

WORSHIP IN THE PARK



Post-Sabbatical Celebration August 27, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

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.

Welcome to this Post-Sabbatical Celebration in Lincoln Park!

Pastor Erik Kindem was on Sabbatical from March 27 – July 31. Today is our “official” day for marking his return, along with his family—wife Chris, son Kai, daughter Naomi. We’ve told Pastor Erik we’d like to hear something about their Sabbatical experience during today’s service, and he has responded by preparing five vignettes/stories to share, which are imbedded in the service. Our special thanks to Laura Bermes and Heidi Eilers for leading music today, to the Technology Team for making it possible to Live Stream today’s service, and for the Sabbatical Team and other volunteers who have worked behind the scenes to prepare for this special Celebration.

+ GATHERING +

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

SONGS

Led by Laura and Heidi

WELCOME

INVOCATION *Please stand as able in body or spirit.*

P At every moment you draw this beautiful world to yourself, O God of all creation, sharing your life with all that you have made.

C **You have prepared a rich table, with places for all, only asking that we share the gifts you provide.**

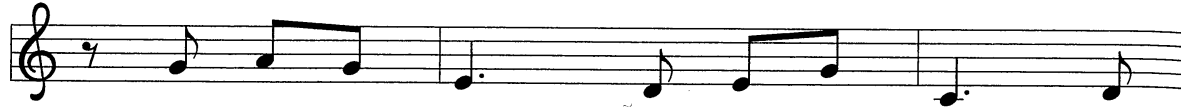
P Gathered beneath these trees, with a view of the Salish Sea, we open our hearts and minds to you this day, reaching out to welcome your generosity, your tenderness, your mercy!

C **Breathe your holy breath into us, that our lives may touch this world with blessing! Set our feet to walk in sacred manner upon this fair and loving Earth!**

GATHERING SONG

In Sacred Manner

ACS #1071



1 In sa - cred mán - 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



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



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



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.

GREETING

P The grace, the love, and the community of God the Three-in-One be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are Holy

ELW #525

Sung in a round



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

PRAYER FOR TODAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of the sojourner,

C **You accompany us on all our journeys, making strangers into friends.**

We thank you for faithful companionship all along the Way.

Help us to follow your footsteps in ways that will keep us close to you,

and will strengthen our communion with siblings near and far, and with the Earth.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

+ STORY +

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

STORY SHARING: *A Dim Sum Approach*

SONG: *Come walk with us the journey is long*
Come walk with us the journey is long (repeat)

The journey, the journey, the journey is long
The journey, the journey, the journey is long (repeat)

VIGNETTE #1 – *Canyons and Stars*

READING: Job 38:4-7, 31-33

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion?

Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season,

or can you guide the Bear with its children?

Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?

Can you establish their rule on the earth?

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

STORY

SONG: *Come walk with us and open our eyes*
Come walk with us and open our eyes (repeat)

The journey, the journey, the journey is long
The journey, the journey, the journey is long (repeat)

VIGNETTE #2 – *A Pool in Lutherland*

READING: John 7:37-38

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” ’

READING: Romans 6:3-4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his

L Holy wisdom. Holy word. C Thanks be to God.

STORY

SONG: *Come walk with us the water is wide*
Come walk with us the water is wide (repeat)

The journey, the journey, the journey is long
The journey, the journey, the journey is long (repeat)

VIGNETTE #3 – *Stolperstein ~ Stumbling Stones*

READING: *On the Mystery of the Incarnation*, by Denise Levertov

*It’s when we face for a moment the worst our kind can do,
and shudder to know the taint in our own selves,
that awe cracks the mind’s shell and enters the heart:
not to a flower, not to a dolphin, to no innocent form
but to this creature vainly sure it and no other is god-like,
God (out of compassion for our ugly failure to evolve) entrusts,
as guest, as brother, the Word.*

STORY



SONG

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

ELW #721

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;
 light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is
 ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is
 ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

VIGNETTE #4 – Dolomite Refugio

READING: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
 and do not rely on your own understanding.
 In all your ways acknowledge God,
 and God will direct your path.

- L Holy wisdom. Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

STORY

SONG: *Come walk with us, let God be our guide*
Come walk with us, let God be our guide (repeat)
The journey, the journey, the journey is long
The journey, the journey, the journey is long (repeat)

VIGNETTE #5 – Stefano and Leonardo

PSALM 133 *Read in unison*

See how good, how pleasant it is
 when kindred live together as one!
 It is like precious oil on Aaron’s head
 running down on his beard,
 running down to the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Mount Hermon,
 falling on the hills of Zion.
 For that is where the LORD bestows the
 blessing—life that never ends.

- L Holy wisdom. Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

STORY

SONG OF THE DAY *Please stand as you are able.*

Give Us Bread for the Journey

Bret Hesla



(1) Give us bread for the jour-ny give us bread. Give us bread for the jour-ney give us
(2) Guide our way as we tra-vel. Guide our way. Guide our way as we tra-vel. Guide our
(3) Make us one witheachoth-er. Make us one. Make us one witheachoth-er Make us
(4) Lead us home to the gar-den. Lead us home. Lead us home to the gar-den. Lead us
(5) Bring us joy on the jour-ney bring us joy. Bring us joy on the jour-ney bring us



bread. When our legs are get-ting hea-vy and we're hang-ing down our heads, give us
way. With so ma-n-y roads be-fore us, where to go is hard to say. Guide our
one. All the walls we've built a-round us, may we learn to tear them down. Make us
home. Where we'll live with all cre-a-tion, find our place and ne-ver roam. Lead us
joy. Bouy-our spi-rits with your pre-sence keep our hearts a-live with grace, bring us



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joy on the jour-ney, bring us joy.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P With the whole church

C **We affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit,**

P With people everywhere

C **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong,**

P With all creation

C **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
Forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Larry Cruse

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Share a gesture of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY

While we aren't passing offering plates this morning, there is a basket where you can leave a gift. In addition, you can use this [QR CODE](#) to connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes a difference—thank you for your support!



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand as able.*

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 In the final night he gathered 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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 basket held by the assistants after you have communed. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

Arrangement by Laura Bermes



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand as able*

A Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to share your generosity with all we meet, through the one who became flesh among us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

The Trees of the Field

Rubin/Dauermann

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 2/2 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy." The guitar chords are: Em, D, G, C, G, D, B7, Em, B7, Em/B, B/A, Em, D7, G, C, G, D, G, C, G, D, B, Am/C, C#dim, B/D#, Em.


DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

Please stay for the potluck meal which follows immediately after worship!



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Ushers	Janet Cruse, Kristin Gimelli Hemme
Altar Care	Liz & Randy Hernandez
Communion Assistants	Liz & Randy Hernandez
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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received August 2023

08/06/23	\$ 2,220.10
08/13/23	\$ 2,260.00
08/20/23	\$ 2,291.00
Electronic	\$ 8,507.26
Total	\$15,093.76

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

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," goes the familiar sustainability slogan. But a new study reported in *Nature Sustainability* suggests that people don't really know what the slogan means or why the actions go in that order. Nearly half of survey participants were unable to put the 3Rs in the correct order from the most to least sustainable action. Recycling gets the most attention, but it's the least important of the three. Please reduce first, reuse all you can't reduce and, finally, recycle what's left.

Pray for Creation: We pray that we always walk gently wherever our paths take us and that we extend to all of creation the companionship that is offered to us by our Creator.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES -- PLEASE DONATE BY SUNDAY, 9/3!!



Bring items to narthex bin! Or -- call a social ministry team member for pick-up!

NEEDED: Backpacks, lined paper, pens, pencils, glue, kleenex, hand sanitizer -- the usual!!

OR: Donate money to Peace Lutheran Church for "school supplies." Any amount!!
Send a check to The Seattle Times School-Supply Drive, PO Box C-11025, Seattle WA 98111.
THANK YOU for helping our local kiddos get off to a good start this school year!! -- Social Ministry Team: Heidi Eilers, Ruth Eilers, Barbara Hillier, Jeannette Whitworth, Marcia Olson, Mary Jacob

SAVE THE DATE FOR GOD'S WORK~OUR HANDS SERVICE DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9am – 12 noon @ LINCOLN PARK

We're teaming once again with Friends of Lincoln Park (FLiP) for this year's project. Be sure to sign up using this link from project leader Lisa McGinty: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/22674/> Lisa is working on hands-on tasks that will be FAMILY FRIENDLY! Hope to see you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

RALLY SUNDAY is September 17. Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for this year's theme and activities, which will be announced in the September PEACE NOTES.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Jerry Andersen; Kathy Anderson; Connie Benjamin; Coco & Eric, Penelope Grace, Liz; Heidi Coy; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Sean Fenton; Betty Fleck; Joe Flint; Marge Flint; Brian Ford; Caity Gerhardt; Dawn Gringorten; Jaylin H; Julia H.; Doug Hauger; Howard Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Arlene Johnson; Donna Kehle; Ken Keyes; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Evelyn Martinez; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Pete McIntyre; Juanita McLemore; Andy McPherson; Kay McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Jean Sides; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Judy Wiggins; Patti Wunder.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

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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