

# Peace Lutheran Church



# West Seattle, Washington

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our goals. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

# + GATHERING +

P-Presider

C – Congregation A – Assisting Minister ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal

**PRELUDE** 

Above the Hills of Time

Marcia Olson, piano Larry & Janet Cruse, vocals

L - Lector

**WELCOME** 

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** At the font.

During the season of Lent the Font is placed near the entrance to the nave, reminding us that in baptism we enter into fellowship with Christ, and the church.

- P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law in our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- C Amen
- P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Holy God,
- C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

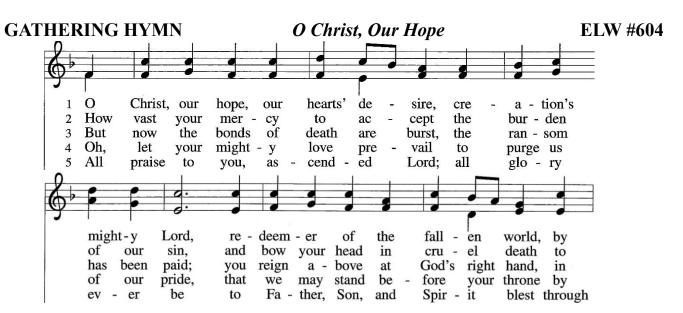
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

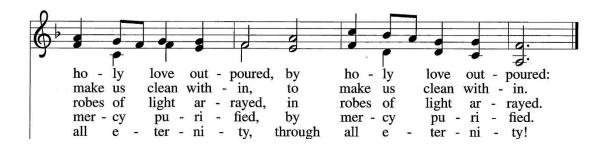
Amen.

- P Dearly Beloved—here is a flood of grace:
  - Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us.

Hearing our lament, God breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!



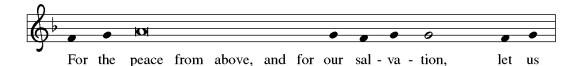


#### **GREETING**

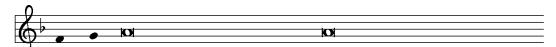
- P The grace, love and peace of the Triune + God be with you.
- C And also with you.

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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 30:1-17

Helen Hundley

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family and property.

God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

- <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.
- <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.
- <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

- <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

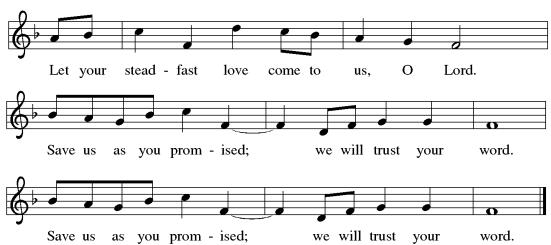
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION** Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.



- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself is changing.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Helen Hundley

**SERMON** Pastor Erik Kindem

# HYMN OF THE DAY When Christ Went to the Temple

TUNE: HAF TRONES LAMPA FËRDIG (Rejoice, Rejoice Believers)

- 1. When Christ went to the Temple to worship God one day, He entered through the courtyard where anyone could pray. That court was for the nations--and all could enter in. But Jesus found a market, a shameful robbers' den.
- 2. There, cattle, sheep, and pigeons were sold for sacrifice, And moneychangers shouted of quality and price.

  Outsiders could not enter the inner courts for prayer.

  Their only place to worship was in the courtyard there.
- 3. When prayer gave way to profit, and pride closed many doors, The Lord cried out in anger and made a whip of cords. He shooed the sheep and cattle and scattered pigeons, too. God's house was for all people-- not for a chosen few.
- 4. O God, you love the nations and call us all to pray. Forgive us when our worship turns other folk away. As Christ, in loving protest, fought prejudice and pride, May we who follow Jesus now welcome all inside.

#### INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Members of the Church Council come forward as their names are called.

President Alan Jarvimaki
Vice President Pete Streit
Secretary Derek Lunde
Treasurer Larry Cruse
Financial Secretary David Kehle

Council Members Noah Marx, Elizabeth Menstell Coyle, Caity Gerhardt, Dana Rice

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A Hear us, O God.

### C Your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

- P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

# + MEAL +

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **OFFERING**

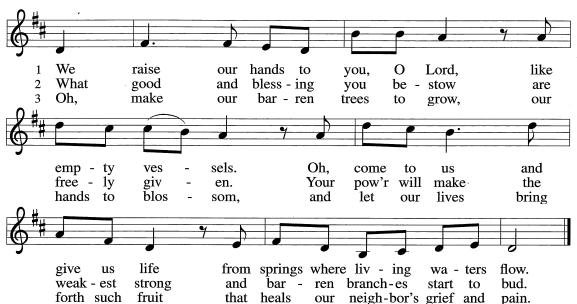
Your monetary gifts can help to support this ministry, as well as the ongoing ministry of our congregation and synod, and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure <u>Tithely Giving Page</u>. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!



#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

### We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

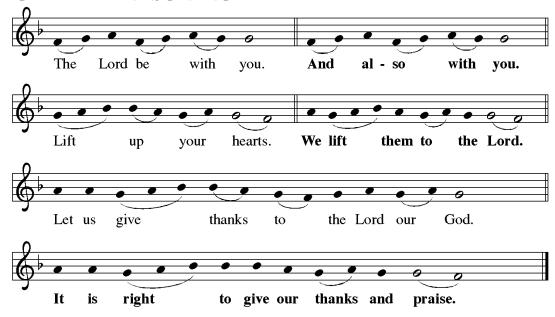
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#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

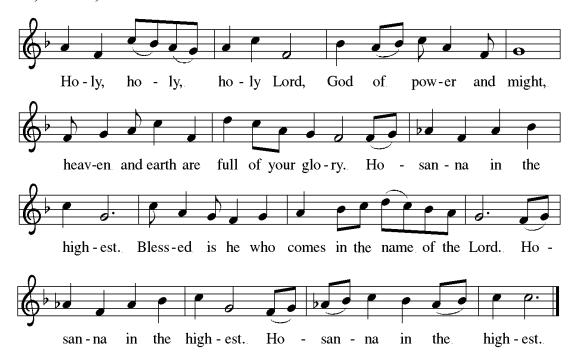
- A Let us pray.
- C Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food, but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

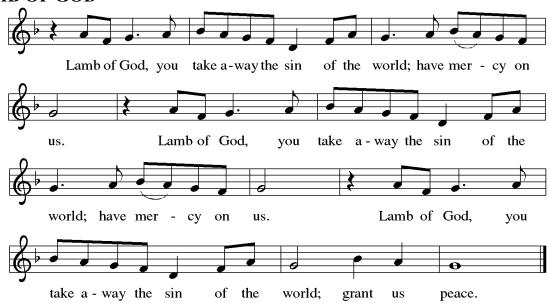
#### LORD'S PRAYER Traditional

C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

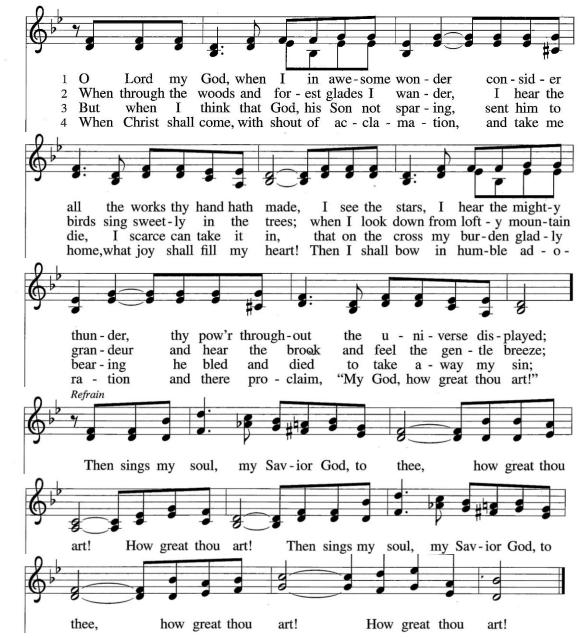
- P Bread for the journey! A feast for hungry hearts!
- C Thanks be to God.

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### DISTRIBUTION

We commune at the rail with individual cups. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

#### C Amen.

# + SENDING +

#### **BLESSING**

- P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



P Go in peace. Share your bread.

serv-ing you whom we

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Postlude in G Minor

lest we miss your king-dom's goal,

Frescobaldi

In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude, those who depart are invited to do so quietly.

lest

a - dore,

we miss your king-dom's goal.

serv - ing you whom we



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# **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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Guest Pianist Marcia Olson

Vocalists Larry & Janet Cruse

Liturgical Assistant Chris Kindem
Acolyte Luna Churchill
Lector Helen Hundley
Children's Sermon Helen Hundley

Greeters Helen Hundley, Nancy Hauger Ushers Alan Jarvimaki, Scott Sunde

Altar Care Chris Kindem

Communion Assistants Kathleen Keyes, Mia Bliss

Coffee Server Jean Sides

Production Techs

Counters

Dustin Smith, Alex Wren

Jim Lukens, Kathleen Keyes

Nursery Attendant Heidi Coy

# **OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

At the Congregational Meeting on February 4, we embraced a plan for funding our mission in 2024. That plans anticipates offering income averaging \$26,477 monthly. The disruption caused by the rupture of our heating system in January forced us to forego in-person offerings for three Sundays in January. Please consider an extra gift to help bring our giving total in line with expectations. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA!

#### Offering Income received February 2024

| Total      | \$19,903,78 |
|------------|-------------|
| Electronic | \$12,464.78 |
| 2/25/24    | \$ 785.00   |
| 2/18/24    | \$ 2,329.00 |
| 2/11/24    | \$ 1,405.00 |
| 2/04/24    | \$ 2,920.00 |

# THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

This year, our Creation Care Action Plan included a focus on combating plastics pollution by reducing how much we individually use. To help us all do that, we invite you to accept our *Replacing Plastics For Lent Challenge*. Every week, we'll share an activity to help your household use fewer plastics and seek more sustainable alternatives. Please join us!

**Replace plastic shopping and produce bags** with reusable totes and produce bags for grocery shopping. Even better, shop at the Farmers Market to avoid plastics *and* support local farmers. Cloth bags can go in with your regular laundry and you use them over and over.

**Pray for Creation:** We pray that as our Washington state legislators work diligently to complete the important business of this year's legislative session, they prioritize the well-being of our Planet Home.

# NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW, MARCH 4

Study resumes Monday, March 11, 7 pm. Questions? Email bandpwinterstein@gmail.com.

# REVISIONING AT PEACE SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Please Sign Up! The Re:Visioning Team would love to invite you into a conversation with your fellow community members at Peace Lutheran Church! We are hoping to create a vision and plan for what the next 10+ years will look like for our congregation. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and needed! Please choose a date and time that will work for your household...we are expecting these meetings to last about 60-75 minutes. A huge thank you to the wonderful folks who are willing to host! Please note: The meetings on March 10 and March 17 after church at Peace will have childcare available in the nursery.



Sign Up Link: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EAAAA2EA5FC1-48238442-revisioning">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EAAAA2EA5FC1-48238442-revisioning</a>.

# TODAY FIRST FOOD SUNDAY

Today is our First Sunday opportunity to bring non-perishable, ready-to-eat food for our unsheltered and struggling neighbors who visit the weekly Welcome Table in White Center. Please bring your food gifts to the front pews before worship or as you come forward to Communion. Thank you.

# **OFFERING OF LETTERS SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

Next Sunday, March 10, during coffee hour after worship, we will participate in the nation-wide letter-writing campaign, Offering of Letters, sponsored by Bread for the World, a national Christian advocacy organization whose goal is to end hunger in this country and abroad. Materials and information will be provided.

# LENTEN WEDNESDAY MEAL AND WORSHIP

On Wednesdays during Lent we host a soup/bread meal @ 6pm followed by 30 minute evening prayer @ 7pm. This year we're exploring the Psalms of lament seeking a better understanding of the role of lament within the Hebrew tradition and how we can use it constructively today.

<u>SOUP SUPPER OPPORTUNITY</u> Many hands make light work! You are invited to assist with soup suppers by offering to set tables, make a soup, bring bread/crackers, or clean up. Sign up in narthex.

# SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM AND GREEN JOBS FAIR 3/6

Community Announcement: King County is partnering with South Seattle College to host a Sustainability Symposium and Green Jobs Fair on March 6 from 4-7pm at the Georgetown Campus for South Seattle College at 6737 Corson Ave S, Building C. This is an opportunity to explore career paths in sustainability and clean water and attend in-depth breakout sessions to understand "a day in the life" of career professionals from King County Wastewater's Operations team, King County Green Tools and EV maker Rivian Electric. Register for a name tag by March 1, or just show up! Look for more information on the Creation Care bulletin board in the Narthex.

# **LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK ~ MARCH 24-31**

### The Following Services will take place during Holy Week—mark your calendars:

March 24, PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 7pm

March 29 GOOD FRIDAY @ 7pm

March 30 EASTER VIGIL @ 7pm

# **CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION – MARCH 31st**

Easter at Peace begins with <u>Breakfast</u> from 8:30am – 9:30am served by our young people, followed by <u>Children's activities</u> at 9:45am. <u>Worship</u> begins @ 10:30am, with special music provided by the Peace Ringers and the Peace Choir.

# PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Cay Bell; Jan Burt; Marsha Davis; Joe Flint; Deena Fuller; William Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Jeff & Dolly; Ken Keyes; Dee Levy; Evelyn Martinez; Pete McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Eleanor Ness; Clifford & Minda Olson; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Remsey; Rosemary; Irma Runge; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin & Wade VanSant; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield; Patti Wunder; Audrey Zemke.

**Homebound**: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Marjorie Johnson; Jan Madsen

**PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST** We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

### 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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