Welcome to Worship: Thank you for making Grace-St. Luke’s part of your spiritual journey and for joining us today for this virtual worship offering. If you are new among us, please complete an online Connect Card at gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card. Our clergy-staff team would like to reach out to learn more about you and to explore how life at Grace-St. Luke’s might bless your journey and you bless ours. For more about our thriving faith community including online formation (learning) offerings, please visit www.gracestlukes.org.

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All are asked to observe silence during the
Voluntary: “Gabriel’s Oboe”

Ennio Morricone

Welcome, Announcements and Children’s Message
Hymn 48, stanzas 1-2 & 4, “O DAY OF RADIANT GLADNESS”

music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song;
harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)
text: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.; st. 4 Hymnal 1982

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and birth;
This day at the creation, the light first had its birth;
This day, God’s people meeting, his Holy Scripture hear;
That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,

O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and holy, through ages joined in tune,
tormenting the Spirit sent from heaven, and hay;
praising, renewed with heavenly might, from praise;

Rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vicend less Sabbath day. We sing to thee our Hymn.
Bread and Wine made near. We journey on, beyond.

“Holy, holy, holy,” to the great God Triune.
thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.
grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.
Church her voice upraises to thee, blest Three in One.
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.
O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Here ends the Lesson.

Psalm 65: 9-14 read responsively by whole verse
9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.
10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel
Priest A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.
13:1-9,18-23
Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”
“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Priest Here ends the Lesson.

The Homily: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
   He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
   He descended to the dead.
   On the third day he rose again.
   He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Remembering especially those who have died [N.N.], especially those in whose memory the altar flowers are given: Wesley Emerson and Beverly Alexander and in whose memory the altar supplies are given: Mary Louise Jones Prewitt and Thomas Ryan Prewitt Sr., and those who have died from coronavirus, give to the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We remember those reflected on the Prayer List of this service leaflet; for the whole human family during this season of the coronavirus pandemic and of social unrest and violence; for our baptismal call to foster reconciliation and healing; and for those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.]

We give thanks for all who work in any way to respond to the needs of others; for the invaluable offerings of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke’s; for our parish School and all schools that serve our community; and for [N.N.]

*Silence. The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Officiant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

**The Offertory**

_During the offertory music or following this service, your offering supports this virtual ministry and much more of life at Grace-St. Luke’s: visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving; text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS; text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to 2020 PLEDGE; mail to the church office. We are not closed during this season of physical distancing. Instead, we are becoming more open and creative in how we abide with God, walk by faith, and serve one another. Your gift to the glory of God supports the administration, operations, and life of Grace-St. Luke’s Church._

**Anthem at the Offertory, “We are the Lord’s”**

*music: Londonderry Aire, arr. Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)*

_text: Karl J.P. Sitta (1801-1859), tr. Charles T. Astley*

_Isabel Wittman, viola_

We are the Lord’s; his all-sufficient merit,
Sealed on the cross to us this grace accords.
We are the Lord’s and all things shall inherit;
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.

We are the Lord’s. Then let us gladly tender
Our souls to him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
no doubtful witness that we are the Lord’s.

We are the Lord’s. No darkness brooding o’er us
Can make us tremble while this star affords
A steady light along the path before us:
Faith’s full assurance that we are the Lord’s.

We are the Lord’s. No evil can befall us
In the dread hour of life’s fast-loosening cords;
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.
Death shall be vanquished, for we are the Lord’s.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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, for ever and ever. Amen._

**The Blessing**

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*
Hymn 679, “SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME”

music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urvin (b. 1950)
text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of The First Song of Isaiah

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words

Minister Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: “TRUMPET VOLUNTARY”

All are invited to remain standing or to be seated for the Voluntary and then continue the day, giving thanks to God for blessings known and known, and by reaching out in care for fellow parishioners, neighbors, and any persons in need. Members of the parish with any needs or pastoral concerns: email pastoralcare@graceslukes.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.

The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Officiant
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Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Shelby Seese, Isabel Wittman, André Moore, Cantors
Isabel Wittman, Viola
Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator
Grace-St. Luke’s: Explore the following news, take good care, and please be in touch with the clergy-staff team to assist you along the way!

**Virtual Offerings**

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 10:30 a.m., Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 5:30 p.m., Musical Moments in July: A concert of favorite vocal solos by some of GSL’s staff singers on Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

Tuesday, July 14, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Thursday, July 16, Men’s Morning Fellowship, 7 until 7:45 a.m. via ZOOM. Hosted weekly by Doug Duncan and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, all men may join at any time. Follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) for what to expect and ZOOM access information.

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 19, 10:30 a.m, Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 19, 5:30 p.m, Musical Moments in July: A concert of MORE favorite vocal solos by some of GSL’s staff singers on Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

**Christian Formation Offerings.** Stay tuned for plans being explored by the clergy, staff, and formation leadership for summer and beyond.

**Event Details.** For important details about each of these and more, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) to Virtual Offerings and watch for the Friday Looking Ahead eNews.

**Take Note**

ZOOM Meet-and-Greet Events with The Rev. Laura F. Gettys start today, July 12. As one way to welcome our associate rector, Laura+, sign up for one of the following small group 30-minute events via ZOOM: Sunday, July 12, Noon; Tuesday, July 14, 8 a.m.; Thursday, July 16, Noon; Friday, July 17, 4 p.m.; and Sunday, July 19, Noon. Visit www.gracestlukes.org/news/zoom-meet-and-greet-with-laura for more information.

**Outreach Grant Application Process Open.** Read below under Outreach and Social Justice for the exciting new details of the 2020 grant application process.

**Grace-St. Luke’s Partners with MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope).** Read more under Outreach and Social Justice.

**Recent Past Vestry Minutes.** In addition to a monthly message from the Senior Warden, you may read minutes from recent meetings of the Vestry by following this link: tinyurl.com/Jan-MayVestryMinutes2020.


**Friday, Looking Ahead eNews.** Watch for an email at 3 p.m. about what to expect on the upcoming Sunday including service leaflet access, what’s ahead for the coming week, and any updates from the clergy or the senior warden.

**Worship and Music**

**Worship: Online and In-Person.** Join us via livestream or in-person on Sunday mornings at 10:30 as the clergy and musicians lead worship services. Limited space is available for in-person worship and sign up is required. Compline (Night Prayers) is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. via Facebook Live. Visit www.gracestlukes.org/worship for more about worship, and to explore past and upcoming services, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship).

**Musical Moments in July: Sundays at 5:30:** For the month of July, join us for short Sunday recitals at 5:30 p.m. on Facebook Live and YouTube Live. We began our series July 5 with music for trumpet and organ. today and July 19 will be vocal solos by our GSL staff singers, everything from hymns to Broadway. And the final recital will be a solo organ recital by GSL’s Director of Music, Dr. Patrick A. Scott. Videos of each livestream offering, including the July 5 kickoff recital, will be posted on www.gracestlukes.org/events/musical-moments-in-july. Spread the word and tune in.

July 12: Staff Singer favorites
July 19: More Staff Singer favorites
July 26: Patrick A. Scott, organ

**Christian Formation**

**Youth: Sunday, July 12:** Youth and Family Video Competition! Do you think the Red Room could use a touch up? Want to have a say in how we are making those changes? This Sunday will commence a two week GSL video competition where you and your family will be able to share your talents on the “big screen”. This activity is open all families with rising 6th-graduated 12th graders, and ANY skill level of actor. An email with instructions and guidelines will be sent to the GSL Youth Formation Email group, Sunday at noon. If you would like to be added or just are interested in participating, please email Amzie Williams at awilliams@gracestlukes.org.

**Wednesday, July 15, Noon:** Noon Day Prayer on Insta Live @gsl.youth. **Friday, July 17, 6 p.m.:** Compline on Insta Live @gsl.youth.
Adults. Explore Virtual Offerings (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) for current learning opportunities. Please note: plans for later summer and fall months are being designed by the clergy-staff team working with formation and congregational development ministry leaders.

Children: For information about current and summer plans for households with young children, contact Director of Children’s Formation Sharon Campbell and join the Children’s Formation Facebook page. Meanwhile, explore Faith at Home and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for a variety of creative ways to engage children in this new season for the Church.

Virtual VBS 2020: Compassion Camp. Compassion Camp’s second week (July 6) focused on being brave and showing Compassion to the Neighbor. During Week 1 (June 29) we learned to see and welcome all people to our tables. Last week, we built upon that with conversations about bravery, and the part it plays in our compassion. Showing compassion isn’t always easy – it often requires us to take a chance. We can be brave by stepping in when we’re needed, sharing with others, protecting, or speaking up for someone who needs help. Follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/virtual-vbs-2020-compassion-camp) for more on Compassion Camp 2020 Week 2. Thanks to all our Compassion Campers for being part of this special experience!

Resources for Racial Healing. The Episcopal Church provides rich resources for addressing racism, racialized violence, reconciliation, healing and justice. Individuals and households may explore www.episcopalchurch.org/responding-to-racist-violence and visit the new “racial healing” portal at www.gracestlukes.org/discover. The parish clergy and laity, including members of the evolving Social Justice Team, will provide helpful information and a broad variety of resources for one’s spiritual formation work on this complex aspect of the human family.

Community Life

MOVING IN FAITH: Wellness Initiative. This week we'd like to highlight the MIF GSL Team Participants and say thank you for being a part of this challenge. This is a six week endeavor and we knew it would fall during vacations, holidays, etc. Would participants be up for it? Well, you bet they were! It’s been personally motivating to see week by week the dedication and “grit” each participant has for attaining their wellness and fitness goals. They are truly our exercise GU-RUS! CONGRATULATIONS to all Participants: Paula Sappington, Chapman Morrow, Anna Holtzclaw, Sara Burnett, Nicki Soule, Helen Braddock, Wayne Braddock, Jim Drummond, Julia McDonald, Nedra Wick, Rebecca Locke, Dorsey Wade, Bruce Williams, David Hickey, Billie Jean Johnson, Kevin Searle, Anne Carriere and Katie Wos. For more information, follow this link: www.gracestlukes.org/news/moving-in-faith. For more information, follow this link: www.gracestlukes.org/news/moving-in-faith.

GSL Fall Sports Registration: Currently, GSL plans to participate in the traditional ESCRA League Fall Sports Program. The GSL Church JK-4th grades fall sports registration is open July 1-15 and can be accessed online at www.gracestlukes.org/youthsoccerandfootball. Please remember to register promptly because teams do fill-up quickly. In case we are unable to offer the traditional ESCRA League fall sports programs due to COVID-19 and the CDC guidelines, we are prepared to provide a quality alternative soccer program for JK-4th grades. This program will be led by certified instructors and will focus on skill development, individual competition, and fun play. The season dates will coincide with the ESCRA season and run September through November. I will keep you informed as more details emerge. Each person’s safety and well-being are our priorities and Grace-St. Luke’s Church leadership team will continue to monitor the pandemic. We look forward to resuming our youth fall sports programs in some capacity as soon as we can. Contact: Christi Authement (cauthement@gracestlukes.org)

Thank You for Supporting Life at GSL. The Rector, Wardens and Vestry are glad and grateful that the parish community is practicing self-care and care for others the COVID-19 pandemic. Your sacred offerings of time, talent, and treasure serve to keep GSL strong and sustainable. All financial gifts in any amount contribute in countless ways to support weekly administration and operations, worship offerings, clergy-staff team personnel, and congregational life. You may visit gracestlukes.org/onlinedonating, text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS, text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to 2020 PLEDGE, mail offerings to the church office, or contact Parish Administrator Linda Stine (lstine@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6324).

Pastoral Care: Sharing and Responding to Concerns. To alert the clergy of a pastoral matter concerning yourself or a member, including any medical procedures, contact the clergy confidentially via 901-252-6320 or pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org. For hospitalizations or emergencies concerning a member, contact the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334. This is the best way to communicate pastoral needs and ensure a prompt response from a member of the clergy or pastoral care team.

Got REALM Connect? Increased and new connections between parishioners as well as by clergy-staff team members with parishioners are being made through REALM, our new and advanced platform for the GSL community. You can update your membership profile with a photo, reach out to others through the directory, sign-up for ministry teams, online fellowship groups and events, manage financial giving, and much more. Visit www.gracestlukes.org/realm or contact Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber (901-252-6336, ahuber@gracestlukes.org) for assistance.

Outreach and Social Justice

Grace-St. Luke’s Partners with MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope). The Clergy, Wardens and Vestry are pleased to announce the start of a new partnership with MICAH. This exciting initiative serves to further the Church’s Mission to restore all people to unity and the GSL Vision to be a thriving community of hope, belonging, and healing through worship, parish life, and service, and who rejoices in the love of Jesus to transform the world. To learn more about MICAH, follow this link (www.micahmemphis.org). Stay tuned for next steps about our partnership from the evolving GSL-MICAH Core Team.
Outreach Grant Applications. Summer greetings to all! Your Outreach Committee has completed and published new grant application procedures. Please help us spread the word so we may have a healthy competition for our outreach grants this year. Particulars are in the grant application posted on the GSL website, but we are basically seeking servant ministry partner agencies whose mission fits into one of our focus areas: feed/clothe/shelter the needy; care for the sick; healing brokenness in the world. The major change for this year is that we will award one “impact” grant of $7,500 in each of those categories and one “major” grant of $5,000 in each category. Procedurally, we now have a grant subcommittee screening applications before the whole committee votes. Applications are open now by emailing a completed application located on the Community Grants web page (www.graceslukes.org/ connect/in-the-neighborhood-and-beyond/community-grants) to outreach@graceslukes.org. Deadline is 31 August with awards planned to be completed by November. Questions can also be sent to that address. Thanks for your help in sharing this good news!

Serving Within and Beyond Our Doors. More Than A Meal continues on Sundays from 4-4:45 p.m. with a “brown bag” plan that is working well. The Food Pantry is closed with plans to reopen as soon as possible. All who are able may give now or anytime to the Mid-South Food Bank. For information about GSL Servant Ministry Partners, visit graceslukes.org/outreach. If you are interested in participating in outreach, email Outreach Committee Chair Bill Pichette at outreach@graceslukes.org or visit graceslukes.org/outreach.

A Step Ahead Foundation. Read how GSL Outreach grantee A Step Ahead Foundation continues to serve the community and carry out its mission in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, written by Outreach Committee member James Drummond, follow this link: www.graceslukes.org/sites/549/uploaded/files/ASAF_Grace_St_Lukes_eNews.pdf.

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Visit graceslukes.org to subscribe to the parish eNews to receive weekly, seasonal, and emergency pastoral notices from the clergy or other leaders. Visit http://eepurl.com/bi3C5 to subscribe to the West Tennessee Diocesan Communicator, and for access to beyond-local news from The Episcopal Church, visit episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup. Please spread the word about these key communication platforms.

The Prayer List
Our prayers are asked for Liz Deeley, Carolyn Gardiner, Jerry V. Crook+, Brian Davies, Martin Edwards, Steven Schultz, Kristin, Nancy Menzies, Amanda Adams, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died: especially those in whose memory the altar flowers are given: Wesley Emerson and Beverly Alexander and in whose memory the altar supplies are given: Mary Louise Jones Prewitt and Thomas Ryan Prewitt Sr., and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Larry Allen, Jim Clay, James Drummond, Carolyn Gardiner, Jennifer Gibbs, Jane Gober, Bradley Harris, Stewart Hunt, Ann Hutton, Todd Kaldon, Merilyn Mangum, Janette McCall, Clara Phillips, Sam Robbins, Madge Saba, Sidney Selvidge, Nell Springer, John Clark Sweeney, Rebecca Tuttle, David Vaughan, Jack Wardlaw, Neil Weston, and Margaret Wyatt, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Pete & Vera Rosato, Jim & Emelia Smith, Andy & Emily Newton, Ward & Brittan Robinson, and Noah & Allyson Campbell.

About the prayers: Names on the prayer list will remain for 1 month. If you would like your or your loved one's name to remain longer, please call the church office.