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. Ollie V. Rencher
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All are asked to observe silence during the
Voluntary: “PISGAH” (When I Can Read My Title Clear from The Sacred Harp)    Donald Hustad

Welcome, Announcements and Children’s Message
The Word of God

**Hymn 380**, “From all that dwell below the skies”

*music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.*

*harm. After Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)*

*text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

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**Officiant**  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People**  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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**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.

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**The Collect of the Day**  

*BCP 230*

**Officiant**  
The Lord be with you.  
**People**  
And also with you.  
**Officiant**  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

Psalm 67 read responsively by whole verse

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *  
   show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *  
   your saving health among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *  
   let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *  
   for you judge the peoples with equity  
   and guide all the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *  
   let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *  
   may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7 May God give us his blessing, *  
   and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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.  

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Priest Here ends the Lesson.

The Homily: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

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 VI
*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Phoebe our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those reflected on the Prayer List in this service leaflet; those infected with coronavirus and their caregivers; for reconciliation and healing of social unrest and violence throughout the world; and for those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. Hear us, Lord;
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including the gifts 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 other abundance we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, including the Rev. Virginia Brown, Ruth Snodgrass and those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

**Minister and People**

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Priest says*
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
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 gracesstlukes.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, “A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”
music: Leonard J. White (1910-1973)
text: St. Richard of Chichester (c. 1197-1253)

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

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

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. (A Four-Fold Benedictine Blessing)
Hymn 544, stanzas 1 & 3-5, “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun”  

music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)  
text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

1 Jesus shall reign where’er the sun doth his success.  
2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises.  
3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his 
4 Blessings abound where’er he reigns: the prisoners  
5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar

1 ceaseless journeys run; his kingdom stretch from  
2 through to crown his head; his Name like sweet per
3 love with sweetest song; and infant voices  
4 leap to lose their chains, the weary find ease  
5 honors to our King; angels descend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.  
3 shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.  
4 eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.  
5 songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

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: “Voluntary on Old 100th”  

Henry Purcell

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. Laura F. Gettys, Preacher  
The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Officiant  
Debbie Smith, Assistant Organist-Choirmaster  
Elizabeth Hornor, Charles McGowan, & André Moore, Cantors  
Jeff White, Director of Technology, Grace-St. Luke’s School  
Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator
Weekly Message from the Clergy

Carpe Diem. A Latin phrase meaning “seize the day,” I first heard “carpe diem” while enjoying the movie Dead Poets’ Society. These three short words have taken on substantial meaning to how individuals choose to approach life; they definitely have shifted mine over the years. They bring to mind the collect (prayer) associated with the August 13 feast of Anglican bishop Jeremy Taylor (1667): O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, like your servant Jeremy Taylor, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit direct us in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Following Jesus, let us “carpe diem” and trust that all shall be well. -The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 16, 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).
Tuesday, August 18, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 – 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).
Thursday, August 20, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 – 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 23, 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

Children’s Formation Survey Request. For households with children through 11 years old, please find more information below under Christian Formation and help us plan for the fall by filling out the survey.

GSL School Lemaster Playground Renovation. Read below under Community Life for information about a new playground for GSL School!

Looking Ahead. Watch for details about Sundays, August 23 (Blessing of the Backpacks & Episcopal School Sunday) and August 30 (Wellness & Recovery Sunday). September 13 (Celebration Sunday) will launch a full schedule of worship and music offerings; formation events, guest speakers, and resources for adults, youth, and children; ways to connect with parishioners; and ways to share in the stewardship (giving) ministry of time, talent and treasure at Grace-St. Luke’s. All this and more will be in the August-September edition of The Messenger magazine.


Worship and Music

Worship: Online and In-Person. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 for livestream and in-person worship. Limited seating is available for in-person worship: Visit tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup to sign up for Sunday, August 16. 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).

July Musical Offerings. If you missed our recent seasonal offerings, you may view them at www.gracestlukes.org/music. Sunday 5:30 p.m. recitals featured music for trumpet and organ, vocal solos by GSL staff singers, and a concert of marches for organ, and a service of Sung Compline was offered at 8:00 p.m. We give thanks for the gift of music at GSL.

Christian Formation

Children: Survey for Fall Semester. Our 2020-21 Christian Formation year begins virtually on Celebration Sunday, September 13! As our children’s programming for fall begins to take shape, your feedback will help us design offerings that meet our families’ hopes, needs, and preferences while we journey together through the COVID-19 pandemic. Please complete a brief Children’s Formation Parent Survey (https://tinyurl.com/GSLFallSurvey) to share your needs and preferences for the fall season, specifically. Our aim is to deliver consistent and creative programming to our children and families that will deepen our spiritual and community connections with one another, so your input is essential to achieving that goal! Please contact Sharon Campbell, Director of Children’s Formation (scampbell@gracestlukes.org), for more info about fall programming and ways to stay connected as we head into this new formation year!
Youth Schedule.
Sunday, August 16: Zoom Compline, 6 p.m. | Roses and Thorns Check-In.
Monday, August 17: EYC-2-GO #3 Pick up 4-6 p.m. outside of the Red Room.
Wednesday, August 19: Noonday Prayer on Insta Live @gsl.youth | EYC-2-GO #3 Pick up 4-6 p.m. outside of the Red Room.
If you are interested in participating in GSL youth activities, please email Amzie Williams at awilliams@gracestlukes.org.

Adults. Stay tuned for detailed information about “Celebration Sunday” scheduled for September 13 and a full schedule of events, guests speakers and more through December.

GSL Reading Together. For the month of August through Labor Day, all are invited to participate in a common reading of one or two brilliant books: The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World (Dalai Lama XIV and Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Carlton Abrams) and Wonder (R. J. Palacio). GSL Reading Together is one of many ways to connect to life at GSL around a common subject. Order your books through a local bookseller or online! Virtual book discussion events will be announced soon after for Labor Day. For more information, visit www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether.

Community Life

GSL School Lemaster Playground Renovation. Last week, construction of the Lemaster Playground, just north of the Middle School building, began! Most equipment has been removed, as well as the large tree (a sad but necessary step after a certified arborist examined the tree and determined it was diseased and needed to be removed). Soon, grading will begin, followed by drainage work and the prepping for new surfaces. Follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/gsl-school-lemaster-playground-renovation) for pictures and more information.

GSL Church Fall Sports Registration Deadline August 21. Due to COVID-19, CDC guidelines, and the safety of your children, the 2020 GSL Church fall soccer program will not participate in the regular ESCRA League, which is a CONTACT team sports league, but will participate in a local soccer organization called, Soccer Shots (www.soccershots.org/memphis/programs/#premier). Soccer Shots is a NON-CONTACT sports program. All GSL Church U5-U10 age divisions will participate. Soccer Shots focuses on instruction in individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and coach interaction. For more information visit www.gracestlukes.org/youthsoccerandfootball or 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

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 Supplies Drive. Thanks to all who donated school supplies and volunteered their time on Sundays collecting items during morning worship and also during More Than A Meal and those who showed up to assist with the packing party yesterday. Your generous efforts will benefit Living Grace’s clients, our city’s youth experiencing homelessness.

Social Justice

Social Justice welcomes your participation, ideas, resource suggestions, and prayers. Since we cannot gather as group yet, please feel free to contact:
Co-Chair Leaders—
  - Paula Barnes pbarnes31 at comcast.net or 901-481-1852
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For more, visit www.gracestlukes.org/news/social-justice.
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The Messenger Magazine. Follow this link (www.gracetlukes.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 L. C. Hamilton Jr., Tom, Paul, Jennifer, the Rev. Charles Riddle, Kristin, Stella Bain, Vernice and Varner Rencher, Kathy, David, Deborah, Carol Boyer, Greer, Jo Anne Ayres, Betsy Trammell, Sonny Trammell, Debbie, Liz Deeley, 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 the Rev. Virginia Brown, Ruth Snodgrass and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Minetry Apperson, Drew Baddour, Lucy Bartkiewicz, Amelia Barton, McClain Bloodworth, Lucy Cothorn, Brock Eason, Nancy Edwards, Lauren Ferrera, Pat Gray, Porter Johnson, August Knoll, Jim McCall, Dana Hawkins McKay, Dan Oppenheimer, Hoke Robinson, Lori Roper, Sam Shiple, Greer Simonton, Betty Underwood, Jon Van Doren, Bennett Vaughan, Emily Walton, Cindy Ward, and Rudy Williams, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Wakefield & Lia Gordon, Alex & Lara Scott, and Darrin Davidson & Mary Ann Jackson.

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@gracetlukes.org, 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form (www.gracetlukes.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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