hymn

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
   for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
   hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
   friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

6. For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,
   faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Refrain

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.
Music: Dix 77. 77.; Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1899); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
After Communion, the service resumes here.

The Presider may name the Lay Eucharistic Ministers and those who may receive home Holy Communion. All say together:

Please stand, sit, or kneel, as you are able.

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.

Please stand, as you are able.

The Benediction was written by Edward Abbey. The first half of the blessing is from Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman.

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

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.

Prayer After Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider:
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.

Blessing

Presider:
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

Praise to the Lord

(Blue) No. 390
Dismissal

**Composed and/or adapted by**
The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

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

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

**Postlude**  
The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Aaron David Miller

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**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.**

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**During the Prayers of the People today, we hold the following in our prayers:**

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; Christ Church of the Ascension in Paradise Valley; and for progressive congregations and organizations in California including St. Peter’s Church and St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in San Francisco; Canterbury Foundation in San Jose; and Trinity Church in Sutter Creek.

We pray for peace in Zimbabwe, Congo, Sudan, Gaza, and in all places. We pray for those in the military serving in combat zones, including Ronald Berryhill; Christopher Gallo; Michael Hannan; Andrew Harris; Eric Osche; Mark Pundt; Terrence Robinson; Laramie Struble.

We pray for Mary Betty Eager; Mary Roe; Barbara Bourne; Francis Cartier; Doris Ceccon; Miriam Cummings; Jeanne Erickson; Pat & Phil Greenman; Jacque Hendrix; Mary Hill; Mary Jenks; Susan O’Shea; Dorée Ramey; Sally Shumway; the Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Laura Smith, wife of Bishop Kirk Smith; Ed; Mark Hvidsten; Francesca Jarvis; Greg Kimmins; Richard Wachter; Bill Young; Vince Young; Jennifer Zuniga; Charlie; Rob.

We hold in prayer the following animal companions that are in need: Zippy; Bandit; Lark and Tavi; Gilgamesh.

We pray for those who have died.

We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border, and those in our military who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially Daniel J. Johnson; Ryane G. Clark; Joseph T. Prentler; Karl A. Campbell; Cody A. Board; Brian J. Pedro; Lance H. Vogeler; Anthony D. Matteoni; Willie J. Harley, Jr.; Luther W. Rabon, Jr.; Timothy M. Jackson; Justin A. Officer; Calvin B. Harrison; Mark Andrew Forester; Ralph J. Fabbri.
Welcome Fr. Steve and Jean Keplinger!

CONVERSATION AND DESSERT

Get to know Fr. Steve and Jean in a relaxed setting! These small, informal gatherings will be hosted by various GSP ministry groups on three more Sunday evenings, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center. Please sign up for your preferred date (October 10, 17, 24) at the Welcome Table on Sunday morning or call the church office at 327-6857. Fr. Steve wants to meet every single one of us and these evenings will give him a good beginning. All are welcome!

We believe everyone who comes to Grace St. Paul has something to offer this community, and we are happy to welcome you. Membership forms are available in the church office Monday through Thursday, 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. We also have a list of name tags that have not been picked up. If you think one may be yours, please come to the Welcome Table to see if you have a name tag already waiting for you.
Ministry Fair 2010!
9 & 11:30 a.m. TODAY

This is a good time to bring a friend to church! Come one, come all to the annual GSP Ministry Fair today after both services! This is our opportunity to celebrate our many ministries and invite new members to engage their talents and join us. Newcomers, visitors and old-timers alike get a chance to see what’s happening and find out how to participate. Tables (with food goodies) for each ministry will be located in McBride Hall, the cloister, and the labyrinth (if needed) following both services.

Free Health Screening Today
In conjunction with Community of Hope and the Pastoral Care Team, GSP will offer complimentary health screenings from 7:45-11:45 a.m. TODAY during the Ministry Fair. There will be a large bus parked on Adams Street in front of the church, and the staff will provide blood pressure checks and blood glucose tests. These will take just a few minutes. Staff will also provide you with information on staying healthy. The screenings are provided as a community service by CareMore Health Plan, a Medicare Advantage organization. CareMore will also provide screenings throughout the year to our Joseph’s Pantry clients. Be sure to thank them for providing these services for the most needy! No appointment needed, just show up at the bus.

Call for Spanish-Speaking Volunteers!
We would like to start reading the Gospel in Spanish as well as in English during the 10 a.m. service. Anyone who has Spanish language skills is invited to participate in this new ministry. For further information, please contact the Reverend Nadine Martin by e-mail (nadinemartin@q.com) or leave your name and number at the church office and she will get back to you.

Standing in Line
Everything you always wanted to know about the legal immigration process. How has it changed since your family immigrated? Join us in McBride Hall on Sunday, October 17, after the 10 o’clock service for soup, salad, and a presentation by BorderLinks. Sponsored by the Bridging Borders Ministry. A $2 donation is suggested to defray lunch expenses.

Briefly Deadline!
The next deadline for The Briefly is Tuesday, October 19, 2010 for the November issue. Please send electronic articles to Martha P.L. Whitaker at: jartham@cox.net. Either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format is acceptable, or you may simply paste the article into the body of your email. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the parish office and ask if there is a volunteer who can help you type it into an electronic file. Please send graphics and photos directly to John Banks jdbanks@gmail.com. —Martha Whitaker, Briefly Editor
On **Sunday, October 24** we will have the opportunity during both coffee hours to thank and show our appreciation to the members of the Search Committee and Vestry for bringing Steve and Jean Keplinger to us. Let’s make this time special and have the refreshment table full of goodies after both services! If you would like to bring a thank-you note or card for the members, that would be terrific. Their names follow: **Search Committee:** Lynne Albright; Ernie Galaz; Chris Eastoe; Linda Hutson; Beth Lee; Richard Miya; Tom Pitello; Terry Shreve; Roger Swett; Catherine Penn Williams; Virginia Zuelow. **Vestry Members:** Catherine Penn Williams, *Senior Warden*; Linda Hutson, *Junior Warden*; Richard Shumway, *Treasurer*; Kathy Creath, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Nick Nickerson, Chancellor; Chris LaBour; Patricia Galvin; Dan Misenhimer; Vivian May; Henry Dirtadian; Marilyn Abraham; Joan Cooney; Peter Weiblen; Donna Shreve; Peggy Scott.

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**GSP’S Financial Health as of August 31, 2010**

We spent less than we brought in by **$7,243.61**!

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Our YTD income is higher than expected by **$4,521.00**! Thank you for keeping your pledges current!

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YTD we have spent less for operating expenses than we budgeted by **$31,310.56**!

(This does not include expenditures for special projects from the Emergency Reserve Fund.)

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**Getting Ready to Spruce Up!**

We are in the process of obtaining bids for painting throughout the GSP campus. Are any of you out there painting contractors who would wish to be part of the bidding process? Or is there a company that you would recommend? We would require a licensed/bonded/insured company with necessary references. Perhaps that would be someone in these very pews! Please call Linda Hutson at (520) 850-5413.
Your Help Needed with Bulletins & Briefly!

We need new crews to assemble bulletins each week and the Briefly once a month. Right now we have no one. Please volunteer! It would be great to have two teams for each task. Let me know if you can help. Contact the church office at 327-6857 or gsp1@dakotacom.net. Thank you!

Liturgy & Music

M3M: ON THURSDAY EVENINGS!
Looking for a different kind of worship experience? Originally called Mass for the Third Millennium but now known simply as M3M, this service is a modified, contemporary and highly participatory form of the historic Christian Mass, focused on a weekly theme, the singing of simple chants and sharing a sacramental meal of bread and wine.

RECORDINGS AVAILABLE—Audio recordings of the 10 a.m. sermon may be ordered at the Rector’s Bookshelf. Videos of special events may also be ordered there.

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 Ann Stephens, our flower dedications coordinator.

Adult Spiritual Formation & Education

The Naked Now 2-DVD set is now available for loan in the library. Look for the revolving carousel in the Weeks Room!

- TODAY: Ministry Fair 2010—in McBride Hall after both services. See the announcement on page 30 for info!

- Hogar de Esperanza Y Paz in Nogales, Mexico (FIELD TRIP)—Tuesday, October 12. See the announcement on page 44 for info!

- Contemplative Prayer/Meditation Practice—Sunday, October 17, 9-9:45 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center. The terms “contemplation” and “meditation” are often used interchangeably. This class will explore how some people differentiate between these two terms and will give examples of different “techniques” for each. We will also discuss the possible
formation of a meditation/contemplation group at GSP that will meet on a weekly basis. **Facilitated by Linda Hutson and David Clements.**

- **Standing in Line—Sunday, October 17, 11:30-12:30 p.m. in McBride Hall.** Everything you always wanted to know about the legal immigration process. How has it changed since your family immigrated? Join us in McBride Hall on Sunday, October 17, after the 10 o’clock service for soup, salad, and a presentation by Borderlinks. **Sponsored by the Bridging Borders Ministry.** A $2 donation is suggested to defray lunch expenses.

- **Crossan at GSP Revisited—Sundays, Oct. 31 & Nov. 7, 9–9:45 a.m. in the Bloom Education Center.** View and discuss clips of the discussions led by John Dominic Crossan when he came to Grace St. Paul’s in previous years. How do his concepts of Progressive Christianity match or differ from yours? **Facilitated by Steve Williams, co-chairperson of Grace St. Paul’s Social Justice Covenant Group.**

- **Islam: An Introduction—Sundays, Oct. 31 & Nov. 7, 11:30-12:30 p.m. in the Bloom Education Center.** This is an introductory survey of the religious and cultural foundations of Islam, centering on the religious doctrines and teachings of Islam. First, we will cover Islamic doctrines and ritual practices. Second, we will provide an overview of the Qur’an and the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad. Third, we will focus on intellectual diversity within Islam and cover differences between Sunni and Shi’i Islam as well as the mystical practices of Sufism. Fourth, we will discuss some modern interpretations within Islam and their variations across the Muslim World. Finally, we will look at Islamic practices and Muslims in America and Europe. **Samy Ayoub, facilitator, is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Arizona in the Near Eastern Studies Department.**

**Children & Youth**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES!**

Sunday School for ages 3 through 6th grade continues today in the Undercroft at 10 a.m. Middle School and High School are invited to join the service then meet in the St. Francis Room in the Undercroft at 11:30 a.m. All children are invited to join us in the Weeks Room at the end of the service for 35 minutes of singing. Today is Ministry Sunday and we are in great need of teachers and mentors. Could Jesus be calling your name to help us grow spiritually? Next Sunday is National Children’s Sabbath and our parish children and youth will be joining the adults in reading, ushering, singing and participating in the 10 a.m. Eucharist.
Please note that registration forms are available at the Welcome table or in the Undercroft. Please call Harriet Claiborne at 299-6123 for any questions, or email her at ChildrenYouth@grace-stpauls.org. Thank you!

Healing & Mutual Ministry

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 leave a voice mail. These messages are retrieved frequently and again passed along to the “on-call” person. The person on call will contact a clergy person or lay pastoral visitor as appropriate.

Social Justice & Outreach

VISIT HOGAR DE ESPERANZA Y PAZ

Nothing beats first-hand experience! Hogar de Esperanza y Paz (formerly Casa Misericordia, which GSP has supported in the past) in Nogales, Sonora, was started by neighborhood volunteers to provide meals and childcare for parents working for $50/week in the maquiladoras (foreign-owned assembly plants). Grace St. Paul’s Bridging Borders (through BorderLinks) is sponsoring a trip to visit Hogar, which has developed into a community resource center featuring meals, education (nutrition, language, and computer), and a Women’s Cooperative. This trip is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, leaving at 9 a.m. from BorderLinks and returning around 5 p.m. The cost is $20 (normally $100) which includes lunch. There is a minimum of 10, and you must have a passport to re-enter the U.S. Questions: Deacon Nancy Meister (nancymeister@comcast.net) or Paul Gohdes (p-dtucson@cox.net).

GIVE THEM THIS DAY THEIR DAILY BREAD....

You can be a part of this living message here and now! Bread from the Pantry needs hearts and hands to help carry on this work started by Jesus Christ. A little time or a lot, your sharing of the work makes the load light. Contact Dorée Ramey at 419-1307 for more information.

Parish Membership & Administration

HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR A BAPTISM, WEDDING, OR FUNERAL?

If you would like to arrange for a baptism, a wedding, or a funeral, please contact the church office at 327-6857 or via e-mail at gspfrontdesk@grace-stpauls.org.
HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN EVENT?
If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at Grace St. Paul’s, contact Dianne Bret Harte, GSP’s volunteer facilities scheduler. She is available most Tuesday afternoons, 1 to 4; if you can’t come in then, please call the church office (327-6857) and ask the Office Welcome Team volunteer to leave a message for Dianne, or e-mail her at facilities@grace-stpauls.org.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE OFFICE?
If you need to sign up for a class, get information about a program, get information on who does what, donate flowers, request that someone be added to the prayer list, reserve a room, get a message to Patti, our Bookkeeper, etc., you can use the trusty old phone number: 327-6857, OR you can send an email to our Front Desk e-mail: gspfrontdesk@grace-stpauls.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINES
All materials for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Prayer list requests to be included in the bulletin may be made until 4 p.m. on Tuesday this week. (Prayer list requests received later will be sent to the Intercessory Prayer Team, and will be included in next Sunday’s bulletin.) Please send bulletin announcements to David Wachter at gsp1@dakotacom.net. Prayer list requests may be made by calling the church office at 327-6857 and speaking with the Office Welcome Team volunteer; they may also be sent via e-mail to David Wachter at gsp1@dakotacom.net. Thank you.

Community Events
The Rose Ensemble (Minneapolis) presents
IL POVERELLO: The Life and Deeds of St. Francis of Assisi
400 Years of Italian Renaissance and Folk Music
Fri., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. at Grace St. Paul’s

Medieval bagpipe virtuoso from Milan, Isacco Colombo, joins the internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble, The Rose Ensemble, to explore the world of 12th-16th century Italian music through the eyes of St. Francis of Assisi and his followers. Experience a wonderful variety of vocal and instrumental music, including beautiful Gregorian chants; ethereal choral works from the cathedrals of Florence and Rome and amazing Umbrian and Tuscan folk songs featuring an array of exotic medieval and Renaissance instruments. Tickets (at the door) $23 ($20 students/seniors). More info: www.RoseEnsemble.org.
SINGING THE PSALMS
Wed., Oct. 13, 7:15 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd.
Learn about the Psalms from Cantor Ivor Lichterman of Congregation Anshei Israel. He will talk about how scripture is sung today in the synagogue as well as how biblical and liturgical chants have evolved throughout history and whether there are any clues as to how the Scriptures were sung in Biblical times. Cantor Lichterman is one of two ordained cantors in Tucson. This event will be this Wednesday, October 13 at 7:15 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church in the Library (enter the main door—through the Narthex, turn left)
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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**
Catherine Penn Williams, Senior Warden; Linda Hutson, Junior Warden; Nick Nickerson, Chancellor; Michael Allen, Elizabeth Campbell, Stewardship Co-Chairs; Richard Shumway, Treasurer; Kathy Creath, Clerk of the Vestry

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Intercessory Prayer: Linda Brown

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Third-Fourth Grades: Jim Kane, Nansi Yonan, Ellen Caldwell, Bianca Lara
Fifth-Sixth Grades: Alicia & Rogelio Lara
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**Verger**
Beth Miksa

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Elizabeth Campbell, Chairperson

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Steve Williams, Chairperson

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**Editor, Briefly**
Martha Whitaker