



GRACE

CHURCH SEATTLE

MAKING DISCIPLES. SERVING THE CITY.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19, 2015

9:00 am and 11:00 am

graceseattle.org

GRACE CHURCH SEATTLE

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

Psalm 95:6

No matter who you are—a committed follower of Jesus, a person curious about Christianity, or a skeptic of spirituality—God is calling you to worship him. Wherever you are on the journey, we hope that you feel welcomed and at home. Perhaps you have never been to church (or not in a long time) and fear that you will not know what to do, how to act, or what to say. Be assured: God's grace is for people just like you.

In our congregation, we follow an ancient liturgical pattern in our worship, drawing from the wisdom of Christians who have gone before us. Every Sunday we renew our commitment to God, offer him our prayers and gifts, confess our sins, receive forgiveness, hear from God's word, and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

We find worshipping this way liberates us from our culture's obsession with that which is novel. We have also found worshipping this way to be deeply and profoundly formative over time. If you are not used to worship, or not used to worshipping in this manner, give yourself some time to get acclimated. We also make every effort to explain things as we go along.

Although we are committed to worshipping in this manner, we realize that the danger of liturgical worship is that it can become an empty ritual. We understand that, at its heart, worship is profoundly relational. It encompasses both our relationship with God and our relationship with one another. Every week we gather to meet with God, strengthen our ties to one another, and welcome strangers into our congregation. For these reasons, although our worship is structured and informed by ancient practices, we also strive for it to be warm and personal.

In all of this, our great confidence is that God enjoys meeting with us.

Let us worship!

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays, 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Meeting in the Volunteer Park Seventh-day Adventist church
building (1300 E Aloha St).

NURSERY

Available for 6 months to 2 years.
Located in the Chapel, next to the Sanctuary (upstairs).

GRACE KIDS

During Worship Service (9:00 am - 12:30 pm)
2-3 years: Room 117
4-5 years: Room 119

FOR REFLECTION

Evangelism is not simply a matter of bringing individuals to personal faith, though of course that remains central to the whole enterprise. It is a matter of confronting the world with the good, but deeply disturbing, news of a different way of living, . . . the way of love.

N. T. Wright, *For All God's Worth*

Evangelism is not an option for Christians; it is included in the very idea of the gospel.

Richard J. Mouw, *Pro Ecclesia*

Without fail, our former church-attending students expressed [positive] feelings for those Christians who unashamedly embraced biblical teaching. Michael, a political science major at Dartmouth, told us, "I really can't consider a Christian a good, moral person if he isn't trying to convert me Christianity is something that if you really believed it, it would change your life and you would want to change [the lives] of others. I haven't seen too much of that."

Larry Taunton, *Listening to Young Atheists, The Atlantic*



STANDING

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

***Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!***

Fairest Lord Jesus

Anonymous

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of all the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
and all the twin - kling star - ry host:
Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I ho - nor, thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pu - rer who
Je - sus shines brigh - ter, Je - sus shines pu - rer than
Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, a - do - ra - tion, now

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heaven can boast.
and for - e - ver - more be thine.

SEATED

LECTIO SACRA

Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE

“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.

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

STANDING

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father, you tell us to be in the world

To love you and our neighbor.

To pursue justice.

To seek the welfare of our city.

To make disciples of all nations.

Forgive us for the times we have despised the world.

When we have coveted our neighbors' possessions.

When we have looked on those in need with contempt.

When we have withdrawn from those around us.

Forgive us for the times we have selfishly used the world.

When we have been ruled by self-ambition.

When we have not been good stewards of the world’s resources.

When we have had a posture of taking instead of giving.

Forgive us for the times we have blended into the world.

When we have not lived distinctly Christian lives.

When we have been apathetic to those in need.

When we have sinfully sought the approval of others.

When we have been ashamed of your name.

Forgive us and renew us.

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.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Adapted from I John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

In Christ, we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more. Be at peace!
Amen.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE

Amazing Grace *John Newton 1779 (last stanza author unknown), "New Britain" 1831*

***Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.***

***'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did
that grace appear
The hour I first believed.***

***Through many dangers,
toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought
me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.***

***When we've been there
ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days
to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.***

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 89:20-29

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.

I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
 so that my hand shall be established with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.
 The enemy shall not outwit him;
the wicked shall not humble him.
 I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.
 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
 I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.
 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
 And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.
 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
 I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.

HYMN OF DESIRE

George Croly 1854, Karl Digerness
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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 - sing doubt, the_ re - bel sigh,
 I see Thy cross;__ there teach me to cling;
 7 The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ded 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 - s - w - e - r - e - d 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)

SEATED

Knowing the Good News

Acts 2:36-47

Rev. Matt Brown

GOSPEL LESSON

Matt Brown is the Senior Pastor of Resurrection Brooklyn, a network of congregations throughout the borough. Matt is also the Lead Pastor of the Park Slope congregation. Matt and his wife, Deb, moved to Brooklyn in 2003 with a vision of helping foster many church plants in Brooklyn. It is a great gift to have him and his family worship with us.

Grace Kids order of worship is available in the lobby for kids 5 years old and up.

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.

INTERLUDE

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of glory, fill this congregation and this city with the power of Christ's resurrection. May we, your people, be a living demonstration of the new life you offer in Christ.

For this congregation and others in Seattle:

Bless our labors and spread the gospel through us.

(Pray for Jason & Foxy Davison and Jubilee Community, Adam Sinnett and Downtown Cornerstone Church, Andy & Rachel Pelander at All Souls Church, and Rev. Dr. Carey Anderson at First AME Church.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer illness, poverty, hunger, injustice, and loneliness:

Hear their cries and lift their burdens.

(Pray for racial justice and reconciliation in our country. Pray also for the work of Operation Nightwatch, Mary's Place Shelter, Lifelong, and Sacred Road Ministries.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust:

Guide them and lead them to make wise and just decisions.

(Pray for President Obama, Governor Inslee, Mayor Murray, and others who hold power.)

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.

We regularly 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 HOPE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker

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1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery in the
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery; he the
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery; Christ the
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery; slain by



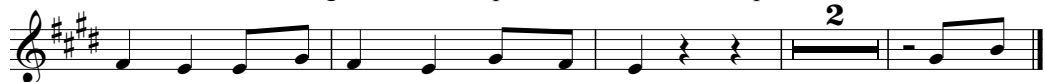
dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea - vens prai - ses, robed in
 per - fect Son of Man. In his li - ving, in his suf - fering, ne - ver
 Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
 death the God of life. But no grave could e'er re - strain him. Praise the



frail hu - ma - ni - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to
 Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the
 Lord; he is a - live! What a fore - taste of de - liv - erance, how un -



light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
 save the hell - bound man. Christ the great and sure ful -
 fa - ther's plan un - fold: Bring - ing ma - ny sons to
 wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur -



scend - ed; took on flesh to ran - som us. *Come be*
 fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
 glo - ry; grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
 rect - ed, as we will be when he comes. *(Repeat refrain)*

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.

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

S E A T E D

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.

STANDING

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

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We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
 hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther.

We will feast and weep no more.
 1. We will not be
 2. In the dark of
 3. Ev - ery vow we've

burned by the fire, he is the Lord our
 night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
 bro - ken and be - trayed. You are the faith - ful

God. We are not con - sumed by the
 fraid for the pro - mised mor - - ning, o how
 one, and from the gar - - den to the

flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
 long. O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
 grave, bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.

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!

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at graceseattle.org/sermons

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C O N N E C T

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Picnic at Mary's Place – volunteering for the whole family

Saturday, August 1, 10:30 am – 1 pm at Mary's Place in Bell Town.

Bring your kids to picnic and play in the park, with the homeless women and children who sleep at Mary's Place. We will bring sack lunches to share, and spend some meaningful time, eating, playing and chatting together. This is a fun opportunity to teach our kids about serving one another, especially those in need. RSVP by Monday, July 27.

Contact: Coleen Marta (coleen@graceseattle.org)

Grace Women's Light Hike at Discovery Park

Saturday, August 8, 10:00 am, Discovery Park.

Interested in enjoying a light hike/walk around Discovery Park while getting to know other Grace Women? Join us on August 8 from 10 am to noon. RSVP to Danielle for more information. Please leave the kiddos at home to allow for a good time of connection (babes in arms welcome).

Contact: Danielle Spangle (danielle@graceseattle.org)

Nightwatch Summer Garden Series

Saturday, July 25 and Saturday, August 29, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, at Operation Nightwatch. The garden at Operation Nightwatch provides fresh food and a pleasant outdoor space for the formerly-homeless senior citizens who reside there. We will be weeding, watering, harvesting, mowing, raking and other tasks to help maintain and beautify the grounds. We'll also help prepare lunch for the seniors and enjoy some chat time with them. Volunteer yourself, or bring your family or community group along; and join us for one or both Saturdays!

Contact: Coleen Marta (coleen@graceseattle.org)

Grace Kids Needs Helpers

Grace Kids is in need of several school aged classroom helpers for the ministry year ahead to serve during Christian formation hour and service project times on a rotating schedule. We are looking for genuine, fun, creative and supportive men and women to connect with our thoughtful, wonderful kindergarten-6th graders.

Contact: Heidi Hansen (heidi@graceseattle.org)

Now Hiring a Grace Kids Host and Class Coordinator

Grace is hiring for it's children's ministry on Sunday mornings. We are looking for someone to greet and assist children and families as they check in, as well as coordinate setup and take down of classroom spaces. The host would primarily work with children 6 months-2 years old in the nursery during service times. Candidates must have experience with children, as well be punctual, friendly, and organized.

Hours: Sundays, 7:30am-2:30pm (with some flexibility)

Hourly pay to start: \$13.50

Contact: Heidi Hansen (heidi@graceseattle.org)

Save the Date! Celebrating Grace

Sunday, October 4 at 415 Westlake.

Celebrating Grace is a formal, evening party where we gather together and rejoice in God's work he is doing in our congregation. Get your bowties and fancy shoes ready!

C O N N E C T

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Grace Kids Summer Playdates and Events

Let us know if you plan to attend and we will keep you posted on any developments.

July 23: Movies at Magnuson "Big Hero 6". Movie starts at dusk (8:30ish pm). Red Vines for all!

August 22: Madison Park beach and playground, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Buckets and shovels for sandcastles provided!

Contact: Heidi Hansen (heidi@graceseattle.org)

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Connecting Our Work to God's Work

Thursday, August 27, 12:00 pm, Offices of Ellis, Li & McKinstry, Market Place Tower, 2025 First Avenue, Floor PH (Penthouse/13th floor), Large Conference Room. Debbie Smith will be offering an opportunity to have some conversations on the topic of "Connecting Our Work to God's Work." She will host one more lunchtime brownbag conversation on this topic and hope you will be able to come and participate in the discussion. Bring a brownbag lunch and drink.

Contact: Debbie Smith (debbie@graceseattle.org)

New Community Group Leaders - Please contact Debbie Smith if you'd like to learn more about getting connected as a leader within the Community Group ministry for the new ministry year starting in September.

Contact: Debbie Smith (debbie@graceseattle.org)

Support for Alex Schurman - After a year in Seattle and at Grace, Alex Schurman is returning to Yale, his alma mater, to work with the Cru campus ministry there. He's now looking for prayer and financial partners for this next year of ministry. Get in touch with Alex to learn more.

Contact: Alex Schurman (alexander.schurman@cru.org)

See our calendar of events at graceseattle.org/events/calendar

WOMEN'S HAPPY HOUR

A quarterly event for women to make new connections.

Contact: Karissa Taylor (karissalynnetaylor@gmail.com)

MANGROUP (A GROUP FOR MEN)

A casual group for men to spend time in fellowship with one another.

Contact: Dan Koch (dancoke@gmail.com)

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), Karissa Taylor (karissalynnetaylor@gmail.com)

BOOK CLUB

Delicious food and discussion of award-winning literature (mostly fiction). Upcoming monthly potluck brunch meetings (Saturdays, 10:30 am, 7715 15th Avenue NE) and books:

- August 22 *Devil in the White City*; Erik Larson
- September 19 *No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S. Surveillance State*; Glenn Greenwald

Group email: seattlebookgroup@googlegroups.com

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

C O N N E C T

INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

No matter where you are in the journey of infertility, you are not alone. We are a small group of women affected by infertility and all of its collateral damage. We meet regularly to pray, share our stories, and encourage one another as we face these difficult battles. We would love for you to join us. Please contact Karissa Taylor for details or with any other questions.

Contact: Karissa Taylor (karissalynnetaylor@gmail.com)

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. If you're a student in Seattle, come join us!

Contact: Drew Burdette (drew.burdette@ruf.org)

Website: uw.ruf.org

YCG

Youth Community Group is a place for everyone in 7th-12th grade to spend time in fellowship with one another.

Contact: Lauren Ewer (lauren@graceseattle.org)

GIVING

We can receive contributions from most banks through their automatic bill pay, which mails checks to our office (400 E Pine St. Suite 215) on a regularly scheduled basis.

Contact: Mary McMurray (mary@graceseattle.org)

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are places of care and community where we live the Christian life together. Currently groups are on break for the Summer.

Contact: Debbie Smith (debbie@graceseattle.org)

C U L T I V A T E

Prayer Gathering

This is a great time of community building to pray for God's glory and leading, personal prayer requests, and growth in our church body and the city.

When: Sunday, 10:30 am

Where: Foyer Office

Contact: Dan Huie (dan@graceseattle.org)

Grace Kids

Grace Kids exists to cultivate the love of God in the lives and hearts of all children that encounter Grace Church Seattle. Each class explores God's story found in scripture and our place in it, and engages in a variety of activities to foster a sense of wonder, worship, and community.

When: Every Sunday

Where: See the inside front cover for class location

Contact: Heidi Hansen (heidi@graceseattle.org)

Introduction to Grace Seattle

A course offered each Spring and Fall to learn more about our ministry and philosophy. The next course is October 2015.

Contact: Mary McMurray (mary@graceseattle.org)

S E R V E

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Premarital Mentoring - Couples who have been married for 10 years or more are paired with a couple preparing for marriage to provide mentoring and spiritual friendship. All materials are provided and the commitment involves meeting with the premarital couple six times prior to their wedding.

Contact: Jo Taniguchi (taniguchijo@gmail.com)

Hospitality: Currently, the Welcome Table needs more volunteers, so if you enjoy meeting new people and making them feel welcome, this ministry could use your gifts.

Hospitality Contact: Debbie Smith (debbie@graceseattle.org)

Welcome Table Contact: Renée Huie (reneethuie@comcast.net)

Serve in Grace Kids - Grace Kids needs kind adults to serve as helpers in all our classes. The commitment is once a month during either worship service.

Contact: Heidi Hansen (heidi@graceseattle.org)

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)

Sound assistance needed! 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: Jess Alldredge (jess@graceseattle.org)

Sunday Worship Servers: Greet and usher, read scripture, or help serve communion.

Contact: Mary McMurray (mary@graceseattle.org)

IN SEATTLE

Mary's Place: Come and read books with the kids who sleep at the Mary's Place shelter in Bell Town. We serve on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, from 7:30-8:30 pm. RSVP required.

Contact: Coleen Marta (coleen@graceseattle.org)

Website: marysplaceseattle.org

Lifelong: Grace Seattle delivers pre-made meals once a week to individuals living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or other chronic diseases.

Contact: Coleen Marta (coleen@graceseattle.org)

Website: llaa.org

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: Miriam Decker (miriammdecker@hotmail.com)

Website: 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: pennysplace.info

For more information on serving in Seattle, contact Coleen Marta (coleen@graceseattle.org).

IN OUR WORLD

Nepal Disaster Relief: If you would like to help with disaster relief in Nepal, you can give directly through Mission to the World, our denomination's world mission agency. To find out more, go to their home page at mtw.org

Sacred Road Ministries: A ministry that serves our "first neighbors" on the Yakama Reservation in central Washington.

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[36] Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

[37] Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” [38] And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [39] For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” [40] And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” [41] So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

[42] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. [43] And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. [44] And all who believed were together and had all things in common. [45] And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:36-47



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