

St. Francis, Renewer of the Church



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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

THEME FOR WORSHIP: *Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being “wedded to Lady Poverty.” Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus’ words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to “use words if necessary.” Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God’s creation.*

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Arioso

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *At the Font*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presider begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection.

P God our comforter:

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We see injustice and look the other way.

We exploit Earth with our appetites and expect others to fix the consequences.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Free us from our self-centered striving.

Help us to see beyond personal desires to the needs of neighbors near and far.

Guide our feet onto the way of Jesus, the way of the beloved community. Amen.

P Though all have sinned and fall short of the life God intends, the grace of forgiveness allows us to begin again; to look to Jesus and commit ourselves to walking his way.

C **We receive God's forgiveness, and pledge ourselves to turn again to the way of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW #835 vs 1-2



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and

2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor

grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:

clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-



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

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Setting 8, ELW



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Host high, omnipotent, good Lord, your servant Francis of Assisi sought to reflect the image of Christ through a life of poverty and humility: Grant your people grace to imitate his joyful love, to renounce gladly the vanities of this world, and to delight in your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Psalm 121 *Read responsively.*

L ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C ² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

L ³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C ⁴ **Behold, the keeper Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L ⁵ The LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

C ⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

L ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for-evermore.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

Please rise in body or in spirit as we prepare to receive the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

*In his prayer, Jesus reveals the surprising grace of God, hidden from the wise.
He gently invites us to lay our burdens on his shoulders.*

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

P The Gospel of the Lord.
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Erik

“X’s” marking the spots where children may sit during the children’s message

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Before the Waters Nourished Earth

ACS #1049

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need. *Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Finally, let us pray that we may be instruments of your peace.

C Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW #835 vs 4-6

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A Go in peace. The Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Jon Lackey



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PRESCHOOL – 2nd GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join Teacher Melanie and Teacher Julie to start another year of fun Bible Stories, songs, conversations, and coloring! We'll be on Zoom again beginning at **8:45am–9:15am** each Sunday beginning October 3rd. ☺ Please see this [Google Doc](#) for details, schedule, and the weekly Zoom link.

2nd – 5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join Chris **via Zoom** every Sunday morning from **9:15am - 10:00am** beginning on **10/3**. We will be talking about Baptism, Communion, and other important elements of our Christian faith! Ending at 10:00am should give families who want to attend church in person time to travel to Peace. Looking forward to a fun year!

YOUTH (6th GRADE AND UP): Join Nicole in person outside on the Peace Patio every Sunday for hot cocoa and chats about Faith and Life! **9:30–10:15am** beginning October 3rd. Bring a coat and your favorite mug ☺. Come at 9:30 to get your cocoa, catch up with friends, and get settled in, so we can start our conversation at 9:45.

INVITE FROM PR. CHRIS ODE, LIVING STONES PRISON CONGREGATION

We invite your participation in our **ANNUAL RAFFLE**. This raffle is an important way to help sustain this ministry and your participation is deeply appreciated. This year we are offering multiple prizes. There will also be several prizes that will be handcrafted by our Living Stones men: paintings, drawings, quilted items, and crocheted projects. Our tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. All proceeds support and benefit Living Stones Prison Congregation.

Raffle tickets will be on sale via the Peace Church Office during the months of Sept. – Oct.

There are 2 ways to purchase a raffle ticket:

1. Notify Kathleen in the office by email: office@peacelutheranseattle.org, indicating the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Kathleen will confirm your order by email.
2. You can drop by Peace during Kathleen's office hours and purchase raffle tickets with a check or cash.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Sonja Coffman; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Donna Dickson; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Nancy Hauger; Jerry Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Peter Dion Kindem; Mike Larson; Maya Marshall; Vicki Martinez; Bill Marts; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Bob & Rosemary Smalading; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Nanette Wichman; Joyce Wolff

Homebound: Al Bartol; Ruth Johnson; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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