



GRACE

CHURCH SEATTLE

MAKING DISCIPLES. SERVING THE CITY.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26, 2015

9:00 am and 11:00 am

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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

Mission begins with a kind of explosion of joy. The news that the rejected and crucified Jesus is alive is something that cannot possibly be suppressed. It must be told. Who could be silent about such a fact? The mission of the Church in the pages of the New Testament is more like the fallout from a vast explosion, a radioactive fallout which is not lethal but life-giving.

Leslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*

Those who celebrate the mighty resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, have an awesome responsibility. When we say, "Alleluia! Christ is risen," we are saying that Jesus is Lord of the world, and that the present would-be lords of the word are not. When we sing, in the old hymn, that "Judah's Lion burst his chains, and crushed the serpent's head," are we ready to put that victory into practice? ...Are we ready to speak up for the truth of the gospel over the dinner table, and in the coffee bar, and in the council chamber? Let's make no bones about it: if Easter isn't good news, then there is no good news. But if it is—if it is true that Jesus Christ is risen indeed—then Easter day, and the Easter message, is the true sun which, when it rises, puts all others suns to shame.

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

I've always said, you know, that I don't respect people who do not proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there's a heaven and hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life or whatever, and you think that, uh, well, it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward—and atheists who think that people shouldn't proselytize, [saying] "Just leave me alone and keep your religion to yourself"—uh, how much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize them? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that? I mean, if I believed beyond the shadow of a doubt that a truck was coming to hit you, and you didn't believe it, and that truck was bearing down on you, there's a certain point where I tackle you. And this is more important than that.

Atheist-Illusionist Penn Jillette on Christians who don't evangelize

Pentecost began not with preaching but with praise. "A praising community preaches to answer questions raised by its praise."

David Watson, *I Believe in Evangelism*



STANDING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy! God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

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,
21 praise God and on him cast your care,
and praise the Spir - it, Three in One,
8 praise him, O - praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
27 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

SEATED

LECTIO SACRA

Romans 10:5-15

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

"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.

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

The word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE

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

STANDING

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, to follow you means we are to live out your mission.

Forgive us for the times we have failed to do this.

For the fears we have let paralyze us.

For the comfort we have sinfully sought and nursed.

For our hesitancy to let others know about you.

For our hard-heartedness to those around us.

Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit.

Give us great boldness to follow you into mission.

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.)

AGNUS DEI

Lamb Of God

Jess Alldredge © 2011 Grace Church Seattle

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world.

Refrain
O have mer - cy on us.
Lord have mer - cy on us.

1. **4** *back to top

2. Grant us peace Lo - rd. *to Refrain 2x
Grant us peace Lo - rd.

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 MERCY
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Charles Wesley, 1740
 Bobby Krier & Justin Ruddy
 © 2012 Castle Island Hymns

1. Christ, whose glor-y fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on-ly Light,
 Sun of Righ-teous ness, a rise, — tri-umph o-ver shades of night. —

2. Day-spring from on high, be near. Day-star in my heart ap pear.
 3. Joy - less is the days re turn, till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 Dark and cheer-less is — the morn, — un - a - ccom - pa - nied by Thee;
 till they in - ward light im - part, — glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

{ Refrain }

— But the Son he shines, at the Fa-ther's side, and in the dark - ness, he is —
 — And the God with us, by his Spir-it; com-for-ter and friend, com-for-ter and friend.

friend. Vi-sit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of
 sin and grief. Fill me, Ra - di - ance di - vine, —

sca - tter all my un - be - lief. (And the)

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 145:10-19

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your saints shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

and tell of your power,

to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

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.

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.

[The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]
 The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
 You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
 The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

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.

Gloria Patri, 2nd cent.
Karl Digerness, 2009

Gloria Patri

3 Glo-ry be__ to the Fa - ther, glo-ry be__ to the Son,
 5 Glo-ry be__ to the Spi - rit, Three in One. As it
 7 was in the__ be- gin - ing it will be__ for - ev - er A - men,
 2 A - men, A - men.

S E A T E D

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.

Telling the Good News
 Acts 2:36-47
 Rev. Matt Brown

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.

INTERLUDE

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.

STANDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

What is it that we, the people of God, believe?

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest summary of Christian beliefs. It has been used in some form since at least the 3rd Century.

"Catholic" refers to the true Christian church at all times and in all places.

HYMN OF DEVOTION

Take My Life And Let It Be Frances R. Havergal 1874, Henri A. Cesar Malan 1827



Take my life_ and_ let it be con-se-cra-ted, Lord, to_ Thee;
Take my hands and_ let them move at the im-pulse of Thy_ love;
Take my sil-ver-and my gold; Not a mite would I with-hold;
5 Take my will_ and_ make it Thine; It shall be_ no_ long-ger_ mine;



Take my mo-ments and my days_ let them flow in cease-less_ praise,
Take my feet and_ let them be_ swift and beau-ti-ful_ for_ Thee,
Take my in-TEL-lect and use_ ev-'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
9 Take my heart; it_ is Thine own;_ It shall be Thy roy-al_ throne,



let them flow in_ cease-less_ praise.
swift and beau-ti-ful_ for_ Thee.
ev-'ry pow'r as_ Thou shalt choose.
it shall be Thy_ roy-al_ throne.

SEATED

**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.

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley 1739
Carl Gläser 1828 (arr. L. Mason 1839)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

BENEDICTION

Psalm 29:11

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with 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)*

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

Thursday, August 20, 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)*

Grace Kids Summer Playdates and Events

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

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)*

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

Nightwatch Summer Garden Series

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!

Contact: Coleen Marta (coleen@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.

Contact: Dan Huie (dan@graceseattle.org)

Website: sacredroadministries.com

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

S E R M O N T E X T

[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.

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