



GIVING: A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE  
SUPPORT LIFE AT GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

Monday, September 14, 2020  
Resilience and Connection in Life at GSL

Yesterday was an extraordinary day in life at Grace-St. Luke's! Celebration Sunday started with a brief video ([www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning](http://www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning)) at 9:15 a.m. about the rich variety of opportunities to engage for the Fall: worship, formation for all ages, connection-making, pastoral care, outreach, social justice, music, and more. In addition to the in-person and livestream 10:30 a.m. service, a prerecorded contemplative service of Evensong (sung Evening Prayer) was released at 5:30 p.m.: [www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship).

Celebration Sunday also included the exciting launch of our [2021 Stewardship Campaign, Resilience and Connection by Giving](#), by chairs Allison and Steven King. For an invitation letter, frequently asked questions, and how-to-pledge, please visit [www.gracestlukes.org/pledge](http://www.gracestlukes.org/pledge) and prayerfully consider offering your pledge on or before All Saints' Sunday, November 1. I hope you will join me in the spiritual practice of giving your sacred time, talent, and treasure to benefit the ministry of GSL. In this season when much appears to be unknown or unpredictable, we can be assured that God's love and abundance remain consistent. The Church is alive and well enough to tell about it and all members are invited to celebrate and co-sustain its mission.

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Church, and for Grace-St. Luke's vision to be a thriving community of hope, belonging, and healing through worship, parish life, and service, who rejoices in the love of Jesus to transform the world. May we find continual blessings, expect surprises, and always take heart, because our giving is rooted in resilience and connection.

God's blessings and peace as we try,

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Yesterday's morning service ended with these words. I share them as we go about the business of following Jesus and giving to the glory of God: "Go forth for God; go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in his kingdom we behold his face. | Go forth for God; go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light. | Go forth for God; go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power."