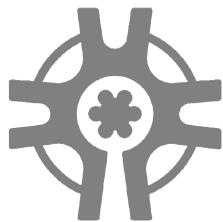


Welcome to



Grace St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Creation Sunday



October 1, 2017

Here you will find an energized and inclusive community of people seeking God's transforming presence. Grace St. Paul's is a safe place to connect your spirit and your mind. Please join with us in experiencing Christ's love in a diverse congregation that celebrates individual gifts. We invite you to take part in liturgies that are rich and innovative, in spiritual formation for all ages, and in action for social justice. We welcome you to share in this joyful journey!

About Today's Services

Altar Flowers & Plants

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and for the beauty of the worship service

- in gratitude for the many happy birthdays shared with my grandmother and my sister, by Sara Heitshu;
- by Ann Schlumberger in memory of Hetty Lewis, Mary Turner, and Jane S. Blackwell—her grandmother, mother, and sister.

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

WELCOME HOME

The people who are Grace St. Paul's church are pleased you are here and welcome you.

- Regardless of your faith tradition, you are welcome to receive communion in this church.
- Please join us for coffee and snacks after both the 7:45 and 10 a.m. services in McBride Hall, across the breezeway from the church. First-time guests, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Hall and pick up your special gift for being with us.
- Please fill out a yellow card located in the pew racks and give it to the friendly folks at the Welcome Table.
- Nursery care and children and youth spiritual formation classes are all located in the Education Center, below the sanctuary. **Nursery care** is available from **8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.** for children ages 3 and under and is located in the Theresa of Avila Room.

Preschool thru 5th Grade

- 10 a.m.: Children's Spiritual Formation includes two classes. Children will come up to join their families at the time of The Peace each week and remain in the service until the Final Blessing.
- Pre-K–2nd Grade meet in the Mary of Bethany room.
- 3rd-5th Grades meet in the St. Nicholas room

Middle School and High School Youth

- 11:45-1 p.m. Youth Group has begun again. Join us for a fresh start and a new year of possibilities. This will be our new meeting time each week.
- An usher would be pleased to show you to these areas.
- Restrooms are located just outside the church building in the covered breezeway.

We hope you will return many times and consider Grace St. Paul's your church home.

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Weekly Worship

Sunday

7:45 a.m. – Communion Service

10 a.m. – Communion Service

Tuesday

6 p.m. – Evening Prayer (1st Tuesday of month includes Communion)

7 p.m. – Meditation Group

Wednesday

7 a.m. – Communion Service

Thursday

6 p.m. – Spirit Now Service

First Thursday of the Month:

6 p.m. – Spirit Song: Worship & Prayer in Style of Taizé

7:45 & 10 a.m. Communion Services

The Rev. Richard Mallory & Steve Keplinger, Concelebrants

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please remember to silence your electronic devices.

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.

At 7:40 and 9:55, the church bell will be tolled.

Prelude (7:45 a.m.)

Meditation

Pamela Decker

Prelude to Creation (10 a.m.)

Jeff Haskell, piano; Jason Carder, trumpet; Daniel Slipetsky, tuba; Fred Hayes, drums

Greeting and Announcements

Silence

The Call of the Earth

Gary Snyder

The silence is broken with distant music:

The wild—often dismissed as savage and chaotic by “civilized” thinkers, is actually impartially, relentlessly, and beautifully formal and free. Its expression—the richness of plant and animal life on the globe including us, the rainstorms, windstorms, and calm spring mornings—is the real world, to which we belong.... Nature is not a place to visit. It is home.

Silence

Processional Hymn

Earth and all stars

The people may stand in body or spirit.

(Blue) No. 412 (7:45 a.m.: stanzas 1-3)



1. Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing out your
2. Hail, wind, and rain! Loud boom - ing thun - der! Sing out your
3. Crys - tal - line rocks! Loud col - ored plank - ton! Sing out your
4. Sin - gle - celled wights! Loud bron - to - sau - rus! Sing out your
5. Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom! Sing out your



joy _____ in a new song! Moun - tains and plains!
joy _____ in a new song! Flow - ers and trees!
joy _____ in a new song! Breach - ing blue whales!
joy _____ in a new song! Dar - ing blu jays!
joy _____ in a new song! Daugh - ter and son!



Loud rum - bling rap - ids! Sing out your joy _____ in a new song!
Loud rus - tling dry leaves! Sing out your joy _____ in a new song!
Loud laugh - ing mon - keys! Sing out your joy _____ in a new song!
Loud roar - ing pan - thers! Sing out your joy _____ in a new song!
Loud pray - ing mem - bers! Sing out your joy _____ in a new song!

Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things;



I too shall sing out a _____ new song!

Words: Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009), alt. Kari Boyd McBride

Music: *Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

No. 412, *The Hymnal* 1982

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Opening Acclamation (7:45 & 10 a.m.)

The Opening Acclamation is adapted from The Season of Creation website.

Celebrant: Risen Christ,

People: Your presence fills the cosmos.

Celebrant: Cosmic Christ,

People: Your presence pulses through all galactic space across light years of time.

Celebrant: Living Christ,

People: In this nano-second we call “now,” in this nano-space we call “here,”

Celebrant: Make your presence felt among us.

People: Now and forever. Amen!

At 10 a.m., the Acclamation continues

Celebrant: The cosmos invites us to worship.

People: Let us worship with glittering galaxies to radiate the splendor of God’s presence.

Celebrant: The distant domains of space celebrate with us.

People: To pulse with the rhythm of God’s presence and celebrate God’s glory in this planet garden.

Celebrant: Millions of living species dance with life,

People: The turtle, the toad, the elephant, the earthworm, the ant and the dragonfly.

Celebrant: Every creature in the web of creation,

People: Connects with us in this community called the cosmos.

Celebrant: Dance, creation, dance!

People: Dance with cosmic energy! Amen.

Chant of Praise

Kristopher E. Lindquist



1. The Earth does not be - long to us, But we be - long to Earth,
2. The Web of Life con - nects us all, Each strand its vi - tal role,



This ra - dant Sphere of green and blue, Our home and place of birth.
For what af - fects a sin - gle one, Af - fects the Liv - ing Whole.

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The Collect of the Day (7:45 & 10 a.m.)

The Collect of the Day is by The Episcopal Church's Season of Creation Liturgical Committee.

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

Celebrant:

God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship: Your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe, through Jesus Christ, our Liberator, who topples the dividing walls, and by the power of your Holy Spirit; who live and reign with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God

Please be seated.

[The Man with a Heart of Stone, by Kevin T. Jones]

There's a place in Desolation Canyon where a figure stands out, perhaps only to me, on a sandstone monolith covered with petroglyphs. An anthropomorph whose head is haloed by an array of dots, whose torso is pecked solid save for one spot in the center of his chest, and two where his testicles would be. A nearby figure in the same style depicts a female whose breasts are likewise highlighted. Each time I see this couple my surroundings rush away as though I am hurtling through time, entering hyperspace, and I am immersed in, and part of, this wall of time.

The man with a heart of stone has adorned the canyon for at least five hundred years, perhaps much longer. How many others has he beckoned, how many others have relinquished the present to vault light-speeding through time-space as they stood transfixed in the very spot where so long ago an outstanding artist altered this stone in a way that speaks across centuries? Across cultures, across languages and

beliefs, he speaks in a complete and universal way, the language of humanity. And he speaks directly to me, seemingly to me alone.

He shows as much as he speaks. He shows me a long view of time. He has stood in that same place since before machines and moon landings and missiles, and will be there when an unimaginably different future flows by, and then some. My conversation with him centers me in time.

Desolation Canyon is a strip of wilderness, some even designated as such. We may think of wilderness as untouched by humans, but that is a very ethnocentric view. Over the millennia, native people have been through and over every square inch of this land. They have been intimate with it. The traces of the ancient ones left may be subtle, but they are there, and they speak to us....

Desolation Canyon, a sanctuary for the ancient ones, is under assault. Oil and natural gas, tar

sands, oil shale and who knows what lucre will lure another generation of boom and bust profiteers to the shores of the Green River, ready to pierce and tear at the earth, to rip the heart from the man of stone.

Why is the last refuge of the Fremont important? Where else can we learn about how

climate change affected a thriving culture? Where else do trace of the past beckon us to investigate, examine, see? Where else can we stand at the wall of time and learn from a man with a heart of stone? Where else does time stand still?

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God

[*Glen Canyon on the Colorado, by Richard Shelton*]

Native flute

Karen Hanson

Reader one: Past these towering monuments, past these mounded billows of orange sandstone, past these oak-set glens, past these fern decked alcoves, past these mural caves, we glide hour after hour, stopping now and then, as our attention is arrested by some new wonder, until we reach a point which is historic.

John Wesley Powell

Reader two: once there was a canyon
where the river was lying down

**resting for a while from all its labors
moving in repose past hanging gardens**

of ferns and monkey flowers
and sheltered groves of box elders

**where in the golden light
of cottonwood and autumn sun**

the canyon wren would flirt
with anyone who came along

**staying just ahead moving in and moving out
among polished driftwood and stones**

promising something wonderful
around the next bend *follow follow*

**she called with a voice as low
and liquid as any siren's song**

soon that place will no longer exist
in the memory of anyone living

and will be hinted at only in photographs

and in the dim visions of words
as untrustworthy as our own

**when we say at this point in time
to avoid the terror of saying now**

the unredeemable moment where we live
with all past actions beyond our reach
and sinking down through dark water

**sink softly down
black silt to the canyon floor**

as flower petals fall
as motes of sunlight drift through air

**and settle in the evening
when the wind is still**

sink softly down
fill the canyon from wall to wall

**fall gently rain
upon the surface of this lake**

shine softly moon and stars
it is no mirror for your light

**it is the tomb of beauty
lost forever**

and it is despair
the darkness in ourselves we fear

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God (10 a.m. only)

[Faith and the Land, by George Handley]

Our beliefs might differ, but our values harmonize on this essential point: wilderness teaches us humility, wonder, respect, and gratitude for the Creator. Wild beauty has a special quality: its joys are spiritually meaningful because they are unexpected, like grace. Wild beauty teaches us about our small but important place in a diverse, complex, and interdependent world and inspires the moral value of self-restraint.

We are on a clear path to privatize, develop, and ruin every last wild and beautiful place in America.... It is wrong to assume that nature always needs human development and improvement in order to have value or that only fossil fuels are God-given but not wind or sun. As we read in the Bible, the world is “very good” all on its own. God commanded Adam and Eve to “dress” the garden but also to “keep” it and “take good care” of it....

Deserts, mountains, and sacred groves are vital for our spiritual and physical health; they strengthen the bonds of family and community. To get serious about living a more reverent and gentle life and honoring an indigenous past we have tragically ignored....

The good judgment my religion calls for requires respect for the Creation, a spirit of service, commitment to listen to others, and concern for future generations. We are not

owners. Land is not an instrument we should use or own to shore up power and identity over and against others...

If those who demand increasing state rights and extracting local oil reserves are motivated by a desire to be less answerable to the nation, to its indigenous past, to the planet, or especially to the Creator, then I want nothing to do with their demands.

Sequence Music

Native American Flute
Karen Hanson

The people may stand in body or spirit.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel [Matthew 21:23-32]

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them,

"Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated.

Preacher: The Rev. Steve Keplinger

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

Affirmation of Faith (7:45 & 10 a.m.)

*The people may stand in body or spirit.
Adapted from the Season of Creation website.*

We believe God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

We believe God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.

We believe the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

**We believe with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (7:45 & 10 a.m.) *Parish intercessions are listed on page 22.*

Each prayer is read by a different member of the congregation. Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer.

Leader: "The Earth. . . is a sparkling blue and white jewel. . . laced with slowly swirling veils of white. . . like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery." (*Edgar Mitchell, U.S. Astronaut*)

All: "All creation is a song of praise to God." (*Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic*)

Leader: "O moving force of Wisdom, you encircle the wheel of the cosmos, you encompass all that is, all that has life, in one vast circle." (*Hildegard of Bingen*)

All: "All creation is a song of praise to God."

Leader: "It could be that God has not absconded but spread, as our vision and understanding of the universe have spread, to a fabric of spirit and sense so grand and subtle, powerful in a new way, that we can only feel blindly of its hem." (*Annie Dillard, naturalist writer*)

All: "All creation is a song of praise to God."

Leader: ". . . stardust is not just fairy-tale magic; it is what we are really made of. . ." (*Elisabet Sahtouris, Ecofeminist*)

All: "All creation is a song of praise to God."

Leader: "Great Spirit, . . . give me the strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is! . . . all over the earth the faces of living things are all alike. . . This is my prayer; hear me!" (*Black Elk, Oglala Sioux*)

All: "All creation is a song of praise to God."

Leader: “There is not anything new to be born. It has been within you from the beginningless beginning. It has only to be awakened, to become aware of itself in you.” (*Zen saying*)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “. . . for in God we live and move and have our being.” (*Acts 17:28*)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “. . . When you stand in the presence of the moon, you become a new creation. . . The elementary particles of your body have absorbed an influence and in that sense they—and you—are brand spanking new, a human being resonating everywhere with moonlight.” (*Brian Swimme, physicist*)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

Leader: “We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” (*T. S. Eliot, poet*)

All: “All creation is a song of praise to God.”

The Collect after the Prayers for the People is from “Prelude” by David Lee.

Celebrant:

And the voice said, “Moses did not go to an oil well derrick to receive the Law and the Tablets, and Jesus did not go to a fracking site to give The Sermon, and Buddha most certainly did not sit under a pump jack to experience the vision that changed the world forever. Sacred Place is required to receive Sacred Epiphany, and without that epiphany, wisdom cannot be achieved.” **Amen.**

Confession of Sin (7:45 & 10 a.m.)

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

Deacon:

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

People:

Merciful and sustaining God:

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
lacking humility and gratitude for the beauty and bounty
of your creation as it sustains us and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth;
grant us amendment of life, we pray.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites;
strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted;
make us urgent now for its protection,**

**and, through our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive and renew us
by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

with whom you live and reign one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant:

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

The Peace (7:45 & 10 a.m.)

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Meditation bell will bring us back to silence.

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries (7:45 a.m.)

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.**

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries (10 a.m.)

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "God grant them many years! God grant them many years!" and "God grant them many years!". The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the third phrase.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Please be seated.

Celebrant:

Then Yahweh said ... Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. [Exodus 3:5]

At the 10 a.m. service, the children process in with streamers, animals, and earth balls.

Offertory Music (7:45 a.m.)

Offertory Anthem (10 a.m.)

Aquarius/Let the sunshine in

Music: Galt MacDermot;

Words: James Rado & Gerome Ragni;

arr. Greg Gilpin

Pause

Prayer over the Gifts

The Prayer over the Gifts is from A New Zealand Prayer Book.

Celebrant: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.

People: Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through our hearts. Amen.

Table Chant

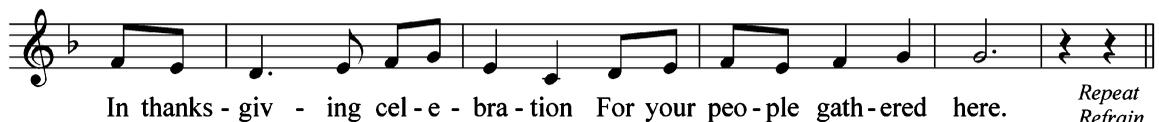
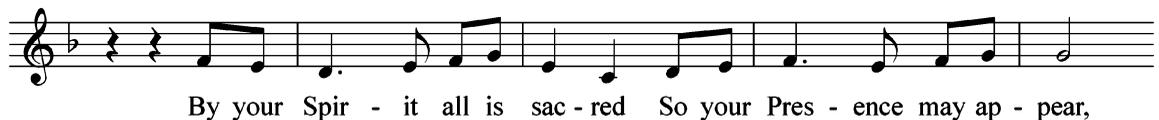
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Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Verse



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The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: God is with us.

People: **God is present here.**

Celebrant: Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift our hearts to the Most High.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

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

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

(7:45 a.m.)

Celebrant and People:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus (Holy) (10 a.m.)

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly One.

Ho - ly Be - ing in us all, Ho - ly, ho - ly One!

Verse



1. All cre - a - tion, filled with Light, is your glo - ry and your joy;
2. Bless - ed is the One who comes, show - ing us your way of life;



All cre - a - tion, filled with Life, is your ho - ly Love. *Repeat*
Bless - ed is the One who comes: Ho - san - na, praise to you! *Refrain*

Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.

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The Celebrant continues:

We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you.

Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other.

People and Celebrant:

Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through His incarnation, You taught us that You are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation. Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about Your reign that He opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.

Celebrant:

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me."

Deacon: 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.

+Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body. + Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.

People and Celebrant:

Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.

Celebrant:

Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (*From A New Zealand Prayer Book*) *The people may stand in body or spirit.*

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

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Be known to us, risen Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

People: The bread which we break makes all of us one with you. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

Please be seated.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Please approach the altar rail from the center aisle. Take the first available space. You may choose the standing station at the center or the stations along the rail. You may come forward to receive a blessing if you prefer not to receive communion. Place crossed arms on chest to signal your desire for a blessing. You may also do this if you prefer not to receive the wine. You may touch the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

Communion Music (7:45 a.m.)

Communion Anthem (10 a.m.)

I can see clearly now

Jimmy Cliff

Dawn McMillan, vocals; Jeff Haskell, piano; Jason Carder, trumpet;

Daniel Slipetsky, tuba; Fred Hayes, drums

Communion Hymn (10 a.m.)

Blue Boat Home

No. 1064, Singing the Journey



1. Though be - low me, I feel no mo - tion
2. Sun my sail and moon my rud - der
3. I give thanks to the waves up - hold - ing me,



stan - ding on these moun - tains and plains.
as I ply the star - ry sea,
hail the great winds urg - ing me on,



Far a - way from the rol - ling o - cean
lean - ing o - ver the edge in won - der,
greet the in - fi - nite sea be - fore me,

still my dry land heart_ can say:
 cast - ing ques - tions in - to the deep.
 sing the sky my sai - lor's song:

I've been sail - ing all my life__ now,
 Drift - ing here with my ship's com - pan - ions,
 I was born__ up - on the fath - oms,

nev - er har - bor or port have I known. The
 all we kin - dred pil - grim souls,
 nev - er har - bor or port have I known. The

wide un - i - verse_ is the o - cean I tra - vel_
 mak - ing our way_ by the lights of the hea - vens_
 wide u - ni - verse_ is the o - cean I tra - vel,_

and the earth_ is my_ blue boat home.____
 in our beau - ti - ful_ blue boat home.____
 and the earth_ is my_ blue boat

home.____

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Sending Eucharistic Visitors

After communion, the service resumes here. The Celebrant may name the Eucharistic Visitors and those who may receive Holy Communion at home. All say together:

We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts. May those to whom you go share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

*The people may stand in body or spirit.
The Postcommunion Prayer was written by Edward Abbey.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant:

May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your rivers flow without end, meandering through pastoral valleys tinkling with bells, past temples and castles and poets' towers into a dark primeval forest where tigers belch and monkeys howl, through miasmal and mysterious swamps and down into a desert of red rock, blue mesas, domes and pinnacles and grottos of endless stone, and down again into a deep vast ancient unknown chasm where bars of sunlight blaze on profiled cliffs, where deer walk across the white sand beaches, where storms come and go as lightning clangs upon the high crags, where something strange and beautiful and more full of wonder than your deepest dreams wait for you—beyond that next turning of the canyon walls. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Celebrant:

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

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

Recessional Hymn

Song of the Earth

(7:45 a.m.: stanzas 1 & 2)

1. Hail the Earth that first ap - peared. Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hail the rain - bow fly - ing high. — Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Hail the plan - et blue and green. Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Hail our bod - y made with clay. — Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with four stanzas. The first two stanzas are: '1. Hail the Earth that first ap - peared. Al - le - lu - ia!' and '2. Hail the rain - bow fly - ing high. — Al - le - lu - ia!'. The next two stanzas are: '3. Hail the plan - et blue and green. Al - le - lu - ia!' and '4. Hail our bod - y made with clay. — Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

When a word from God was heard. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spun by God a - cross the sky. — Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the face of God is seen. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Giv - en breath to praise and pray. 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!

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

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

Dismissal

The Dismissal is by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

Deacon: Go now and celebrate Creation, welcome Wilderness, embrace Earth.
Revel in God's wonder present in the deserts, the oceans, and the forests.
Then bring that love of wilderness to all of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude (7:45 a.m.)

Toccata in F Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

Creation Postlude (10 a.m.)

Jeff Haskell, piano; Jason Carder, trumpet; Daniel Slipetsky, tuba; Fred Hayes, drums

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

Service Participants, 7:45 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Chris Ledyard
Lectors: Bob Cummings, Chuck House,
Debbie Tinajero
Chalice: Donna Shreve, Ric Wood
Acolyte: Henry Loew, Terry Shreve
Verger: Martha Farnham or James Gooden
Ushers: Peggy Scott, Jane Thrall
Altar Guild: Ann Schlumberger, Debbie Tinajero

Service Participants, 10 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister
Assisting: The Rev. Lynn Marie Hunter
Lectors: Francesca Jarvis, John Banks,
Laura Angeley
Subdeacon: Joe Smith
Chalice: Julie Gasaway, Br. Chuck Hannan,
Willie Schlentz, Rod Warfield
Acolyte Director:
Wendy Pipentacos
Verger: Martha Farnham or James Gooden
Ushers: Jay Elliston, Sinead Jackson, Shari Murphy
Altar Guild: Karen McVean, Nancy Smith

We thank Dawn McMillan, vocalist; Jeff Haskell, piano; Jason Carder, trumpet; Daniel Slipetsky, tuba; and Fred Hayes, drums, for their musical offerings at today's 10 a.m. service
Listings of lay ministers are subject to last-minute changes after the bulletin is printed.

We hold the following in our prayers today:

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Kirk our Bishop; Steve, our Rector; Richard, our Associate Rector; and the clergy and staff who serve Grace St. Paul's; The Diocese of the Southern Philippines (Philippines); all of our Episcopal schools; Mountain Avenue Church of Christ in Tucson.

We pray for peace in Zimbabwe, Syria, Congo, Sudan, Gaza, and in all places. We pray for those in the military, especially those serving in combat zones, including Ronald Berryhill; Christopher Gallo; Michael Hannan; Andrew Harris; Donna Heath; Frederick Jennings; Jordan S. Marks; Will Myers; Eric Osche; Mark Pundt; Terrence Robinson; Laramie Struble; Brian.

We pray for the people of South Sudan; Robin Beelen; Toni Sue Brooks; Anagrethe Christensen; Alysha Collins; Rosemary DeCook; Henry & Rosie Dirdadian; Mark Drew; Dennis, John, and Nada Duchnowski; Jay Elliston; Mary Fitzgerald; Phyllis Garver; Oma "Sam" Guard; Br. Chuck Hannan; Sara Heitshu; Clint & Francesca Jarvis; Cricket Kelbaugh; Janet Kells; Anagrace & Dan Misenhimer; June Moritz; Nancy Moritz; Jane Nakazato; Brenda Pentland; Danielle Phillips; Robert Rosenberg; Sandra Sankey; the family and friends of Leona Sonderegger; Susan Southwick; Ann M. Stephens; Ann R. Stephens; Nelson Velez and family; Sr. Carol Willans; Heather Williams; Ed; Eli; Lee; Marilyn; Melea; Sharon Albee; Sister Joan Anderson; Joyce Atchison; Charles Bower; Chick Bower; Steve Chipman; Evyn Davalos; Brian Davis; Mildred Gregory; Tony Jones; Carla LaFontain; Maribel Ortiz; Peggy Southwick; Abi & family; Art; Bill; Dave; Gena & children; Joel; John; Katie & Bear; Lauren Ann; Sister Mary Kay; Mike, Monica & Danitza; Penny & Jim; Phil; Rob; Samyra; Shabani; Sylvia; Thora; Vicki & Dave; Wilbur & Jean.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need, especially Squint; the vaquitas of the Gulf of California.

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

We pray for those who have died, especially Gene and Mary Foushee; Leona Sonderegger.

We pray also for those who have died in the desert on our border and all those who have died in Afghanistan.

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

Names of parishioners submitted this week will remain on the list during the current month. Please contact David Wachter by 4 p.m. on Wednesday (327-6857 or e-mail bulletins@grace-stpauls.org) to add a name to the list printed in the bulletin. Names of non-parishioners, including relatives of parishioners, will remain on the prayers for one week only—if the crisis continues, please call the church office each week by 4 p.m. on Wednesday to renew, or send an email to bulletins@grace-stpauls.org. Full names will be listed unless "first name only" is requested. The Intercessory Prayer Team will receive all names submitted; this large team maintains daily intercessions. There are no time limitations on this ministry.

GSP Parish Life – October 1, 2017

Check out GSP's website: www.gsptucson.org.

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There's lots happening—check out the GSP Parish Life announcements!

They're available online at www.gsptucson.org — click on “Sunday Bulletins” or “Announcements.” Or, just ask an usher for a printed copy.

ONLINE BONUS: The GSP Weekly Calendar is included with the GSP Parish Life announcements at www.gsptucson.org.

The Mission & Vision of Grace St. Paul's

Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be a spiritual home, open to all, providing food for the journey, and calling people to change the world.

La Iglesia Episcopal Grace St. Paul's será un hogar espiritual, abierto a todos, manteniendo alimento para el camino, y llamandonos a cambiar el mundo.

Imagine a gift that gives forever. That's exactly what your planned gift to GSP can do. Have you remembered GSP in your will?

Thank you to GSP's Pastoral Care Team (The Rev. Steve Kelsey, contact) for hosting Coffee Hour after today's services!

Coming up: **October 8, 2017:** Youth & Sunday School, Amy Cormode

October 15, 2017: Bread Ministry, Stephen Hymel & Matt Chase

October 22, 2017: Hospitality “Sanctuary” Group, Steve Mattix

Change the World

Blessing of the Animals 2017: TODAY at 5 p.m.

Attention all creatures great and small (including ALL, not only dogs, cats, hamsters, turtles, birds, snakes, and horses): Every day we receive a special kind of unconditional love from our pets no matter how big or small. Just as we receive blessings for ourselves, don't our other family members deserve them too? In addition to their unconditional love, they provide a window to God's love for Creation.

Today, at 5 p.m., on the labyrinth, we will observe and celebrate a Grace St. Paul's custom with the blessing of animals on Creation Sunday and the Feast of St. Francis. It's important to note that if your animal companion has died, bring a favorite toy or a picture (if you have one) of your companion animal. Come and celebrate all of God's beautiful creations!

Sign Up Now!

Nourishing Spirits: GSP's Small Groups Program for 2017-2018

*Whether you are a newcomer or old-timer, would you like to deepen your roots at GSP?
Make new friends or create a support system? What feeds you spiritually?
Do you have questions about living out your Christianity?
Do you wonder how other people feel about religion and the Bible?*

Belonging is a basic human need, as essential as our need for food and shelter. Yet, achieving a sense of belonging often requires intention and practice. The Nourishing Spirits small group program, returning after a successful start in 2016, is designed to help participants find a greater sense of belonging and to feel more rooted at GSP. As before, small groups will gather six times (approximately once a month) between October 2017 and May 2018 for shared dinner and discussion. Here's how it works:

- People sign up to be in a group that will meet together (the same people) for a shared meal once a month for 6 months.
- Each group will meet for the first time at the home of their coordinator/host sometime in the last two weeks of October or early November. Each group will determine the time and place for subsequent meetings.
- Each group meeting will also include a facilitated discussion about a spiritual topic.

We're in the process of forming new groups!

Please email us if you are interested in participating or call the church office at (520) 327-6857 or sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday morning. Be sure to let us know how many people (single person, couple or family) and which night of the week you would prefer for an initial meeting— Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. Contact Catherine Williams at aduled@grace-stpauls.org if you have any questions!

Who's Who at Grace St. Paul's

Vestry

Kyle Angeley-Devereux, *Senior Warden*; Laura Angeley-Devereux, *Special Assistant to the Rector*; Bill Moore, *Junior Warden*; Rob Rauh, *Chancellor*; Wil Harri, *Treasurer*

Vestry Members: John Banks, Brianna Devereux, Carol Forshey, Wesley Hunter, Stephen Hymel, Sinead Jackson, Elyse Johnson, Joe Stefani, Deborah Tinajero

Clergy

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

Vergers & Acolytes

James Gooden, *Verger*; Martha Farnham, *Verger*; Wendy Pipentacos, *Acolyte Director*

Staff

Jane Click, *Pianist; Lieto Ensemble*; Amy Cormode, *Minister of Spiritual Formation for Children, Youth, and Families*; Pamela Decker, *Organist*; Will Dekoevend, *Facilities Assistant*; Argelia El-Khayat, *Nursery Worker*; Christina Jarvis, *Music Director*; Pamela Spears, *Parish Administrator*; David Wachter, *Publications Manager, Computer Specialist, & Associate Organist*; James White, *Sexton*

Consultant

Patti Morrison, *Bookkeeper*

Sunday School Teachers, Youth Mentors

Children and Youth Spiritual Formation Leaders: Chris LaBour, Judy Gossard, Anne Harri, Madeleine Caldwell, Laurie Finn, Joan Cooney

Youth Group Sponsors: Joe Stefani, Elizabeth Schmitt
Nursery Worker: Argelia El-Khayat