

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



July 19, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington



It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Our Guest Preacher/Presider today is Rev. Daniel Sorensen. Our Pass the Hat Partner this month is Compass Housing Alliance. President Christopher Ross will be with us today to provide an update.

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* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*
 ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ACS – *All Creation Sings*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Please rise in body or spirit.

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW #689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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.

GLORIA

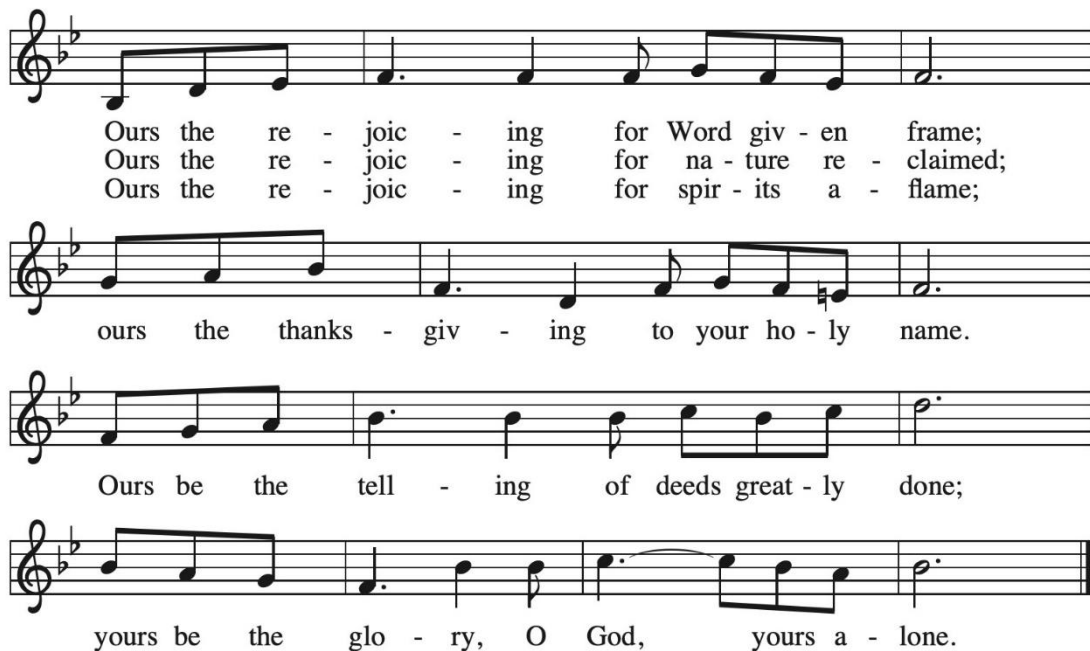
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1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** Amen.

PASS THE HAT

Compass Housing Alliance

Christopher Ross

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

Julie Ward

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass.
 We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.*

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of

God.¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God,²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God’s judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore

grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Rev. Dan Sorensen

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted

ACS #975



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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

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 difference—thank you!



OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583, vs. 1-2

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun-tad, y haz-la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver, and my gold, not a mite



da a ti, Se - ñor;
pulse of thy love;
would I with - hold;
que a mis ma - nos pue -
take my feet and let
take my in - tel - lect



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Loving God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 altender God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the creatures of earth, sea, and sky, with the church on earth 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



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 them, saying:

C **Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.**
Do this to remember 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 to remember me.

P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his life given on the Tree, and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. Pour upon us the fruits of your Spirit, that, nurtured by this meal, we may serve all in hunger and want and so become your body for the world; through your Son, Jesus 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

P In Jesus we are bold 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 Come, share in the feast!

C **Thanks be to God!**

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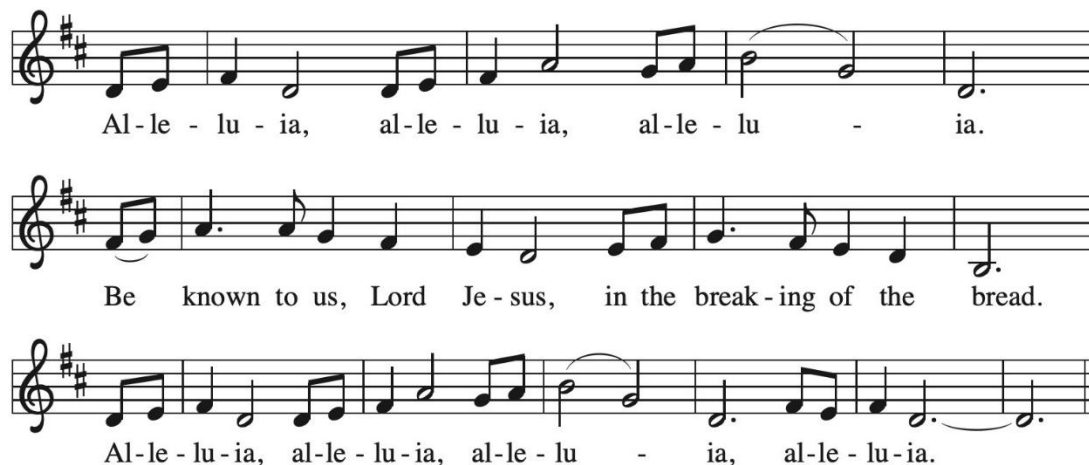
We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents 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.

BE KNOWN TO US

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



COMMUNION HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Compassionate God,
C through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit who nourishes us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C Amen.

+ SENDING +

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. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

In consideration for those who remain for the postlude, please depart quietly.



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Coffee Server	Heidi & Ruth Eilers
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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The 2026 budget authorized by the congregation at the Annual Meeting calls for an average of \$30,017 in offering income monthly. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the Northwest region, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received in July 2026

07/05/26	\$ 5,755.00
07/12/26	\$ 1,818.00
Electronic	\$ 7,207.75
Total for July	\$14,780.75

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Microplastics are in our drinking water, food, air, soil, wildlife, and even human blood, placentas, lungs, and other tissues. Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, a group of health professionals, scientists, patients, parents, and community members, are asking for our help encouraging state leaders to monitor, reduce, and prevent microplastic pollution. Learn more and consider adding your name to the petition at <https://www.wpsr.org/microplastics-petition>.

AGAPE FUND VERY LOW

Please consider giving an extra donation to the Agape Fund as there is only \$60 left. This fund is used to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

PASTORAL CARE WHILE PASTOR ERIK IS GONE

Pastor Erik will be on vacation from 7/17 through 7/27 and will be back in the office on 7/28. Pastor Paul Winterstein will be available for emergency pastoral care. His number is 206-802-8951.

WILL YOU HELP WITH ALTAR FLOWERS/GREENERY?

Got flowers? Or greenery from your garden? We invite you to sign up to provide chancel flowers; just sign your name by your preferred dates on the chart in the narthex adjacent to the serving area. Thanks!

FILLING THE NURSERY ATTENDANT POSITION

Peace Lutheran Church is looking for a new Nursery Attendant, as Heidi Coy has "retired" from that position. It would be nice to have one or more people from within the church to fill that position. Until that occurs, the nursery will be unattended.

In general terms, the position entails caring for children ages 6 and younger in the Nursery so that parents can be fully participate in the service. The hours are 10am to 12pm on normal Sundays and 9am to 11am during the summer schedule. Typically, the children come down after the children's message and then would come back up for communion with the family. Ideally there would be two people in the nursery to keep track of everyone. A potential option would be for several members willing to alternate in sharing the workload. If a volunteer system cannot be worked out, hiring a Nursery Attendant would be necessary. The position requires a background check and application process. Any who are interested may contact business committee chair David Kehle.

NEWS from the CREATION CARE TEAM

PLASTIC-FREE PRODUCTS are now available for purchase on the shelves in the Narthex. At this time, items are mostly trial-size personal care products from Public, a locally owned sustainable goods and refill shop on California Ave north of Bradford. Hopefully, you'll discover some products you like and then replenish them at Public or another retailer.

The **Plastic-Free Products** shelf items & sources will rotate over time.

CODE RED! URGENT NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES

The blood supply across the Pacific Northwest has dropped to emergency levels.

A surge in patient need, combined with fewer donations, has created an urgent shortage — just as summer events and travel peak. Right now, thousands of donation appointments remain unfilled. We do not have enough blood, platelets, or plasma on hand.

Patients are depending on donors today. Please take a moment to book an appointment. Your donation now can make an immediate impact. Visit BloodworksNW.org or call 800-398-7888 to find a date and time that is just right for you.

NEXT FIRST SUNDAY FOOD GATHERING: AUGUST 2

Thank you for last Sunday's contributions to our own Little Free Pantry on the patio, the Welcome Table, and the White Center Food Bank!

Plan now for our next First Sunday food gathering, **Sunday, August 2: EVERYTHING! DAY--** proteins of all kinds (tuna, SPAM, sardines, peanut butter, etc.), shelf-stable fruits and vegetables, tortillas, nutritious snacks and breakfast items. (*Summertime...and the pantries are running low.*)

SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA

Two powerful earthquakes have struck Venezuela, leaving entire communities shaken to the ground. Lutheran Disaster Response is already responding through trusted, long-standing partners in the region, including the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (IELV). Your gifts enable this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need and to remain for as long as recovery takes, whenever and wherever a disaster occurs. [GIVE NOW.](#)

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Kevin Adcock; Gary Aguilar; Susan Bayles; Deric Bevier; Jeff & Dolly Chale; Cindy Collie; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Jeffery Epley; Ann Gault; Donna Heiland; Terry Henson; Evelyn Horton; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Jane; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Sandy King; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Helen McBride; Erik Nelson; Juliana Outlaw; Michelle Pierce; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Aaden Smith; Sarah Taylor; Allison Toso; Angela Walker; Willy.

Homebound: Connie Benjamin; Joyce Bitner; Bob Gaines; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Helen Nesbitt; 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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