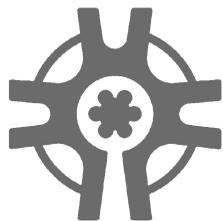


Welcome to



Grace St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Creation Sunday



October 7, 2018

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

- by Jane Thrall. The Earth created wondrous flowers to be enjoyed by all.

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 is downstairs in the Weeks Room. 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.

Middle School and High School Youth

- 11:45–12:45 p.m. Youth Group meets in the St. Francis Room.
- 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 the Style of Taizé

7:45 and 10 a.m. Communion Services

The Rev. Kimberlee Law and The Rev. Steve Keplinger, Celebrants

SACRED SPACE

Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Your sanctuary is a sacred place for all to prepare for worship in meditation and prayer. We encourage you to socialize and greet others in the foyer in the back of the church (the narthex) and in McBride Hall.

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.)

Nun danket alle Gott

J. S. Bach

Prelude (10 a.m.)

Lassina Doumbya, Master Drummer

Greeting and Announcements

Silence

How Wolves Change Rivers

Video by Chris & Dawn Agnos

The Call of Creation (10 a.m.)

Lassina Doumbya, Master Drummer

leading into

Introit (10 a.m.)

Come, all you people

No. 717, With One Voice

Please turn to page 4 for this hymn. We will sing the English stanzas.

1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
1 U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior,
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it,

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 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it,

come now and wor - ship the Lord.
u - ya - i mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

The Call of the Earth

Aldo Leopold

The silence is broken with distant music.

Conservation is getting nowhere because it is incompatible with our Abrahamic concept of land. We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. There is no other way for land to survive the impact of mechanized man...

That land is a community is the basic concept of ecology, but that land is to be loved and respected is an extension of ethics ... Perhaps such a shift of values can be achieved by reappraising things unnatural, tame, and confined in terms of things natural, wild, and free.

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

Processional Hymn *We are a part of all creation*

No. 131, *My Heart Sings Out* (7:45 a.m.: stanzas 1 & 2; 10 a.m.: all stanzas)

The people may stand in body or spirit.



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



all of ___ cre - a - tion sings in us, earth and sea and
 all of ___ the peo - ples sing in us, one our jour - ney,
 God is ___ the voice that sings in us, be our jour - ney,
 giv - en ___ the breath of life to share all the glo - ry



sky and crea - tures, join in ___ the dance of life and love.
 one our path - way, one in ___ the dance of life and love.
 be our path - way, come be ___ our dance of life and love.
 of our Mak - er with ev - 'ry per - son ev - 'ry - where.

All of ___ cre-a - tion, one o - ha-na,* All of ___ cre-a - tion sings in you;

Ma-ny ___ the voic-es, one great mu-sic, part of me ___ and part of

you. ___ you; part of me ___ and part of you. ___

**ohana = great family*

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

The Opening Acclamation is from [Third Space](#).

Celebrant: O Divine Voice,

People: You sing and the universe comes into being;

Celebrant: O Divine Breath,

People: You breathe and all things spring to life;

Celebrant: O Divine Word,

People: You call and creation is sustained;

Celebrant: O Divine Flesh,

People: You are born among us,
and the Creator is clothed in creation;

Celebrant: O Divine Spirit,

People: You fill all that has been formed;

Celebrant: O Divine Life,

People: You are the pulse of all that is.

Celebrant: And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration
we marvel at this mystery:

In you all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;

People: And so we join with creation

in the eternal song of worship and wonder. 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 - diant 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.

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

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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 lives and loves 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.

[An excerpt from Bernadette Demientieff's speech to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church—July 10, 2018]

I am here at the direction of my elders, on behalf of the Gwich'in nation of Alaska and Canada... For over 40,000 years, my people have migrated with the porcupine caribou herd... The migration route of the porcupine caribou and the Gwich'in people are identical.

Because of climate change, only a few of us still get the caribou, but they are still 80% of our food diet. We have had a spiritual and cultural connection to the herd for over 40,000 years. All our songs, all our stories, all our dances are directed to the porcupine caribou herd.

In December, the Trump administration has opened the sacred place where life begins, the calving grounds of the porcupine caribou herd to oil and gas development. This is a direct attack on the Gwich'in nation, a direct attack on our way of life, our culture, and our traditional ways of life...We don't go to the sacred place where life begins when we have a food shortage, when there is starvation going on, this is how sacred this place is to us...

There was a time when we could communicate with the caribou, and we made a pact that we would always take care of each other. Now it is our turn to take care of them. They have taken care of us for thousands and thousands of years...

Our animals cannot speak for themselves. They can't tell us when they are starving or hungry or hurting. That's what we are here for. We have to be their voice...

We are not asking for anything, we are not

Silence

Native flute

Karen Hanson

A Reading from the Continuing Revelation of God

[Glen Canyon on the Colorado, by Richard Shelton]

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**

asking for jobs or schools. We are asking for the respect to live as we always have, to keep our identity as Gwich'in. 95% of the Arctic is already open to oil and gas development. This is the last crucial 5%...Alaska is ground zero for climate change. Our animals are suffering, they are sick, and they are starving. Our polar bears are drowning because they have no ice to rest. The caribou herds are declining, the western herd has declined 57% since 2010...

Our children deserve to see the world as it was in the beginning...We honor our homelands, we honor our waters, and our animals. This was given to us by Creator. He gave this to us to care for...

I know we are up against a very dysfunctional administration. But I believe that our God is more powerful...And I believe that with us standing together, we can protect the sacred place where life begins.

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

Sequence Music (7:45 a.m.)

The people may stand in body or spirit.

Sequence Music (10 a.m.)

The Drum of Loss

The people may stand in body or spirit.

Lassina Doumbya, Master Drummer

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

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

*The people may stand in body or spirit.
By Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)*

**We thank you for this earth, our home;
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,
for the ocean and streams,
for the towering hills and the whispering wind,
for the trees and green grass.**

**We thank you for our senses
by which we hear the songs of birds,
and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat,
and taste autumn's fruit,
rejoice in the feel of snow,
and smell the breath of spring flowers.**

**Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty;
and save us from being so blind
that we pass unseeing
when even the common thorn bush
is aflame with your glory.**

**For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities
for new beginnings and new discoveries.
Life is constantly changing and renewing itself.**

**In this new day of new beginnings with God,
all things are possible.**

**We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening
to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be. 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.**

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

Celebrant:

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

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

Celebrante: La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

Pueblo: Y con tu espíritu.

Meditation bell will bring us back to silence.

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]

Offertory Music (7:45 a.m.)

Offertory Anthem (10 a.m.)

For the beauty of the earth

John Rutter

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

The people may stand in body or spirit.

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



From the fruit of your Cre - a - tion Bread and wine we bring to share,



From the boun - ty of the Plan - et That you give to hu - man care.

Verse



By your Spir - it all is sac - red So your Pres - ence may ap - pear,



In thanks - giv - ing cel - e - bra - tion For your peo - ple gath - ered here.

*Repeat
Refrain*

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The Great Thanksgiving

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

Celebrant: God is with us.

People: **God is present here.**

Celebrant: Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

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

Celebrant:

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

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

(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.)

Blue boat home

Words: Peter Mayer;

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, adapt. Peter Mayer;

keyboard arr. of *Hyfrydol* by Jason Shelton

Bruce Anderson, cello

Communion Hymn (10 a.m.)

Now thank we all our God

No. 397, *The Hymnal 1982*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a keyboard accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

No. 397, *The Hymnal* 1982

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947)

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

After communion, the service resumes here. The Deacon may name the Eucharistic Visitors and those who will receive Holy Communion at home.

Deacon: We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, for those to whom you go share fully with us in the Body of Christ.

All: **We who are many are one.**

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

All creatures of the universe

No. 400, *The Hymnal 1982*, redacted by Kari McBride

(7:45 a.m.: stanzas 1 & 2; 10 a.m.: stanzas 1-4, 7)



1. All crea-tures of the u - ni - verse, Praise God, who brought all things to
 2. And this blue plan - et, glo - rious earth, teem - ing with count - less forms di -
 3. Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 4. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your God to
 5. Now with af - fec - tion in your heart, lov - ing all oth - ers, take your
 6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, give thanks to God with grate - ful -



birth: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 verse, Sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 loft, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 part, O _____ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 breath, Sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 ness: Sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to the



sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams:
 fruits that in you grow life's great com - plex - i - ty do show:
 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice:
 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give the world your warmth and light:
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, who grieves your ev - ery care:
 home the child of God, path - way that count - less ag - es trod:
 one who made all things; with joy - ful voic - es, ev - er sing:



O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,
 O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,
 O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,
 O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,
 O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,
 O sing prais - es, O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Kari Boyd McBride
 Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
 adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Dismissal

The Dismissal is by The Rev. Steve Keplinger.

Deacon: Go now, protect and celebrate Creation, welcome Wildness, 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.) *Improvisation on “Lasst uns erfreuen”* Paul Manz

Creation Postlude (10 a.m.)
 Lassina Doumbya, Master Drummer

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
Lector: Dave Coatsworth
Chalice: Marilyn Thompson, Ric Wood
Acolyte: Henry Loew, Ann Schlumberger
Verger: Martha Farnham
Ushers: Pia Cuneo, Jane Thrall
Altar Guild: Gwen McCaffrey

Service Participants, 10 a.m.

Deacon: The Rev. Nancy Meister
Lector: James Neeley
Subdeacon: Nanalee Raphael
Chalice: Anton Faynberg, Br. Chuck Hannan
Verger: Martha Farnham
Ushers: Jane Nakazato, Cynthia Sorrensen-Carter,
 Jim & Virginia Zuelow,
Altar Guild: Barbara Morehouse, Jane Thrall,
 Alexandra Zarris

We thank Lassina Doumbya, Master Drummer, Karen Hanson, native flute, and Bruce Anderson, cello, for their musical offerings at today’s services.

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; Kimberlee, our Associate Rector; and the clergy and staff who serve Grace St. Paul's; The Episcopal Church; all of our Episcopal schools; Christ Presbyterian Church 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; BJ Bower; Toni Sue Brooks; Anagrethe Christensen; Alysha Collins; Rosemary DeCook; Mark Drew; Jay Elliston; Argelia El Khayat and family; Mary Fitzgerald; Craig Garver; Tom Ham; Br. Chuck Hannan; Jeff Harvey; Sara Heitshu; Joyce Henderson; Cricket Kelbaugh; Janet Kells; Jeanette Lyon; Karen McVean; Anagrace & Dan Misenhimer; June Moritz; Nancy Moritz; Brenda Pentland; Danielle Phillips; Jamie Ray; Robert Rosenberg; Sandra Sankey; Susan Southwick; the friends and family of Ann M. Stephens; Sr. Carol Willans; Heather Williams; Ed; Lee; Marilyn; Melea; Sarah Barchas; Mildred Gregory; Norman Hammer; Carla LaFontain; John Mahn; Ingrid Miller; Judy Miller; Maribel Ortiz; Anne Plyler; Peggy Southwick; Patricia Thompson; Paris Torres; Jim Varboncoeur; Tonya Watkins; Peter Weiblen, Jr.; Ronald Wyckmape; Annie & Lyndsey; Bill; Bonnie; Cassandra; Eric; Harold; Jane; Joel; Mike, Monica & Danitza; Rob; Samyra.

We hold in prayer animal companions who are in need, especially Cuillen, Ruby, and the vaquitas of the Gulf of California.

We hold in prayer our animal companions who have died, especially Ruby and Cuillen.

We pray for those who have died, especially Gordon Packard, Don Christensen, and Ann M. Stephens.

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 ((520) 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.

GSP Parish Life – October 7, 2018

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

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There's lot's more 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 the Healing Ministries of Grace St. Paul's (Pastoral Care, Healing Touch, Grief ministries and Intercessory Prayer) for hosting Coffee Hour after today's services!

Coming up: October 14, 2018: GSP's Animal Ministry, Green Church Ministry, and Building & Grounds Committee (Deacon Chris Ledyard, Angel Wang, and Phil Johnson, contacts)

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR INFO!

Have you moved and you haven't been getting any mail from us? Has your household structure changed? Have you been attending Grace St. Paul's but you haven't received any mail or any e-mails from us? Would you like birthday greetings from Grace St. Paul's? Now's the time to update your info on file with us! Let us know of any changes by contacting either Pam Spears at parishadmin@grace-stpauls.org or David Wachter at bulletins@grace-stpauls.org.

Food for the Journey: Children, Families & Youth

Children's Formation

Send your children to the Love First Project for Sunday School during the 10 a.m. worship service! Love First aims to make religion, God, and faith relevant to children's lives today... growing their faith and learning to love self, love neighbor, and love God! It's a new season, new curriculum, additional teachers and beautifully updated bulletin boards... and our wonderful bear family to greet you! Hope to see you there!

Family Fall Karate Class Is Every Wednesday!

Classes are from 5 to 6 p.m. in McBride Hall. Classes will equip participants to develop fitness of mind, body, and spirit; learn safe and respectful self-defense, anti-bullying, and conflict resolution skills; practice meditation, discipline and respect; all in a safe, fun, and supportive faith community setting.

A fee of \$45/month per child (with 1 or more adult family only \$10/each) will be charged with a 10% tithe going to the GSP Children's Education program and scholarship aid will be available on as-needed basis.

Contact us if you are interested or have questions!

- Pastor Kimberlee (520) 327-6857, pastorkimberlee@grace-stpauls.org
 - Fr. Allen Breckenridge (520) 808-4073, frallenb02@live.com
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Youth Group

Please join us this Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in the Youth Room to meet with Paul, a new volunteer for the group! Good food and good fun are planned!

Food for the Journey: Adult Spiritual Formation

Exploring Our Faith: Sundays @ 9 & 11:45 a.m.

TODAY'S CLASSES:

Poetry for the Earth—9 a.m. in the Bloom Room. The wonders of creation have inspired poets ever since humans discovered the power of words; writing such poetry is an act of love directed toward both creation and Creator. We will share poetry that reflects that love of and connection to the natural world, and we invite you to also share with the rest of us a single poem, by a poet you admire or of your own composition, that celebrates the natural world in a way that is especially meaningful to you. *Facilitated by Victoria and Joe Stefani.*

St. Francis of Assisi: The Care of Creation—11:45 a.m. in the Bloom Room. This presentation will focus on St. Francis of Assisi and his continuing influence, as seen in the writing of the papal encyclical *Laudato Si*. We will take an in-depth philosophical, theological, scientific, psychological approach to learning what we can do to help care for the well-being of our planet. The example of this beloved saint invites us to be part of a paradigm shift to a better world for our children and every living being on earth. *William Joseph has a passion for the wisdom of Thomas Merton, Teilhard de Chardin, St. Francis, and the Care of Creation and our living planet. He has given presentations on all of the above for the past 25 years.*

Change the World

Animal Blessing 2018

Animals provide a window to our Compassionate God. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator. To honor the special relationship between you and your pet(s), come to the annual **Blessing of Animals, today at 5 p.m.** on the labyrinth at Grace St. Paul's. Everyone and their companion animals are welcome: lizards, horses, cats, dogs, hamsters, and animals not listed. For animals who have crossed over, bring your favorite picture. Watch the Sunday Bulletin, E-mail blast, and Facebook for a date and time announcement for our 2018 community animal burial ceremony.

The people of Grace St. Paul's acknowledge the original caretakers of the desert in which we reside. The indigenous habitation of the Tucson Basin dates back approximately 12,500 years, likely representing the oldest, continuously inhabited area in what is now the United States. Contemporary native people that constitute our ethnographic history include the Akimel O'odham, Apache, Hopi, Maricopa, Yaqui, Tohono O'odham, Yavapai, and Zuni people.

Source: friendsofsaguaro.org

Who's Who at Grace St. Paul's

Vestry

Marjorie King, *Senior Warden*; Laura Angeley-Devereux, *Special Assistant to the Rector*; Phil Johnson, *Junior Warden*; Rob Rauh, *Chancellor*; Wil Harri, *Treasurer*; Dawn McMillan, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Vestry Members: John Banks, Brianna Devereux, Anton Faynberg, Karen Hanson, Wesley Hunter, Sinead Jackson, Joe Stefani, Deborah Tinajero, Ric Wood

Clergy

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

Vergers & Acolytes

James Gooden, *Verger*; Martha Farnham, *Verger*

Staff

Jane Click, *Pianist*; *Lieto Ensemble*; Will Dekoevend, *Facilities Assistant*; Argelia El-Khayat, *Nursery Worker*; Christina Jarvis, *Music Director*; Pamela Spears, *Parish Administrator*; David Wachter, *Organist & Publications Manager*; James White, *Sexton*

Consultant

Patti Morrison, *Bookkeeper*

Children and Youth Spiritual Formation Leaders

Chris LaBour, Anne Harri, Madeleine Caldwell, Betty Rathbone, Jim Kane, Joe Stefani, Gwen McCaffrey, Wes Hunter

Nursery Worker: Argelia El-Khayat