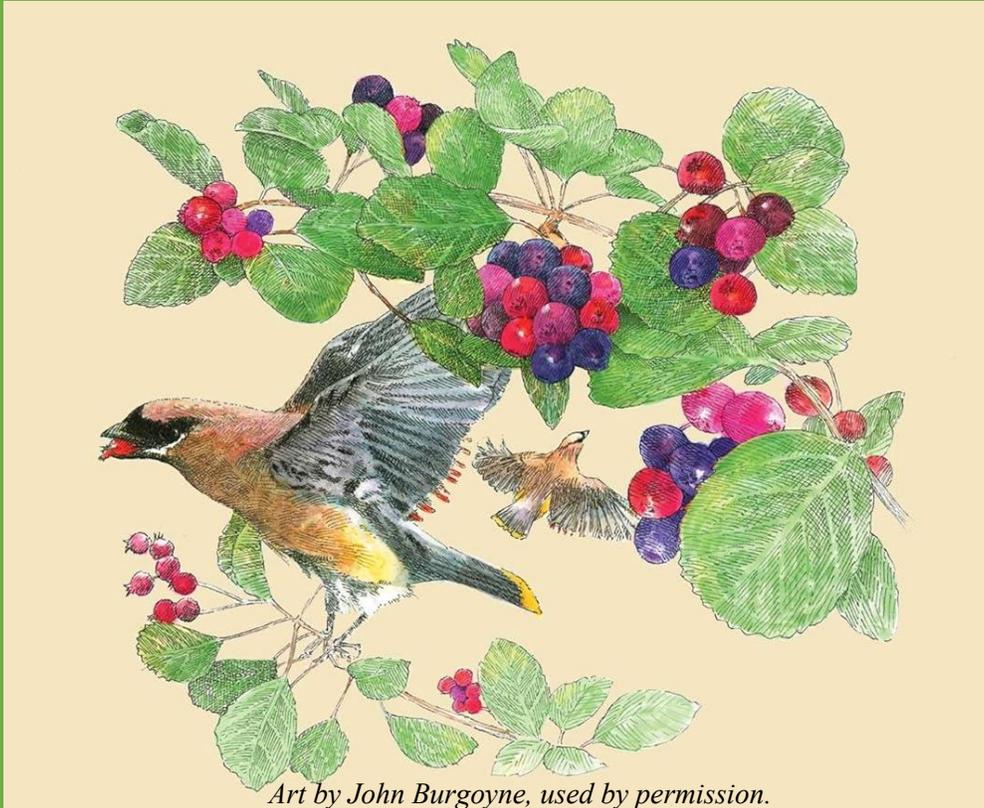


SEASON OF CREATION

All Flourishing is Mutual



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Week 3: Abundant Endowment

June 29, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church  *West Seattle, Washington*

Our themes and liturgy for *Season of Creation* are inspired by Robin Wall Kimmerer's book:
The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World

Week One: Nature's Gift Economy

Week Two: The Myth of Scarcity

Week Three: Abundant Endowment

"Materials move through ecosystems in a circular economy and are constantly transformed.

Abundance is created by recycling, by reciprocity.

Abundance is fueled by constantly circulating materials, not wasting them."

~ Robin Wall Kimmerer ~

✦ GATHERING ✦

P – *President* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal* ACS – *All Creation Sings*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please rise in body or spirit as water is poured into the font.*

P At every moment you draw this world to your embrace, O God of all creation, sharing Earth's abundance with all that you have made. Throughout every watershed and habitat, among the varied voices of every living being the chorus rings out:

C **All flourishing is mutual!**

P Open the eyes of our hearts that beholding this truth we will make it our own.

C **Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence!**

GATHERING HYMN

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

ACS #971



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

REETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace, beauty, and abundance of the Creator be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Great Mother, benevolent Creator, you have midwived a world in which all life can flourish. Through evolutionary design and reciprocal care everything that makes human life possible is provided to us through the lives of more-than-human beings. Awaken us to this truth, that we might cultivate a culture of gratitude, and live with care and intention for our planet home. In the name of the Incarnate One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.** *Please be seated.*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Our confession is framed by words taken from Laudato Si', the circular letter Pope Francis shared with the world in 2015. In this 10th Anniversary year, in the wake of his death, we return to it once more, affirming the invitation to commit ourselves to the renewed care of our common home.

P In his beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.

C **We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life.**

P The Earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail.”

C **We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; that our very bodies are made up of her elements: we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. Forgive our forgetfulness, O God, and give us the will to treat our sister with respect, care, and gratitude, and to accept her boundaries as our own.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Holy One, In You Alone

Ray Makeever



We do not call this world our own, yet we will make this earth our



home; Ho - ly One, in you a - lone.



1 We do not claim this liv - ing word
 2 We do not claim this love of ours
 3 We do not claim these seeds we sow
 4 We do not claim our prayers for change



that we have heard is ours a - lone to give:
 can tame the pow'rs that lead our world to sin:
 will sprout and grow from our own hope - ful hands:
 can re - ar - range this world by our own will:



We on - ly know we have a
 We on - ly know we walk the
 We on - ly know we are the
 We on - ly know the ris - en

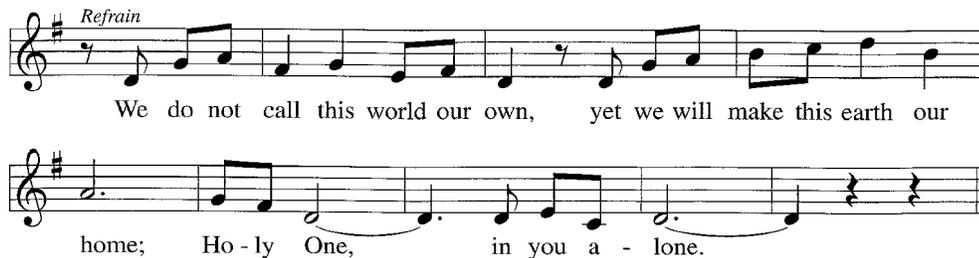


heart in which it lives.
 road where Christ has been.
 ground on which it lands.
 Christ is with us still.

ASSURANCE

P Siblings in Christ, the Holy One has heard our confession and offers us a way forward. The ripples of Divine grace touch every pain and reach every shore, transforming our fear into faith and our complacency into action. Because the risen Christ is with us still, we can begin anew to love Earth as our home.

C **Creator, lead us to love Earth as our home. Restore us to our calling as partners and tenders of all that you have made. Lord, teach us to care! Amen.**



Refrain

We do not call this world our own, yet we will make this earth our home; Ho - ly One, in you a - lone.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 6-12 *The Inclusive Bible*

Helen Hundley

In a vision, the prophet goes on a tour of the Temple, from which clean water flows in abundance. The waters transform the landscape and sea, purifying and refreshing everything they touch, and serving as source for an orchard whose fruits never fail.

¹Then my guide brought me back to the portico of the Temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the foundation of the Temple toward the east, for the façade of the Temple was toward the east. The water ran along the southern side of the Temple to the right of the altar.

²My guide then took me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the west, where I saw a thin stream of water on the southern side.

⁶My guide then said, “Note well what you see, mere mortal,” and brought me to the edge of the river, where I sat. ⁷I noticed many trees along the bank of the river on both sides. ⁸My guide then said, “The water flows into lands to the east and down to the Arabah. It will empty into the sea whose waters are salt and it will be made fresh. ⁹Every living creature that wanders upon the face of the earth will be drawn to the river and will find refreshment there. There will be an abundance of fish, for wherever these waters flow and everything they touch will be renewed. ¹⁰Anglers from En-gedi to Eneglaim will stand along the banks casting their nets. The fish will be rich in variety, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹The swamps and marshes, however, will not be made fresh: they will be left for salt. ¹²“Fruit trees of every kind will grow along both banks of the river. Their leaves will never wither and their fruit will never fail. They will produce fresh fruit, for they will be nourished by the waters flowing from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be food, and their lives will be medicine.”

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:1, 24-30 *Congregation sings the refrain twice, before and at the end of the Psalm.*



¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5; 22:1-2 *The Inclusive Bible*

When creation is restored, God's home will be among us. A river will flow directly from God with trees of life growing on either side to bring healing to all nations on Earth.

Then I saw a new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. ²I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day.

³And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's tabernacle is among humankind!

God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them.

⁴ The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen."

⁵And the One who sat on the throne said, "Look! I'm making everything new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true."

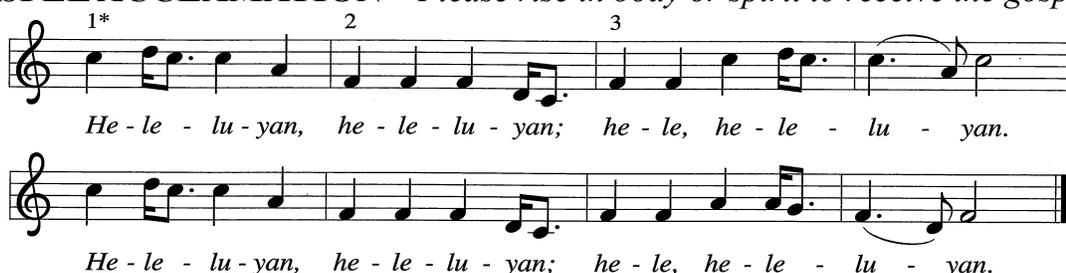
^{22:1} The angel then showed me the river of live-giving water, clear as crystal, which issued from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ²and flowed down the middle of the streets. On either side of the river grew the tree of life which produces fruit twelve times a year, once each month; their leaves serve as medicine to heal the nations.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

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

ELW #171



P The Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21 *The Inclusive Bible translation*

In God's economy small things, when properly nurtured, produce generous outcomes.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance." ¹⁴Jesus replied, "Friend, who has set me up as your judge or arbiter?" ¹⁵Then he told the crowd, "Avoid greed in all its forms. Your life isn't made more secure by what you own—even when you have more than you need."

¹⁶Jesus then told them a parable in these words: "There was a rich farmer who had a good harvest. 'What will I do?' the farmer mused. 'I have no place to store my harvest. ¹⁸I know! I'll pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and goods will go there.

¹⁹Then I'll say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for many years to come. Relax! Eat, drink and be merry!' ²⁰ But God said to the farmer, 'You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. To whom will all your accumulated wealth go?'

²¹"This is the way it works with people who accumulate riches for themselves, but are not rich in God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Helen Hundley

MESSAGE

Abundant Endowment

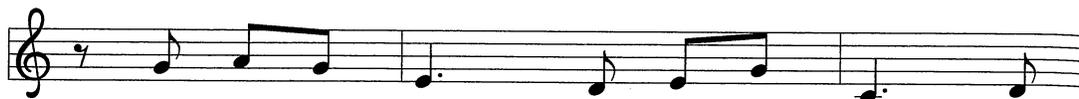
Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Sacred Manner

ACS #1071

TUNE: SEATTLE



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -
 2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the
 3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the
 4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the
 5 In sa - cred man - ner may we live a -
 6 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -



on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in
 lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with
 sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give
 pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the
 mong the wise and lov - ing ones, sit hum - bly as at
 on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in



beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We
 awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The
 grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The
 sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The
 sa - ge's feet, by four-legged, finned, and feath - ered ones. The
 beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We



stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.
 heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.
 trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.
 morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.
 an - i - mals will teach. The an - i - mals will teach.
 stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P Let us confess our faith.

C **We believe in God who creates all things, who embraces all things,
 who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
 We believe in God as the source of all life,
 who baptizes this planet with living water, who heals all the wounds of Earth.
 We believe in the book of Nature, the book of life unfolding,
 the book revealing the mysteries of God’s wisdom.
 We believe in Jesus Christ as the revelation and Wisdom of God.
 Joining the web of life as human flesh,
 Jesus is the love of God immersed in the cosmos.
 We believe in an Earth community,
 a community where the lives of all creatures and habitats are interconnected.
 We believe in Life forever, empowered by the breath of the Spirit of God,
 connected with our cosmic Christ and celebrated by all creation.
 We know this. And it is true.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Drawn into God’s sacred embrace, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of all creatures and all creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Creator of all,

C **teach us to care.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Jesus, Incarnate one, teach us to be at one with Earth.

C **Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries from all our kin.
 Christ, teach us to care. Amen.**

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** *Share a gesture of peace with your neighbors.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes a difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERING HYMN

God of the Sparrow

ELW #740, vs. 1-3

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty

stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace

How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Great Giver,

C You shower the world with abundance, providing all that is needed for life to thrive. Make us conduits of generosity and joy as we share from your abundant provision. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Creator is with you.

C And also with you.

P Open your hearts!

C We open them to our Creator!

P Let us give thanks to the maker of heaven and earth.

C It is right to join with every creature in praising God.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, to give you thanks, generous and loving God.

You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die and to be raised from death to redeem humankind, to renew creation, and to reconcile all born of Earth and the Spirit.

C Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

P Therefore with angels and archangels, saints and sinners, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea, and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us.

**C Holy, holy, holy! God of all life!
Earth and sea and sky are full of your presence and glorify your name.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

Beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

**P You entered creation's story in Jesus our brother,
embracing life and conquering death, that all creation might be restored.**

C We thank you, O God.

**P In the night in which he shared his final meal with his friends, 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.**

**P With this bread and cup, O God, we remember your Son, Jesus, the first-born of your new
creation. We remember his life lived for others and his death and resurrection, which
renew the face of the Earth. Send your Spirit upon all who are gathered here and upon all
creation. Satisfy the thirst of every living thing and fit us for service as partners and
tenders of all you have entrusted to us, through the same Lord Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray:**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

**C Our Father/Abba 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The table is set! The feast is spread! Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processionally. 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

ELW #493

Congregation sings refrain, Cantor sings verses

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,
 taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. May the penetrating power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds, and through you, bring healing to Earth.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

THE CALL

P Christ calls us to live lives of gratitude—sharing, serving, and caring. Will you care for creation? Will you share with gratitude?

C **We will care for creation!**
We will live with gratitude!
We will nurture our planet!
We will celebrate life!

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep -ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar -ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Care for creation.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received June 2025

06/01/25	\$ 1,825.00
06/08/25	\$ 1,772.00
06/15/25	\$ 1,860.00
06/22/25	\$ 3,284.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$12,018.28</u>
Total	\$20,759.28

SOURCES FOR TODAY'S LITURGY

The liturgy for this month's *Season of Creation* was created by Pastor Erik Kindem and the Peace Worship Team, with elements drawn from a variety of sources. The overall inspiration comes from, *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Other sources include: *Laudato Si'*, the circular letter by Pope Francis; Norman Habel, creed; and Eucharistic prayer, edited, from *All Creation Sings* and *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. See permissions below for specific information.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

"Recognizing 'enoughness' is a radical act in an economy that is always encouraging us to consume more ... Ecopsychologists have shown that the practice of gratitude puts brakes on hyper-consumerism." – *The Serviceberry*. This week, examine what you're buying and what you're eating and see if you can recognize "enoughness" in your own life.

Pray for Creation: We ask the Creator to infuse us with a desire to be in a relationship of respectful reciprocity with all of nature's gifts that share our ecosystem.

JULY 6 WORSHIP

Pastor Kindem will be serving as Resource Pastor at Camp Lutherwood from Sunday June 29-July 5th and will return to office on Tuesday, July 8th. Deb Hagen-Lukens will be our guest preacher and Rev. Mel Jacob will serve as Presider while Pastor Kindem is away on July 6th. If you have an emergency need, please contact Kathleen in the church office.

JULY 6 FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Sunday, July 6, is our monthly Food for our Neighbors. Your gifts will serve our neighbors through our own Little Free Pantry, the White Center Food Bank, and the Welcome Table, an every Saturday at noon program in White Center which we support as part of the Westside Interfaith Network. Special feature this month: ready-to-eat and easy-to-prepare food for children home from school on summer break and people living without access to stoves and refrigeration. What an appropriate way to follow up our Season of Creation with its emphasis, "All Flourishing is Mutual"! Please bring your food items to the front of the sanctuary on First Sunday or place in the marked drawer in the narthex at other times. Thanks. PLANNING AHEAD. August First Sunday special feature: breakfast items and healthful snacks, plus any surplus produce from your abundant gardens.

MONDAY EVENING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Monday evening Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Winterstein has concluded for this season; it will resume Monday, October 6.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Got flowers? Or abundant greenery? Would you like to share your abundance with Peace worshippers? A sign-up chart is posted on the narthex wall adjacent to the serving counter. Just indicate which Sunday(s) you'd like to contribute. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REDESIGN OF PEACE WEBSITE

We are kicking off a redesign of the Peace website and are looking for volunteers to join a small working group to guide the process and submit recommendations to the church council. Meeting frequency and format is to be determined. Experience with web development is a plus but not required. There will be many non-technical ways to help as well. If you are interested in joining the working group please email Matthew at matt@toso.org. Keep an eye out for a survey coming later that will be collecting website feedback from the congregation.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Rich Albers; Brittany Baker; Marlen Boivin; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Vonda Cuchine; Jeffry Epley; Stephen Fuller; Barb G.; Michelle G.; Bob Gaines; Ellen Heritage; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Carol Jensen; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Noah Kindem; Gordon Knight; Bree Kramer; Jon Lackey; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Don Maier; Evelyn Martinez; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Kathy Peters; Melissa Peterson; Michelle Pierce; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Doug Sprague; Dave Stansbury; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Angela Walker; Pam Webber; Megan Webber.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Inta Zagars

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.

SEATTLE PRIDE PARADE SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 11:00am – 3:30pm

We are proud to be a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation within a *Reconciling in Christ* Synod. In the light of recent Federal directives and Court decisions, we have an opportunity to express support for our LGBTQIA* siblings. Info about the PRIDE PARADE can be found [HERE](#). A historical timeline of Seattle's rich Queer History can be found [HERE](#).

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Recent protests have pitted outside conservative groups against LGBTQIA+ community members and their Christian allies. As a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation we stand in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We oppose any ideology that suggests they are loved less by God, or are more predatory or flawed than other human beings. Our AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME grounds us: *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 recognize that our congregation is strengthened by diversity, the embrace of equity, and our commitment to anti-racism. We welcome and celebrate the inclusion of those of any race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression into the life and mission of our congregation. We invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives.*



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homeland of the DUWAMISH PEOPLE. We recognize the DUWAMISH and other SALISH PEOPLES, the FIRST STEWARDS of this land, who have called this region home—and continue to call it home—from time immemorial. We join with them and with all people who see the Earth, its creatures, watersheds, and habitats, as part of an integral whole reflecting our Creator's intention for wholeness and balance.

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