

Stewardship Sunday



November 16, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace! We pray you experience God's presence today as you join us in worship. There are times during the service when you'll be invited to "rise in body or spirit." You have full permission to care for yourself and your physical well-being, so if getting up and down is difficult, we encourage you to do whatever you need to do to care for yourself, including remaining seated.

Parents, know that if your young ones need to move around, we're cool with that!



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."



We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table. 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* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

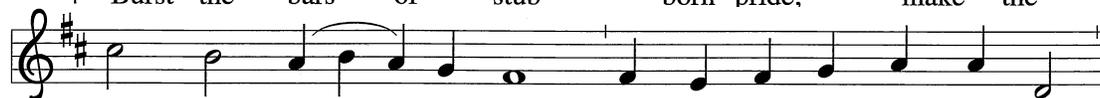
GATHERING HYMN *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

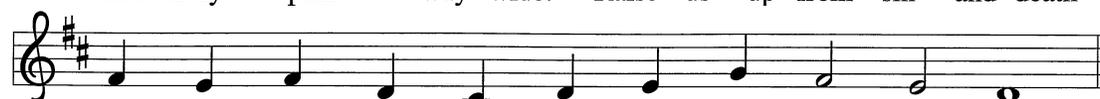
ELW #657, vs. 1-4



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW page 184



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. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Scott Sunde

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming."

*On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire,
 but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.*

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, believing in Christ's imminent return, had not only stopped working—they were disrupters and meddlers. In his letter, Paul calls them to task.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it,

but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

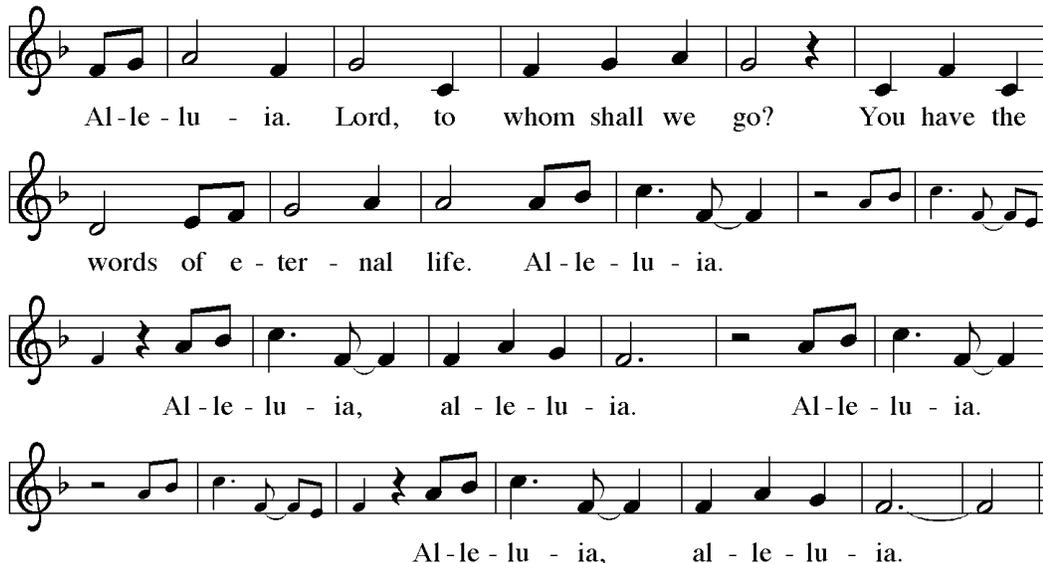
O Praise the Lord, Who Made All Beauty

Hal H. Hopson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel

ELW page 188



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem

Time for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #597

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,
 and all who are in need.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Hear us, O God.
 C Your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Embody the Vision

Pastor Erik Kindem

OFFERING

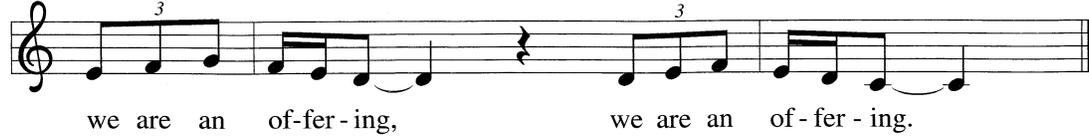
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OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW #692



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Generous God,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you first given to us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Use them to embody your vision for mission through our congregation and through the body of Christ throughout the world; through him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts!

C **We lift them to the Lord!**

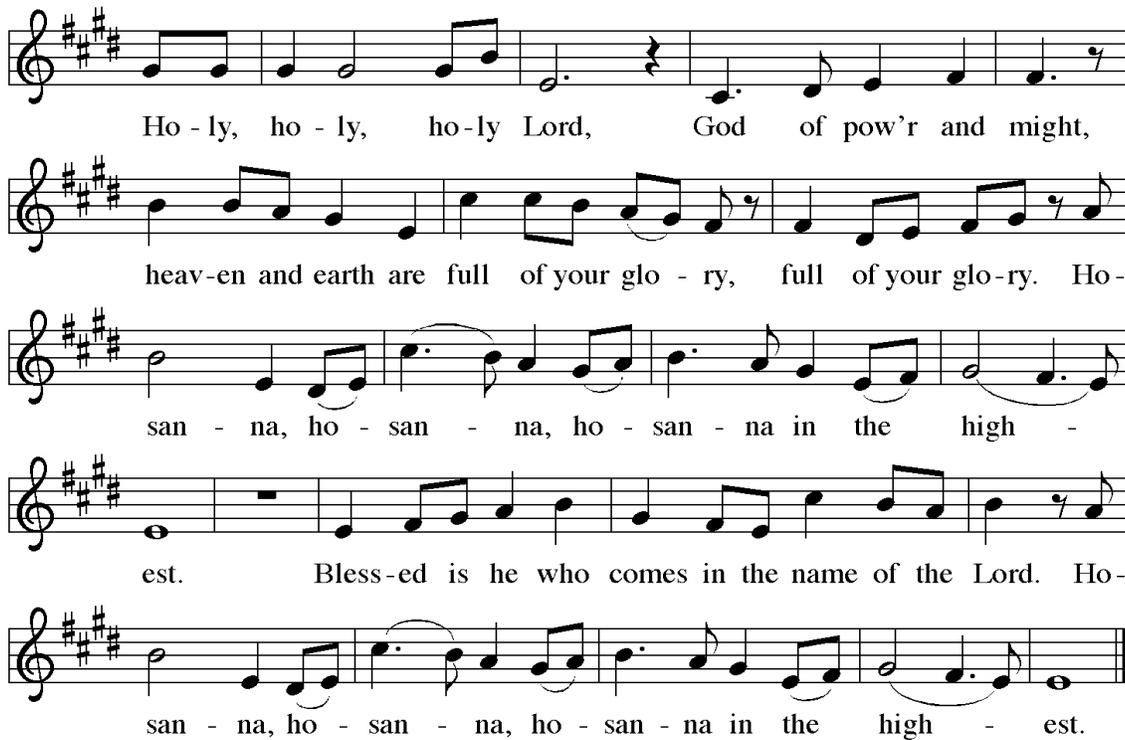
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with the choir of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.
We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
and promised an end to injustice and harm.
In the night in which he was handed over to death,
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 Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.
Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son.
Teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ,
through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the table of the Lord.
Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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 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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #474

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,
we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun-gry ones, gath-er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en-dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv-ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas-ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The holy Trinity † bless you, and grant you a faithful, courageous, and generous heart now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW #537

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

A Go in peace. Share the harvest

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the Northwest region, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received November 2025

11/02/25 \$ 8,973.14

11/09/25 \$ 3,245.00

Electronic \$ 4,408.57

Total **\$16,626.71**

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Each year, the average American family of four loses \$1,500 to uneaten food, wasting about 1,160 pounds of food! If you're hosting Thanksgiving this year, you can reduce your waste by saving scraps during preparation to use in other dishes later, inviting your guests to bring their own containers to take home leftovers, treating your own leftovers as ingredients for meals the following days, and donating unopened cans or packages you didn't need.

Pray for Creation: Lord of all that is, make us good stewards of your beloved, complex creation.

FROM VISION TO REALITY: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 11/16

Our financial stewardship campaign, *From Vision to Reality*, built around our newly proposed Mission Statement and Strategic Plan, concludes next Sunday, November 16. Please review and complete the Stewardship materials you received and bring your 2026 *Estimate of Giving* card to worship next week. Together we will continue to claim the power of God's transforming love by *Walking Hand-in-Hand with Neighbors, Cultivating Faith, and Seeking Just Relationships with All People and All Creation*.

AED & CPR TRAINING AT PEACE 11/16 @ 12:15

Peace has acquired an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for use in cardiac emergencies. The Seattle Fire Department will be here on 11/16 after church to give us free training. Anyone who is interested in this training is encouraged to attend. We would like to welcome any teenagers that are interested as well. The Fire Department does the training for free but welcomes donations. If you would like a certificate, the cost is \$30. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You can also email the church office if you want to attend. We need to give the Fire Department a rough estimate of attendees.

NO ATTENDANT IN NURSERY TODAY & 11/30

Heidi Coy will be gone on Sunday 11/16 and Sunday 11/30, so there will be no attendant in the nursery on those days.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 11/26 @ 7 PM

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP will be held **Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm**, with our traditional “pie potluck” following. This year you are invited to consider a donation to the Agape Fund, to help service families with desperate need. Donations will be received throughout the month.

ADVENT FEST! NOVEMBER 30, 9:15—10:15 AM

ADVENT begins November 30th with our annual Advent Fest, including all your favorite traditions - Advent logs, paperwhites, card making, and more! Bring the whole family. A light breakfast will be served.

O ANTIPHONS SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL 11/30

A group from Peace will be attending the annual *O Antiphons Service* at St. Mark's Cathedral the evening of November 30—a wonderful musical experience and meaningful entry point into the church year.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering**: Marlen Boivin; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Jeffry Epley; Pio Escame; Stephen Fuller; Barb G.; Jon Gault; Nick Griffin; Donna Heiland; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Mel Jacob; Peter Kalen; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Evelyn Martinez; Carol Mikesell; Kathy Peters; Melissa Peterson; Michelle Pierce; Wes Price; Kelly Renfro; Sarah; Robert Shampain; Aaden Smith; Nancy Spannaus; Sarah Taylor; Benjamin Toso; Tracy and Ralph; Pam Webber; Megan Webber; Jeannette Whitworth.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Joyce Bitner; Bob Gaines; 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.

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 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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