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: “ARIA” (May the Lord be gracious to us and bless us)  
Emma Lou Diemer

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

Hymn 388, stanzas 1-3 & 5, “O worship the King, all glorious above!”

music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727)
text: Robert Grant (1779-1838)

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

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Here ends the Lesson.

Psalm 85:8-13 read responsively by whole verse

8  I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, * 
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people 
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9  Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * 
that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth have met together; * 
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * 
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * 
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him, * 
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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 made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”
Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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 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 Ruth Snodgrass, the Rev. Steve Montgomery, Caroline Gage Sanford; those in whose memory the altar flowers are given, Mary E. Pearson and William K. Pearson; 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 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**, “How can I keep from singing?”

*music: Cliff Brock (b. 1982)*

*text: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)*

My life flows on, in endless song:
Above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet, tho’ far off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

**Refrain**

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I’m clinging;
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

**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 608, stanzas 1-2 & 4, “Eternal Father, strong to save”
music: Melita, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)
text: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt.
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 Tune in D”  Sam Batt Owens

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, Officiant
The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Preacher
Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Daniel Massey & André Moore, Cantors
Jeanne Simmons, Flute
Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator
Weekly Message from the Clergy

Always Take Heart. In Matthew 14:22-33, the gospel lesson appointed for August 9, Jesus advises terrified disciples to “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Journeying waywardly in a boat, battered by waves far from land and in strong winds, they were convinced that the end was in sight. Walking toward them as God with us and Peace that passes all understanding, Jesus made the impossible possible. He reminded them to practice big faith. Each day, Jesus calls us to practice big faith, starting and ending in worship, praise and celebration of the God who promises to never leave us comfortless. While doubt always has been and will be a part of the earthly journey, faith is what saves and conceives that all shall be well. May we always take heart and not be afraid, because of who and whose we are: beloved children of God.

- 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 9, 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 11, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 - 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Thursday, August 13, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 - 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

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).

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

Social Justice. Your participation, ideas, resource suggestions, and prayers are requested. Details may be found under Social Justice.

Living Grace School Supply Packing Event August 15. Read details under Outreach.


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).

Music Update from GSL Director of Music and Organist Patrick A. Scott. The month of July was rich in music at GSL. In addition to offerings during our Sunday 10:30 a.m. liturgy, we provided four virtual recitals at 5:30 on Sunday afternoons including music for trumpet and organ with Memphis Symphony principal and GSL member, Scott Moore, favorite vocal solos by GSL’s staff singers, and a closing concert of marches for the organ by Patrick Scott. The music staff and clergy also presented a service of sung Compline last Sunday evening. If you missed any of our seasonal offerings, you may view them on our website at www.gracestlukes.org/music. Thank you for your continued support of music at GSL, one of the many ways that connects us one to another.

Christian Formation

GSL Reading Together: Join In. For the month of August through Labor Day, all GSL parish individuals and households 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). Identified by Adult Formation Advisory Team Leader Anne Ayres and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector, 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 and let the reading begin on your own schedule! Save The Date for Book Read Discussion Events: TBA for soon after Labor Day. For an overview of each book and discussion events, visit www.gracestlukes.org/gsllreadingtogether.
Adults. Explore Virtual Offerings (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) for current opportunities. Currently, the clergy-staff team is working with ministry area leaders on plans for the later summer and fall months. Stay tuned for detailed information about “Celebration Sunday” scheduled for September 13.

Youth Schedule.
**Sunday, August 9:** Zoom Compline, 6 p.m. | Roses and Thornes Check-In.
**Monday, August 10:** EYC-2-GO #2 Pick up 4-6 p.m. outside of the Red Room.
**Wednesday, August 12:** Noonday Prayer on Insta Live @gsl.youth | EYC-2-GO #2 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.

Children. For information about current and summer plans for households with young children, contact Director of Children's Formation Sharon Campbell (scampbell@gracestlukes.org) and join the Children’s Formation Facebook page (www.facebook.com/GSLChildrensFormation). Meanwhile, explore Faith at Home (www.dofaithathome.org) and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (www.cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/cgs-in-the-home-parent-resources) for a variety of creative ways to engage children in this new season for the Church.

Community Life

**Tennessee Episcopal Churchmen Conference August 14-16.** The annual conference of the Tennessee Episcopal Churchmen is now less than one month away. Everyone is getting VERY excited about the first ever virtual conference. Yes, all will miss the comradery of an in-person meeting. But, yes, the virtual meeting will allow everyone to connect with friends, engage with our bishops, and hear great messages related to this year’s theme of “To serve you, with gladness and singleness of heart.” There is no cost. For more information and to register, visit www.tnchurchmen.org.

**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

**Living Grace School Supplies Drive Packing Party Saturday, August 15.** Thanks to all who have donated to help Living Grace’s clients, our city’s youth experiencing homelessness. Our packing party has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 15. We’re looking for 12 volunteers to help pack supplies in Trezevant Hall from 10-12. We have a plan in place to maintain social distancing while filling 200 bags. Please sign up by emailing outreach@gracestlukes.org. Questions can be directed to the event captains Edith Heller (hrheller3 at comcast.net) or Carol Ann Mallory (cam2269 at aol.com) or the Outreach email. Thanks for your support!

**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.

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

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Set up recurring 2020 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!
Social Justice
Social Justice welcomes your participation, ideas, resource suggestions, and prayers. Since we cannot gather as group yet, please feel free to contact:
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The Reverend Laura F. Gettys at lgettys@gracestlukes.org or 901-252-6329
For more, visit www.gracestlukes.org/news/social-justice.

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The Messenger Magazine. Follow this link (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 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 Ruth Snodgrass, the Rev. Steve Montgomery, Caroline Gage Sanford, those in whose memory the altar gifts are given: Mary E. Pearson and William K. Pearson for their wedding anniversary, and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Warren Ayres, Jennifer Balink, Leon Bedwell, Seth Cowan, Ann Eason, Mitch Graves, James Holland, Stanley Johnson, John King, Lucius McGeehee, Johnny Norris, Charles Pazar, Heather Rasch, Brittian Robinson, Marjorie Robinson, Colin Roche, Matt Sights, Stacey Smith, Lynn Strickland, Mary Tanner, John Wade, Kimberly White, and Jim Williamson, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Terry & Beverly Trojan, Bruce & Christine Lee, Sledge & Denise Taylor, and Leon Bedwell & Kim Huch.

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, 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form (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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