



Order of Worship
March 10, 2024
Livestream 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St

Worship 10:15 AM

Live stream found on

Grace Church Seattle's

[YouTube](#)

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

Nursery: (6 months to 2yrs)

Room 118

(children may be picked up at the end of the worship service)

Preschool: (3yrs to 5yrs) Room

120 (children are picked up

during *offering*)

Worship Prep Class: (Kinder to

3rd grade) Room 119

(children are picked up during *passing of the peace*) No class

5th Sundays of the month.

Infant Room

Priority for nursing moms.

Back of Sanctuary, west side.

Family Room

Chapel (Livestream Viewing)

Lap desks, color pencils,

activity pages are found in

foyer

Parents, please note, our Diocese requires minors never be unaccompanied during church events including Sunday morning worship.

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LENT 2024

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

Luke 4:1-2

Throughout the centuries, Christians from all over the world in various traditions have looked to the church calendar to help them grow as disciples of Jesus. Patterned after the life, ministry, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the church calendar is a wonderful and time-tested tool that can help us grow in profound ways.

This year, we are paying special attention to the successive seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and culminating on Pentecost Sunday (May 19), these three seasons span nearly 100 days.

We will start our journey with Lent—the six-week season preceding Easter Sunday.

Historically, Lent is a time when Christians follow in Jesus' footsteps during his withdrawal into the desert wilderness for 40 days to fast and pray.

As Jesus' followers, we desire for Him to be our first Love. The wisdom of the season of Lent is that through our acts of fasting, prayer, and alms-giving we are turning our focus back to Christ.

To use an agricultural metaphor, Lent is a season of preparing the ground to receive the good seed of the gospel. Lent is hard work, similar to plowing up the hard ground in late winter and early spring. During Lent, we voluntarily disrupt our lives through ancient spiritual disciplines so that we might better prepare ourselves for our Easter celebration, where we enter into new life in Christ.

So, we invite you to join us during the Lenten season as we journey towards Easter and the Risen Christ. May the Lord bless you and surprise you during this time!

Let us worship!

GUESTS FROM REVOICE JOIN US TODAY

As we often say, "The kingdom of God grows when we introduce our friends to our friends." Today, we are privileged to have three leaders from Revoice join us in Christian Formation and in worship!

About Revoice

The mission of Revoice is to support Christians who experience same-sex attraction—as well as those who love them—so that all in the Church might be empowered to live in gospel unity while observing the historic Christian doctrine of marriage and sexuality. Revoice was founded in 2018 when a group of Christians gathered to support and encourage each other in their faith. Most of them were gay/same-sex-attracted, and all of them believed that the Christian faith required them to live within the confines of a traditional sexual ethic. Revoice's work is both timely and essential. Visit the Revoice website (revoice.org) to read its statement of faith and statement on sexual ethics and Christian obedience.

The annual Revoice Conference is an opportunity for LGBTQ+/SSA Christians to experience safety, community, and fellowship with Jesus Christ. The next Revoice Conference will be held June 26-29, 2024, in Columbus, Ohio. The 2024 conference theme is "Masterpiece" and will center on Ephesians 2:10 which declares that we are all God's masterpiece, fashioned by God to do good works for God and with God. Learn more at revoice.org/conference.

Rev. Michelle Sanchez

We have the privilege of having Rev. Michelle Sanchez, Executive Director of Revoice, preach God's word to us today.

Michelle joined Revoice in January after serving in full-time ministry for nearly two decades in a variety of contexts, including campus ministry, local church ministry, and national denominational leadership. In her most recent role as Executive Minister of Make and Deepen Disciples for the Evangelical Covenant Church, she oversaw the development of resources, events, and generational ministries to foster discipleship throughout the denomination. An integral aspect of her leadership was the launch of the Embrace initiative, a suite of human sexuality discipleship resources in harmony with the historic Christian doctrine on human sexuality. A special emphasis of Embrace was to equip the church to flourish in love for sexual minority individuals and communities.

An ordained minister, Michelle completed seminary degrees at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, spiritual direction training at Boston College, and field studies on the life and times of Jesus at Jerusalem University College. Prior to that, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Management and International Business from New York University's Stern School of Business. Deeply passionate about global and intercultural engagement, she has thoroughly enjoyed experiencing colorful cultures in thirty-eight countries and territories worldwide. She and her husband, Mickey, live with their two children in greater Chicago.

Michelle is the author of *Color-Courageous Discipleship: Follow Jesus, Dismantle Racism, and Build Beloved Community* (with editions for students and adults), as well as a picture book for children, *God's Beloved Community*.

Liturgical Colors: Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage our sense of sight in worship.

Purple is the color of Lent representing penitence and preparation. It signifies the feeling of sorrow for our sins in the light of Christ's passion and death.

The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy" [available here](#) or printed and found in the lobby at the Grace Kids Table. .

Prayer by
ACNA BCP

The Acclamation, similar to a greeting, is a way we welcome each other into this holy space and time. It prepares us for the hearing and responding to God. Our liturgy can be thought of as a conversation between each other and God. Conversations require both hearing a responding. The Acclamation prepares us for the hearing and responding to God.

ACNA Book of Common Prayer,
2019



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter Sunday and is an annual gift to us. During Lent, we take time to pause, assess our spiritual health, and make small changes in our daily rhythms to help us walk more closely with the Lord.

Here is a helpful prayer for the season:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME *Seated*

PRELUDE

THE ACCLAMATION *Stand if able*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Romans 4:17 and John 6:68

The God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not now calls us into his presence with joy and cloaked in faithfulness!

Where else would we go? We worship as we come into the presence of the God who loves us and gives us life.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is
 King of cre-a-tion!
 won-drous-ly reign-eth;
 work and de-fend thee;
 in me a-dore Him!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
 Shel-ter, thee un-der His wings, yea, so
 Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here
 All that hath life and breath, come now with
 health and sal-va-tion!
 gent-ly sus-tain-eth!
 dai-ly at-tend thee;
 prais-es be-fore Him;
 All ye who hear, now to His tem-ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen how thy de-sires e'er have been
 Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do,
 Let the A-men sound from His peo-ple a-gain,
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 Praise Him in glad a-dor-a-tion,
 Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?
 If with His love He be-friend thee.
 Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him.

Joachim Neander 1680,
 "Lobe den Herren" 1665
 trans. Catherine Winkworth,
 1863

LENTEN COLLECT FOR PURITY

Jesus of the wilderness,
we are a people whose hearts are cluttered
and overgrown with distraction.
By your generative and gentle hand,
prune our unspoken commitment to self-numbing,
re-wild in us an imagination of devotion,
that we, like you in the desert,
may journey with courage into the sacredness of silence,
stillness and solitude.
Through Christ our companion, amen.

A collect is a prayer that is intended to collect or sum up the prayers of the community, typically following a four-fold pattern: invocation, meditation, petition, and doxology. The Collect for Purity helps us to hear God's word and worship by reminding us that we are laid bare when we come before him. He sees and knows all that we are and all that we bring to him.

Gabriel St. John, 2024

We come to God that we might be shaped and formed by his Word.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Seated

LECTIO SACRA

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-23

"Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

Furthermore, all the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful, following all the detestable practices of the nations and defiling the temple of the Lord, which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the Lord's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials. They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.

He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power. The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah.

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

"This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

"'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of his people among you may go up, and may the Lord their God be with them.'"

New Testament Reading

1 John 4: 7-12, 16, 21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.

INTERLUDE



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Stand if able

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!
Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"
For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Praying through the Psalms each week teaches us how to pray, using the prayer book of ancient Israel. As we pray, there will be pauses for reflection.

1. I will build my house, whether storm or drought, on the
2. By the word you spoke, are the starry host, all called
3. I will not trust in the strength of kings, on your

rock that does not move. I will set my hope in your
out by name each night. In your watchful care I will
pro-mise I will stand. I will shout for joy, I will

love, oh Lord, and your faith-ful-ness will prove: You are
rest se-cure, as you lead us with your light. You are
raise my voice: Hal-le-lu-jah To the lamb! You are

stead - fast, — stead - fast, — 2. By the
stead - fast, — stead - fast, —
stead - fast, — stead - fast, —

1. 2. 3. 1.

You are stead - fast, — stead - fast, — 3. I —

2. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3.

4. In the mo-ment of emp-ti-ness all was ful-filled, in the
ho-ur of dark-ness your light was re-vealed, in the pre-sence of death your
life was af-firmed, in the ab-sence of ho-li-ness you are still God. — You are

(Repeat 4x)

stead - fast, — stead - fast, — You are

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SERMON

The Beloved Community

Rev. Michelle Sanchez

INTERLUDE



Kneel or Sit

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Amen

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

Book of Common Prayer

Stand if able

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world.
O have mer - cy on us.
Lord have mer - cy on us.

1. **4** *back to top

2. Grant us_ peace Lo - rd.
Grant us_ peace Lo - rd. **D.S.**

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RECEIVING OF GRACE

based on Psalm 91



Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those that know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them
and show them my salvation.

Receive the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

May the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

PASSING THE PEACE

***Parents, please pick up your children from the Worship Prep Class.
Children in Preschool are not picked up until Offering, and Nursery may
stay through to the end of worship.**

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "*May the peace of Christ be with you*" and receive back the greeting "*And also with you.*"

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are new, please let us know about your visit through the QR code. If you are a regular attender, you can update your household information through the same QR code. Please use the cards inserted in the Order of Worship to share any praises or prayer requests you might have.



Turn to page 16–18 for announcements and event details.

When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies

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When morn - ing lights the east - ern skies, O
 Teach me the way that I should go; I
 You are my God; to you I pray; Teach
 For Your name's sake, O grac - ious Lord, Re -

11

Lord, Your mer - cy show; On You a - lone my hope re - lies,
 lift my soul to You; For re - fuge from the cru - el foe
 me Your will to heed; And in the right and pe - cfect way
 16 vive my soul and bless, And in Your faith - ful - ness and love

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— Let me your kind - ness know.
 — To You, O Lord I go.
 — May your good She - pherd lead.
 — Re - deem me from dis - tress.

Benjamin Smith
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Spirit of God

Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies;
 Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
 Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
 3 Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,

Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move
 No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
 All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
 5 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness might-y as Thou art;
 No an - gel vi - sion, no o - p'ning skies;
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the re - bel sigh;
 I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling;
 7 The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove,

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
 9 My heart an al - tar, and 4 Thy love the flame. (repeat line)

words: George Croly, 1854
 music: Karl Digerness, 2006

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Heavenly Father,

Where ignorance, exclusion, and insensitivity have fractured life in community,
Give us your light, O God of love.

Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples,
Give us your light, O God of freedom.

Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden,
Give us your light, O God of grace

Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war have challenged your goodness,
Give us your light, O God of peace.

Eternal God, **remove the blindness of the nations and peoples so that they may walk in the light of love; remove the ignorance and stubbornness of our own hearts so that we may drink from the fountains of your goodness.**

Amen.

Instrument Of Peace

Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of peace, an in - stru - ment of
peace. 1. Where there is ha - tred, let me sow love. Where there is
2. Where there is sor - row, let me sow hope! Where there is
dark - ness, let me sow light. For in the gi - ving, we shall re -
doubt_ let me sow faith! Where there is in - jur - y, your par - don
ceive, and in the dy - ing, we're gi - ven life.
give; your con - so - la - tion to those in pain.
Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of peace, an in - stru - ment of peace.
Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of peace, an in - stru - ment of peace. Where there is
peace. A - men. A - men.

Isaac Wardell, Jessica Fox, Liz
Vice, Orlando Palmer, and Paul
Zach



Offering Tiles

Many of us tithe electronically and this can be a wise practice and a blessing to the church. A downside can be the loss of the embodied practice of physically bringing our offering to the Lord. If it will aid you in your worship to reclaim a physical expression of tithing, tiles are now available in baskets at our welcome table for you to choose and place in the offering basket as it is passed.

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OFFERING

***Parents, please pick up your children from the Preschool Class. Nursery may stay through to the end of worship.**

To give to the Grace General Fund, you can give several ways:** Please note that giving via credit/debit card incurs a processing fee of approximately 2%.**

- To give via credit card, scan the QR code. (This will take you to our giving page)
- Give via Venmo (Give to @graceseattle; all transactions are private)
- Give via PayPal (Give to bookkeeper@graceseattle.org)
- To gift stock, contact our bookkeeper@graceseattle.org
- Mail to check to:****All mail must be addressed to Grace Church Seattle****
Grace Church Seattle
505 Broadway E, PMB 324, Seattle, WA 98102



For more details, please to graceseattle.org/giving

MUSICAL OFFERING

We come to the Table of our Lord
that he might feed and nourish us.



The *Sursum Corda* (Latin: "Lift up your hearts") is an ancient Christian communion prayer. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised with Christ and now reign with him in heaven.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Stand if able

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We Ascend (The Sursum Corda)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Song of Heaven (The Sanctus)

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 2. heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry,
 3. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord, God of pow - er and might.
 -ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Sanctus (Latin: "Holy") is one of the songs being sung in heaven before God's throne. We join our voices to with the angels and those who have gone before us in the faith to give glory to God.

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We Remember (Words of Institution)

We Ask God's Blessing (Prayer of Consecration)

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for your people the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, may we be one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. For by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

We Preach the Good News

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

We Draw Near (The Lord's Supper)

(All are invited to come forward during Communion. The act of receiving the bread and wine is a confession, that as you receive those gifts, you have already received the gift of a renewed relationship with God, through Christ. If that is not your confession, you may still come forward to receive a prayer. Simply cross your arms across your chest as an indication that you are coming for prayer.)

Communion Elements:

Cup: Wine or Grape Juice

Bread ingredients: Wheat Flour, Rye Flour, White Unbleached Flour, 1% Milk, Yeast, Vegetable Oil

Rice Crackers: Organic Brown Rice Flour, Organic White Rice Flour

Prefilled, factory-sealed communion

elements also available:
 Communion wafer ingredients: wheat flour, water, vegetable shortening (soybean oil, cottonseed oil).

Receiving Communion

We will come forward by rows, starting at the front. There will be factory sealed communion elements as well as gluten free crackers with designated juice and wine on the table at the front. Otherwise, there is bread to dip in either wine (tall cup) or juice (short cup).

Joy To Be

[Chorus]
O the joy to be, joy to know
It's when I decrease,
You fill up my soul
What a joy to see, joy to hold
It's when You increase,
I want nothing more

[Chorus]
Hasten my ears, bridle my tongue
Focus my heart to hear
Settle my pace, purge me of pride
Again and again, You provide

[Chorus] 2x

Open my hands, humble my heart
All that I have is Yours
Color my prayers, widen my eyes
Wash me in glorious light

*Brian Eichelberger and Zach
Bolen*



BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Amen.



SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

WELCOME TO GRACE

The various opportunities for growth, connection and service at Grace are listed below.

GRACE KIDS If you have any questions about Grace Kids, email linn@graceseattle.org.

Resources for Sunday Worship. Children are always welcome to remain in the service. To participate in a class, children must be signed in each week with KidCheck, our secure check-in system and wear their printed name tag. Check-in stations located in lobby and downstairs.

- Nursery (6 months-2 years), located downstairs in classroom #118
- Preschool (3-5 years), located downstairs in classroom #120. Children are picked up during the *offering*.
- Worship Prep Class (Kinder-3rd grade), located downstairs in classroom #119, children are picked up during *passing of the peace*. This class does not meet on the 5th Sunday of the month.
- Infant room is located in the back of the Sanctuary. Priority for nursing moms.
- Family room is provided in the upstairs chapel with a livestream viewing.
- Kids Activities are available in the lobby each week for use during in-person worship.

Christian Formation Class. Christian Formation Classes are offered for children age 2 - 5th grade.

YOUTH GROUP All youth ages 12-18 are welcome to join our Youth Group, which meets during Christian Formation Hour the first three Sundays of the month. This year we'll be exploring the practice of prayer together. If you are interested or have questions, email Nelson Hall at nelson@graceseattle.org.

YOUNG ADULTS Join other young adults in our community as we gather together for lunch the first and third Sundays of every month at 12:30 PM. Please contact nelson@graceseattle.org for more details.

COMMUNITY FORMATION

Adult Christian Formation Class. The adult class will be exploring the Gospel of Mark this fall. You can access the audio to all the classes through the QR code.



Community Groups. These are groups of 6-12 people that gather in peoples' homes in a variety of neighborhoods in the Seattle area. Email Jamie Afshari, at jamie@graceseattle.org for more information.

Growth Groups. These are groups of 3 men or 3 women that are designed to be communities where people can be known and grow (1-year commitment). Please contact Jamie Afshari at jamie@graceseattle.org (women) or John Haralson at john@graceseattle.org (men).

SERVING THE CITY Serving the City (STC) exists to disciple our congregation in service, to care for our neighbors and neighborhoods, and to support people who have been marginalized. We do this by partnering and volunteering with local organizations to support their work in our community—New Horizons, REST, World Relief, and Olive Crest. This ministry year, STC is hosting focused events on caring for the housing insecure and unhoused in our city, we hope you join us as we learn, pray and seek the ways the Lord may be calling us to serve in this area. If you are interested in learning more about STC, contact Drew Billups at drew@graceseattle.org.

MUSIC & ARTS. As a worshipping community, we seek to respond to God with music and visual arts that are winsome, well-crafted, and beautiful. We also find ways to stay connected to the broader artistic and creative community in our neighborhood and city. If you are interested in getting involved with the music and arts at Grace, or want to learn about the Grace Artists group, email Jess Alldredge, Worship Arts Director at jess@graceseattle.org.

OTHER GROUPS

LGBTQ+ / SSA Community in Seattle. For over five years, Grace has been an active supporter of "Revoice"; a ministry committed to supporting LGBTQ+/SSA individuals who long to follow Jesus and are following (or curious about following) a historical approach in regard to stewarding their sexuality. Revoice has established a local chapter here in Seattle in order to offer support and community to our LGBTQ+ / SSA siblings. Join us each month for Sunday lunch, laughter, and a sense of community, here on Capitol Hill! For more information and details select "Seattle" at <https://www.revoice.org/local-chapters>

Recovery From Sexual Compulsivity Discussion Group. This group meets Wednesdays at 8 PM via Zoom. It is an anonymous (first-names) male-only meeting that follows a 12-step format open to men of any or no faith. For more information contact Clint Morse (206-915-1669).

Book Club. Love reading? Join us once or every month. We read all kinds of literature including best sellers, classics, non-fiction, and young adult fiction. We meet in person at different locations each month - email office@graceseattle.org for more details.

EVENTS

Revoice Leadership Weekend. Leaders from Revoice are with us this weekend to raise awareness for the work they are doing to support LGBTQ+/SSA individuals (and people who love them!) who want to follow Jesus (or curious about following) a historical approach in regard to stewarding their sexuality. For more information, go to revoice.org.

Easter Egg Stuffing Party. Please join us immediately after worship today in the fellowship hall for stuffing Easter eggs! All ages are welcome to help!

Grace 101. Our next new members class will be Friday, 3/15, 7-9 PM & Saturday, 3/16 9-1 PM. Friday evening will be a fellowship time over dinner. On Saturday, we will dive into the ministries of Grace - light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Childcare is not provided, but babes in arms are welcome, or older kids who would be content to watch a movie during the sessions are welcome. Sign up through the QR code by Sunday, 3/10.



Men's Retreat Registration is Open! Please join us this year from April 12-14 at the beautiful Rainbow Lodge as we spend time in worship, reflection, and fellowship. Specifically, we'll be considering the difficult but life-giving work of engaging with our stories. You can learn more about the weekend and register through the QR code.



2024 Ministry Year Key Dates

Key dates for this year are listed below.

March

- Sunday, 3/10:
 - Revoice Leadership at Adult Christian Formation Hour.
 - Easter Egg stuffing & New Horizons Move-in kit assembly following the service.
- Friday, 3/15, 7-9 PM & Saturday, 3/16 9-1 PM - Grace 101. Details and sign up above.
- Sunday, 3/17 - Making PB&J sandwiches for Operation Nightwatch after the worship service
- Friday, 3/29 - Good Friday Service @ 7 PM
- Sunday, 3/31 - Easter morning! Easter Egg Hunt for Grace Kids following service.

April

- Wednesday, 4/10 - Sunrise Prayer Service @ 6:15 AM at Maple Leaf Reservoir Park - email john@graceseattle.org with questions.
- Friday, 4/12/2024 - Sunday 4/14/2024 - Men's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge
- Sunday, 4/21 - STC Lunch: Panel Discussion. RSVP by emailing drew@graceseattle.org

May

- Wednesday, 5/1 - Sunrise Prayer Service @ 5:30 AM at Mount Baker Beach
- Friday, 5/3/2024 - Sunday 5/5/2024 - Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge
- Sunday, 5/21 - STC Lunch: Grace discernment, brainstorming and prayer. RSVP by emailing drew@graceseattle.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool teacher needed. Our preschool class is in need of one more teacher. Please reach out to Linn@graceseattle.org if you would be interested.

Grace Online Giving is moving from Subsplash to Planning Center. This change will be slow - you will have until July to move any recurring online giving to Planning Center. An email with all the details and instructions will be sent out this week. Email office@graceseattle.org with questions.

Easter Baptisms. If you or someone in your household would like to be baptized on Easter Sunday (3/31), please email office@graceseattle.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to grow closer to God? Consider observing Lent–Holy Week–Eastertide. Lent is an invitation to take some ownership of your spiritual growth. By God's goodness, making one or two small changes can lead to significant transformation. This year, we are focusing on the ancient Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving to help foster spiritual growth. The Lent–Holy Week–Eastertide booklet for all ages is available through the QR code as well as printed in the foyer.



New Horizons Move-In Kits. As a part of the almsgiving theme of our Lenten practice - help us build "move-in kits" that will have essential household items for young adults transitioning to independent living. Please purchase items through the Amazon registry (QR code) and drop them off in the foyer on Sunday, March 10.



Volunteers Needed. We need more households to join our new Neighbor Team this spring. This team will provide support and community for a young adult that New Horizons is assisting to move from into independent housing. It is a monthly commitment for 6 months. Email drew@graceseattle.org if you are interested or have any questions.

GRACE MINISTRY PARTNERS

Grace partners with a number of organizations that aid in spiritual and emotional development.

SOUL CARE SEATTLE

Soul Care Seattle is an urban retreat and spiritual direction ministry located on Capitol Hill. They have many different ways to help you grow in your relationship with God.

Soul Care Seattle is located at **The Layne**: 1252 16th Ave E. Sign up for all offerings through the QR code.



Listening Prayer Group. A Listening prayer group is a small group that meets with the intention of building a community around the word of God. The passages will focus this year on the questions Jesus asked his followers and asks us today. For more information and to RSVP, scan the QR code above. Meetings are at 7 PM at The Layne on these Thursdays: 3/21, 4/18, and 5/16

Half-day Retreat schedule at the Layne (Saturdays, 8:45 AM to 12 PM). Why a silent retreat? How many of us have the space to be truly quiet and listen to ourselves or listen to God about ourselves? These retreats are available to those who would like to experience silence & prayer in community. Scan the QR code above to register and email renee@soulcareseattle.com if you have any questions. The silent retreats are held on these Saturdays: 3/16, 4/20 and 5/18

Centering Prayer Group. Centering Prayer consists of sitting in silence with God - beyond thoughts, words, and emotions and opening our mind, heart and whole being to the Trinity. Scan the QR code above to register (no cost). If you have any questions email donna@soulcareseattle.com. The time of fellowship and prayer is from 7 to 8:30 PM and are held on these Thursdays: 4/25 and 5/9 via Zoom.

Spiritual Direction. Find out more about Spiritual Direction and how to sign up through the QR code above.

BELL TOWER COUNSELING

Bell Tower is a non-profit counseling center in Seattle that provides evidence-based and biblically-sound counseling services to those in need. They are committed to offering generous scholarship resources to clients so that financial need is never a barrier to receiving high-quality counseling care. Learn more about becoming a donor, scheduling an intake for individual counseling as well as the groups they have available through the QR code.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

03/10 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

03/17 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

03/24 Palm Sunday
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

03/29 Good Friday Service 7 PM
(In-Person and Livestream)

03/31 Easter Sunday
Worship Service 10:15 AM
No Worship Prep Class
(In-Person and Livestream)

04/07 First Sunday in Eastertide
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

Whistleblower Policy

Our Diocese is committed to our churches being safe places to disclose wrongdoing that is observed or experienced at Grace. Scan the QR code to view the C4SO's whistleblower policy which provides instruction on how to report.



Emergency Plan

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children attending a Grace Kids Class will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the farthest edge of the front lawn, at the corner of E. Aloha St. and 13th Ave. E., where they can be reunited with their parents or guardians.

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PASTORAL CARE

Not sure who to contact? If you have needs or resources you'd like to offer the community, please contact us at pastoralcare@graceseattle.org.

GIVE

You can give financially to Grace in many ways.
Scan the QR code to learn more.



Financial Update (as of 1/31/2024):

General Fund: YTD giving - 298,118.42 Budget - 70,833

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