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.

Officiant: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys
Preacher: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: “Prière à Notre-Dame, from Suite Gothique”

Léon Boëllmann

Welcome, Announcements and Children’s Message
Hymn 522, stanzas 1-2 & 4, “GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”

music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)
text: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city
2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from e-
3 Round each habita-tion hover-ing, see the cloud and
deeper’s blood!

4 Blest inhab-itants of Zion, washed in the Re-
deeper’s blood!

of our God; he whose word can-not be
ternal love, well sup-ply thy sons and
fire appear for a glo-ry and a
deeper’s blood! Jesus, whom their souls re-

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

broken formed thee for his own abode;
daughters and all fear of want re-move.
covering, showing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.
Officiant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People  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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

Psalm 119:129-136 read responsively by whole verse

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
    therefore I obey them with all my heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
      it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant; *
      I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me in mercy, *
    as you always do to those who love your Name.
133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
    let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
    and I will keep your commandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
    and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
    because people do not keep your law.

    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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest Here ends the Lesson.

The Homily: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

The Apostles’ Creed
In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

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
The Leader and People pray responsively

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 [Phyllis Gardner], including 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 those we now name either silently or aloud [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, “Consider”**

Consider
The lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:—
We are as they;
Like them we fade away,
As doth a leaf.

Consider
The sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view
Whether they fall or mount,—
He guards us too.

Consider
The lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair:—
What profits all this care
And all this coil?

Consider
The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food:—
Much more our Father seeks
To do us good.

**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.**
I come with joy to meet my Lord, for
I come with Christians far and near to
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
Together met, together bound, we'll

given, loved, and free, in awe and wonder
find, as all are fed, the new communion
proud division ends. That love that made us
presence, always near, is in such friendship
go our different ways, and as his people

to recall his life laid down for me.
ty of love in Christ's communion bread.
makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
better known: we see, and praise him here.
in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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: "Menuet gothique, from Suite Gothique"  Léon Boëllmann

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@gracestlukes.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.
Weekly Message from the Clergy

Good Trouble for the Sake of The Gospel. Remembering the life of Congressman John Robert Lewis (February 21, 1940 – July 17, 2020), the body of Christ, the Church, is invited to ponder this quote that may best sum up Lewis’ ministry as a follower of Jesus. “Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.” More than ever, I am encouraged, and continue to learn that so are many others amid the struggles of this broken world. - The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector

Grace-St. Luke’s: Explore and engage life at GSL and invite others for the journey! Our Vision is 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.

Virtual Offerings

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26, 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26, 5:30 p.m, Musical Moments in July: An organ concert by Director of Music & Organist, Dr. Patrick A. Scott on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes/live).
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26, 8 p.m., Service of Sung Compline on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes/live).

Tuesday, July 28, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).
Thursday, Men’s Morning Fellowship, This group will take a break until September 10.
Thursday, July 30, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 2, 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).

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: New Highlights

Sung Compline, July 26 at 8 p.m. Read more under Worship and Music.
Living Grace School Supply Drive. Read more under Outreach and Social Justice.

Outreach Grant Applications due August 31. Read more under Outreach and Social Justice.

Formation and Congregational Life Offerings: Summer-Fall. Stay tuned for rich August and beyond offering plans for adults, youth and children. The clergy-staff team is working with ministry area leaders on a wide variety of options for individual and household engagement.

Ongoing events, less-recent news, and more, explore below: Worship and Music, Christian Formation, Community Life, Outreach and Social Justice, and Stay Informed.

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 Final Event, July 26: 5:30 to 6 p.m. Tune in for the last of short Sunday recitals on Facebook and YouTube Live. We’ve enjoyed music this month for trumpet and organ and solos by our GSL staff singers. To close out the series, GSL’s Director of Music & Organist, Dr. Patrick A. Scott will present an organ recital of Marches for the Organ: including, Meyerbeer’s “Coronation March, from Le Prophète,” one of Elgar’s “Pomp & Circumstance” marches, sweet little marches by Handel and Haydn, and Walton’s famous “Crown Imperial.” Videos of each livestream offering will be posted on www.gracestlukes.org/events/musical-moments-in-july. Spread the word and tune in.
July 26: Patrick A. Scott, organ
Sung Compline, Sunday July 26 at 8 p.m. Join the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, the Staff Singers of GSL, and Dr. Patrick A. Scott as they lead a prerecorded service of Compline. This rich tradition includes sung prayers, chanted Psalms and lessons, and will feature Leo Sowerby’s famous Nunc Dimittis in D. Tune in at 8 p.m. on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes) Live.

Christian Formation

**Virtual VBS 2020: Compassion Camp.** It’s our fourth and final week of Compassion Camp (July 20) and we’re learning that compassion helps us to be present with each other. This is an especially interesting concept to talk about with children during this time of physical distance, in which “being present” often can’t mean being in the same place together. Being present with someone means focusing on another person and being open to their feelings, listening, and asking how to support them best. Our campers had great ideas about how to do that, even while we’re apart, and suggested writing a letter, leaving a voicemail, FaceTiming, or giving a gift. Follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/virtual-vbs-2020-compassion-camp) for more on Compassion Camp 2020 Week 4. Thanks to all our Compassion Campers for being part of this special experience!

**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 and Youth:** Visit www.gracestlukes.org/discover/children-and-youth-formation to explore the ways to further engage children and teen on their spiritual journeys.

Community Life

**GSL Fall Sports Registration:** GSL plans to participate in the traditional ESCRA League Fall Sports Program. The GSL Church JK-4th grades fall sports registration is open and can be accessed online at www.gracestlukes.org/youthsoccerandfootball. Remember to register promptly because teams do fill up quickly. Additional information may be found by visiting the above link. We look forward to resuming our youth fall sports programs in some capacity as soon as we can. Contact Christi Authement (cauthement@gracestlukes.org) for more info.

**Keeping GSL Strong and Sustainable.** Your sacred gifts of time, talent, and treasure are keeping GSL strong and sustainable. While parishioners are striving to practice self-care and care for one another during the COVID-19 pandemic, individual and household financial gifts also are supporting administration and operations, worship offerings, personnel, and much more. For ways to serve and connect at GSL in any season, contact Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (901-252-6328, cmorrow@gracestlukes.org) and visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving.

**Pastoral Care.** To alert the clergy of a pastoral matter concerning yourself or a parishioner, 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 the clergy.

Outreach and Social Justice

**Outreach Grant Applications Due August 31.** The GSL Outreach Grants process is open with the application and details located on the Community Grants web page. We are seeking “servant ministry partner” agencies whose mission aligns with our focus areas: feed/clothe/shelter the needy; care for the sick; healing brokenness in the world. GSL will award one “impact” grant of $7,500 and one “major” grant of $5,000 in each area. Spread the word to potential partners. If you have questions, email outreach@gracestlukes.org.

**Living Grace School Supply Drive.** Let’s come together as we keep our distance! The Outreach Committee is holding a school supplies drive to support one of our Servant Ministry Partners. Living Grace Memphis provides an individualized college and career readiness program, scholarships that encourage innovation and service, school supplies and toiletries, grooming services, and healthcare referrals. Clients are among the city’s most vulnerable population – children who are underserved and experiencing homelessness. Regardless of how classes are held this year, our neighbors will still require school supplies. Please support Living Grace by donating the items listed in the link below. Collection baskets will be inside on Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. service and outside during More Than A Meal (MTAM) on Sundays, July 26 and August 2 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. You can even take advantage of Tennessee’s Tax Holiday (July 31-August 2) for school supplies! Follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/living-grace-school-supply-drive) to learn more about this Outreach initiative and how you can get involved.

**Online Giving**
Make a one time gift now by scanning the QR code below with your smart phone!

**Recurring**
Set up recurring 2020 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!
**Dorothy Day House Update.** Volunteering at Dorothy Day is still on hold due to COVID-19, but needs still remain to help the families served. You can help out by purchasing items from Amazon from their wishlist (similar to a wedding registry). Every little bit helps! The wishlist gets posted to their social media (Instagram and Facebook) on Wednesdays. Follow this link ([www.gracestlukes.org/news/dorothy-day-house-update](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/dorothy-day-house-update)) to their Wednesday Wishlist.

**Stay Informed**

**eNews.** Visit [gracestlukes.org](http://gracestlukes.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](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](http://episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup). Please spread the word about these key communication platforms.

**The Messenger Magazine.** Follow this link ([www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger](http://www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger)) for the June-July issue of *The Messenger*. The next issue will be released in August with information about what to expect in the later summer and fall months of life at GSL: worship, formation, congregational life, outreach, social justice, and more.

**The Prayer List**

**Our prayers are asked for** Vernice and Varner Rencher, Kathy, David, Deborah, Ruth Snodgrass, Mary and Matt Buckley, Greer, Jo Anne Ayres, Betsy Trammell, Sonny Trammell, Debbie, Liz Deely, Carolyn Gardiner, Jerry V. Crook+, Brian, Martin Edwards, 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 Phyllis Gardner, and those who have died from coronavirus.

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays,** especially Jimpsie Ayres, Leo Campbell, Grace Ciaramitaro, Joey Dudek, Jennifer Hughes, J.D. Huber, Kit Hutton, Kevin Kuhns, Ross Larson, Doug McClew, Janet McGehee, Gary Mills, Clover Newton, Gus Newton, Margaret Ridolphi, Andrew Saatkamp, Paula Sappington, Mary Selvidge, Denise Taylor, Anne Waring, and Janet Wyatt, and for **those celebrating wedding anniversaries,** especially Jon & Mary McCalla, Paul & Amy Kauerz, Steve & Elizabeth Brewer, Alex & Melissa Neale, Warren & Jimpsie Ayres, and Brackie & Leigh Carter.

**Prayer List and Prayer Requests.** To submit a prayer request for the Prayer List, you may contact Parish House Receptionist & Ministry Associate Abby Huber ([ahuber@gracestlukes.org](mailto:ahuber@gracestlukes.org), 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form ([www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest](http://www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest)). Names of persons, who have given consent for names to be printed, will be listed for one month, unless a longer period is requested. While certain concerns may be confidential between the clergy and the individual, others may not be. If you are wondering about an individual, please contact the individual directly or a member of the clergy. Intercessions are offered daily by the clergy and lay pastoral care ministers and reflected in the worship service leaflet.

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