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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, 12 August 2012, 10:00 am

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

—Revelation 21:1-6

Let us worship!

WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 am Sundays.

Meeting in the Volunteer Park Seventh-day Adventist church building (1300 E Aloha St).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Meeting throughout the Seattle metropolitan area.

Information is available in the back section and on our website (www.graceseattle.org).

NURSERY

Available for 6 months to 2 years during the service.

Located in the Chapel, next to the Sanctuary (upstairs).

GRACE KIDS

Available downstairs for ages 2 ½ years-Kindergarten.

- Toddler (2 ½-3 years): 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

- Preschool (4 years-Kindergarten): Room 117

Children 4+ years are dismissed just before the sermon begins.

Classes for 1st-6th grades will resume in September.

FOR REFLECTION

A man can no more have a private religion than he can have a private sun or moon.

—G. K. Chesterton

And in that silence Edmund could at last listen to the other noise properly. A strange, sweet, rustling, chattering noise—and yet not so strange, for he'd heard it before—if only he could remember where! Then all at once he did remember. It was the noise of running water. All around were streams, chattering, murmuring, bubbling, splashing and even (in the distance) roaring. And his heart gave a great leap (though he hardly knew why) when he realized that the frost was over...

“This is no thaw,” said the dwarf to the Witch. “This is Spring...Your winter has been destroyed, I tell you! This is Aslan’s doing.”

—C. S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.

—Isaac Watts. “Joy to the World”

GRACE CHURCH SEATTLE
SUNDAY, 12 AUGUST 2012
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STANDING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 100

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

Come let us adore him.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

Come let us adore him.

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

*Text in **bold italics** is read together by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by one of the worship service leaders.*

All Creatures Of Our God And King

*St. Francis of Assisi c. 1225
Peter von Brachel 1623*

8 All crea - tures of our God and King,
Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong,
5 All ye who are of ten - der heart,
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless,
8 lift up your voice and with us sing Al - le -
ye clouds that sail in heaven a - long, O
for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, sing his
9 and wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O
8 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!
13 prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!
8 Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam,
Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice,
17 Ye who long pain and sor - row bear,
Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,
8 thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O
ye lights of eve - ning find a voice,
praise God and on him cast your care,
21 and praise the Spir - it, Three in One,
praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
27 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

SEATED

“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.

LECTIO SACRA

Revelation 22:1-7

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

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

STANDING

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself.

Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me their sins against God and their neighbor.

**Our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
You have sent us into the world as your ambassadors,
but at times we have resisted this new identity.
Forgive us, we pray.**

**Give us hearts for the people you have placed in our lives.
Overcome our fear and indifference.
Knit us into a community that loves the lost,
serves the poor and broken, and welcomes the stranger.
Protect us from removing your mission from our day-to-day lives.
May your glory be seen and known
as we live under your gracious care.**

(You are invited to personalize your confession as you pray silently.)

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Adapted from Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

***Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy,
has given his own Son to die and to rise from the dead for us,
and for his sake forgives us all our sins. Amen.***

HYMN OF TRUST

We Boast In Jesus Christ

Jess Alldredge © 2011 Grace Church Seattle

***Dead in our transgressions; held captive by our sins
Spirit move within us; reset our hearts again***

***All have sinful nature; all have selfish thoughts
But God's great love and mercy brings life through Christ in us***

Chorus

***By Grace we have been saved in Jesus Christ
Through faith, not by our works; we boast in Jesus Christ***

***Mankind will disobey and follow the ways of this world
Forgive us Lord we pray; you're the truth, the life, the way***

***We are God's workmanship created in Jesus Christ
To do good works in fellowship; bring darkness into light
(Chorus)***

Bridge

***Bring Your kingdom, bring Your kingdom,
Bring Your kingdom, Lord (Chorus)***

ANTIPHON *Adapted from Psalm 21:13, Alldredge © 2012 Grace Church Seattle*

Leader/Cantor 1st time through - congregation 2nd time

Be ex - alt - ed, Lord, in your strength!

5 Leader/Cantor 1st time through - congregation 2nd time

We will sing and praise your pow - er!

Antiphons are an ancient way of introducing and concluding the Psalms. Antiphons are sung in a "call and response" pattern.

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.

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 34:1-10
OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOR
BEFORE ABIMELECH,
SO THAT HE DROVE HIM OUT, AND HE WENT AWAY.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

**Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

**The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

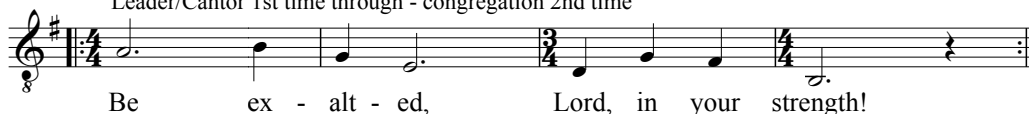
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

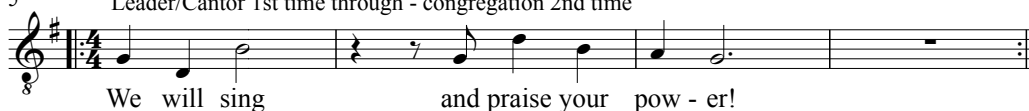
**The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Father in heaven,
you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life of your church.
Bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in your church.**

May we deeply love one another.

May we love one another with deeds as well as words.

(Silent prayer for relationships and acts of practical love within the congregation.)

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May we deeply love Christians outside this congregation.

May we celebrate their flourishing and protect their names.

(Silent prayer for the ministries of St. Joseph's, First Presbyterian, Capitol Hill Presbyterian, First AME Church, and other churches in the city.)

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May we deeply love our friends and family members who do not know you.

May we bless them with our actions, prayers, and words.

(Silent prayer for people we love to come to know Christ.)

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May we deeply love victims of injustice and those who are poor in our city.

May we open our hearts and our hands to the broken.

(Silent prayer for our care for orphans, homeless people, the dying, and others who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

STANDING

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Each week, we pray for the people around us and in the world as a way to serve them according to God's will. You are welcome to sit, stand, or kneel as we pray. If you have children, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray.

HYMN OF FAITH

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote 1834, William B. Bradbury 1863

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Je-sus' blood and right-eous ness; I
5 2. When darkness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his unchang-ing grace; in
dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name. On
9 ev - ery high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
Christ the sol - id Rock I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all
13
24 oth - er ground is sink - ing sand. 8 3. His oath, his cov - e -
nant his blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my
28
32 soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay. 4. When he shall come with
trum - pet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his right eous -
36
42 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne. 3
46 On Christ the sol - id Rock I stand; all oth - er ground is
sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

SEATED

Children ages 4 years-Kindergarten are dismissed for Grace Kids through the back of the sanctuary (classes for 1st-6th grades resume in September).

Jay Thomas was a Pastoral Assistant at Grace from 2007-2009. He is leaving shortly to pursue a PhD at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. While in Scotland, Grace will be the home church for Jay Thomas, Andrea, and Henrik Hewitt.

GOSPEL LESSON *Text: Ezekiel 47 (selected verses; see back page)*
The River of Life
Reverend Jay Thomas Hewitt

INTERLUDE

The song text below is given for reflection.

Shall We Gather At The River?

*Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?
On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will talk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
Gather at the river;
We will gather at the river,
By the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shining river,
we'll lay every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.
At the smiling of the river,
Mirror of the Savior's face,
Saints, whom death will never sever,
Lift their songs of saving grace.*

*Soon we'll reach the silver river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy songs will quiver
With a melody of peace.*

OFFERING

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church Seattle to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. Please let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, by placing your comment card in the offering basket.

*Robert Lowry 1864
Dan Koch © 2012 Repurposed Hymns &
Spiritual Songs*

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth
Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin
Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Belief
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Cape Town Commitment was crafted by Christian leaders from 198 countries who gathered in Cape Town, South Africa in 2010. The goal of the Commitment is "To bring a fresh challenge to the global Church to bear witness to Jesus Christ and all his teaching—in every nation, in every sphere of society, and in the realm of ideas."

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH *Adapted from the Cape Town Commitment*

What are the most basic and demanding biblical challenges of all?

To love the Lord our God

**with all our heart and soul and mind and strength;
to love our neighbor
(including the foreigner and the enemy) as ourselves;
to love one another as God in Christ has loved us;
and to love the world with the love of the One
who gave his only Son that the world through him might be saved.**

What do we believe about the love that is required of us?

**Such love is the gift of God poured out in the hearts.
We love because God first loved us.**

**But such love is also the command of God
requiring the obedience of our wills.
Such love means to be like Christ himself:
robust in endurance, yet gentle in humility;
tough in resisting evil, yet tender in compassion for the suffering;
courageous in suffering and even faithful unto death.**

**Such love was modeled by Christ on earth
and is measured by the risen Christ in glory.
Such love should be the defining identity
and hallmark of disciples of Jesus.**

Prayer for Receiving Communion
Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

SONG OF PETITION

Lord, Help Us Love As You Love

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SEATED

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Allergen-free communion elements (wafers ingredients: organic brown rice flour, organic white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in either the wine (larger cup) or grape juice (smaller cup) on the table, then proceed through the line.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Praise To The Lord

Joachim Neander 1680, "Lobe den Herren" 1665

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 - ters 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,

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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Thanks be to God!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Morning coffee and refreshments in the lobby after the service—please join us!

Prayer Gathering *every Sunday* starting at 9:00 am in one of the rooms down the hall next to the sanctuary. This is a great time of community building to pray for God's glory and leading, growth in our church body, the city, and personal prayer requests.

Contact: Dan Huie (dan@graceseattle.org)

Grace Kids parent and volunteer orientation *this Sunday, 12 August and 26 August* (pick the one that works for you). Whether you've volunteered for ten years, two months, or would like to start caring for our kids on Sunday mornings, please join us as we learn the new nuts and bolts of serving our kids together. Immediately following the service in the sanctuary, come hear what to expect the next time you are scheduled to help or check-in your child. Nursery will be extended during the 15-20 minute meeting.

Contact: Heidi Hansen (heidi@graceseattle.org)

Potluck Picnic *next Sunday, 19 August* after the worship service in Volunteer Park near the wading pool. More details to come!

Contact: Linn Haralson (linn@graceseattle.org)

Bring fabric! The Hospitality Team is creating a fabric pendant banner to use during the extended fellowship time for welcoming new members. Would you help contribute pieces of fabric (no smaller than 8.5" x 11") for this special project? Please bring them to church over the next few Sundays.

Contact: Greta Wischmann (coffee@graceseattle.org)

Women's Retreat 18-20 January 2013 at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. More details to come!

Contact: Erika Schuyler (erikaschuyler@gmail.com)

See our full events calendar at www.graceseattle.org/calendar/list

Connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/graceseattle



COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are places of care and community where we live the Christian life together.

Groups will be on a summer schedule through Labor Day (3 September), either taking a break from meeting for the summer or meeting sporadically. If you are a part of a group, talk with your leader about your group's summer schedule. Groups will resume a regular meeting schedule after Labor Day.

Get connected! Groups will be getting together throughout the summer, so if you'd like to connect with a group, we'd love to help—just email us at groups@graceseattle.org!

GRACE KIDS

See the inside front cover for more information about our kids programs.

Contact: Heidi Hansen (heidi@graceseattle.org)

DIACONATE

Grace's Deacons provide care for the needs of the church community.

Contact: deacons@graceseattle.org

PARENTS' EMAIL LIST

Connect with other parents and share resources and requests.

Group email: graceparents@googlegroups.com

Contact: Linn Haralson (linn@graceseattle.org) or Karissa Taylor (karissalynnetaylor@gmail.com)

BOOK CLUB

We've been reading fiction books off *The New York Times* Best Seller list, discussing themes, worldviews, and critiques. Future brunches (Saturdays, 10:30 am) and discussions:

- 18 August: *Before I Go to Sleep* by S.J. Watson (7715 15th Ave NE)—bring your used books for a book swap!
- 15 September: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- 13 October: *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern
- 17 November: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson
- 12 January: *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel (*Wolf Hall* sequel)

Group email: seattlebookgroup@googlegroups.com

Contact: Amy Grooms (amy@graceseattle.org) to RSVP or for information

INTRODUCTION TO GRACE CHURCH SEATTLE

A periodic course for learning more about our ministry and philosophy.

Contact: Lee Grooms (lee@graceseattle.org)



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation fosters the holistic pursuit of faithful Christian living by cultivating the image of Christ in us as men, women, children, parents, workers, artists, neighbors, and every other area of life we occupy. For more information about Christian Formation, email Michael Subracko (michael@graceseattle.org).

SERMONS

Free CDs of today's sermon available on the Information Cart in the lobby after the service—for yourself or to share with a friend!

Recent sermons are available online for listening or download at our website.

Address: www.graceseattle.org/sermons



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Meals Ministry serves Grace community members with food delivery in case of short-term needs, such as injuries, illnesses, and new children. Volunteers are added to an email list and asked to serve as they are able when needs arise.

Contact: Sara Huey (meals@graceseattle.org) to volunteer

Sound assistance needed! Are you the "gadget person" around the house? Ever had an interest in recording and mixing live music? Grace is in immediate need of more people to help bolster our sound techs team! No prior experience necessary, just a willingness to learn.

Contact: Robert Gash (gashalot@gashalot.com)

Hospitality: Help create an atmosphere of welcome on Sunday mornings with coffee and treats, as well as planning and hosting lunches, picnics, and dinners where people can make deeper connections.

Contact: Linn Haralson (linn@graceseattle.org)

Music: Exercise your musical gifts in our worship services.

Contact: Jess Alldredge (jess@graceseattle.org)

Worship Service Volunteers: Greet and usher, read scripture, or help serve communion.

Contact: Lee Grooms (lee@graceseattle.org)



IN SEATTLE

For more information on serving in Seattle, contact John Haralson (john@graceseattle.org).

Shout for the voiceless. Use your head. Bald Solidarity's annual head-shaving event is Saturday, 18 August from 3:00-5:00 pm at Westlake Park—our participants give up a piece of their dignity (their hair) to give a voice to women who suffer the indignities of malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, human trafficking, and child marriage simply because they are poor and they are women. Please join us!

Website: www.baldsolidarity.org

Contact: Beth Roberts (bethany5@uw.edu)

Operation Nightwatch: Join the group from Grace that cooks and serves dinner on the third Wednesday of each month (7:00-10:00 pm) for non-housed and low-income people at the Operation Nightwatch Dispatch Center in the International District.

Contact: Coleen Marta (coleenmarta@yahoo.com)

Website: www.seattlenightwatch.org

Penny's Place: A ministry of Northwest Family Life, Penny's Place is a shelter for abused women and children.

Contact: Hope Brian (baldwin.hope@gmail.com)

Website: www.pennysplace.info

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), our denomination's college ministry, has weekly large group meetings at the University of Washington with worship, teaching, and fellowship, as well as small groups and many events.

Contact: Katie Tracy (katie.tracy@ruf.org)

Website: uw.ruf.org



IN OUR WORLD

For more information on serving in our world, contact Abby St. Hilaire (abby@graceseattle.org).

Hospitable Heart for China? Have you ever been touched by hospitality? China's scholars are in our midst and eager to connect. One way to show hospitality is by providing a friendly homestay environment for a student or research scholar coming to the University of Washington this fall (homestays are typically for 7-10 days).

Contact: Heidi Schuler (nihaoheidi@gmail.com), Campus Ministry Staff, China Outreach Ministries—for more information or to receive updates on other ways to show hospitality to Chinese students at UW

Website: chinattle.blogspot.com

Sponsor an Akha child: The Akha Youth Development Center provides housing and education to help young people escape the sex and drug trades in Thailand. You can support a child for \$40/month.

Contact: Michael Subracko (michael@graceseattle.org)

S E R M O N T E X T

Ezekiel 47 (selected verses)

1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east)... 2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out...

3 Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a [quarter mile], and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. 4 Again he measured a [quarter mile], and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a [quarter mile], and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. 5 Again he measured a [quarter mile], and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. 6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. 7 As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 And he said to me... "when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. 9 And wherever the river goes, every living creature that

swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes... 12 And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."



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