

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 6, 2025

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Longview, WA

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation **want to respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.



St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. **We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!**



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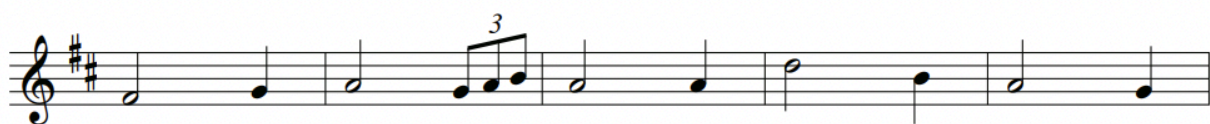
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Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place



1. Come, Host of heav'n's high dwell - ing place, Come,
 2. Sur - round these walls with faith and love That
 3. Bless and in - spire those gath - ered here With
 4. Here may the los - er find his worth, The
 5. Build, from the hu - man fab - ric, signs Of
 6. So, to the Lord whose care en - folds The



earth's dis - put - ed guest; Find where we meet a
 through the nights and days, When hu - man tongues from
 pa - tience, hope, and peace, And all the joys that
 stran - ger find a friend; Here may the hope - less
 how your king - dom thrives, Of how the Ho - ly
 world held in his hands, Be glo - ry, hon - or,



wel - come home, Stay here and take your rest.
 speak - ing cease, These stones may ech - o praise.
 know the depth In which all sor - rows cease.
 find their faith And aim - less find an end.
 Spir - it chang - es life By chang - ing lives.
 pow'r and praise For which this com - p'ny stands.

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The Liturgy of the Word

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

Song of Praise & Children's Procession

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).

Worship Leaders July 6, 2025

Presider	The Rev. Susan Blubaugh
Musician	Riki Davis
Altar Guild	Gretchen Niemi, Gretchen Niemi
Reader	David Piper, Christopher Ortiz
Greeter	Rob Painter-Johnson
Chalice Bearer	Mary Hoover
Usher	Don Willows
Vergar	Garry Beauregard
Vestry Presence	Gretchen Niemi, Rob Painter-Johnson

Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

$\text{♩} = 145$ Joyfully!

Mike Anderson

D G A D G A D *Last time to*

(clap, clap) (clap, clap)

Glo - ri - al! Glo - ri - al! In ex - cel - sis De - o!

5 A D A F#7

v.1 Lord - God hea - ven - ly - King, peace you bring to
v.2 Je - sus, Sa - viour - of all, Lord - God, Lamb - of
v.3 At the Fa - ther's right hand, Lord, re - ceive our
v.4 Glo - ry Fa - ther and Son, glo - ry Ho - ly

8 Bm Em Em7

us! We wor - ship - you, we give you thanks, we
God, you take a - way our sins, oh Lord, have
prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly - One and
Spi - rit! To you we raise our hands up high! We

11 Em A sus4 A D.C. G A

sing our song - of praise! In ex - cel - sis
mer - cy on - us all!
you - a - lone are Lord!
glo - ri - fy your name!

15 D G A D

De - o! In ex - cel - sis De - - -

19

o!

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from **Isaiah 66:10-14**

Thus says the LORD:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her--
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:1-8

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.**
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe
before you.**
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."**
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.**
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.**
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

**8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

A Reading from **Galatians 6:7-16**

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional (before reading) & Recessional (after reading)
(Please stand as able)



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**
Glory to you, O Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Susan Blubaugh

Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: God of joyous love, hear our prayers and be swift to answer us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: Embolden your church. Let it be ever in the world seeking to bring the healing power of the living Christ to a wounded world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hold our nation in your care, grant courage to those who stand for the equality of all persons and who advocate justice for all, and guide us in becoming a more perfect reflection of our founding promises.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the faith of those gathered here today and grant us to see the fruits of our ministry that we might be encouraged in the work you have called us to.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the rich bounty of your creation. Guide us in working to ensure its abundance is shared equitably and sustainably.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Relieve the suffering of those impacted by illness, injury, and impairment, and grant them a share in the peace which passes understanding. Especially we lift up David Hughey, Ron & Harriet Byrnes, Reed Nunnelee, D. Rowley, Marlene Norman, Ina Edmiston and those we now name either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace the dying in your eternal love, shroud them with your grace, and grant them entrance into the place of light and life at your side; especially Shirley Isaacs and those we now name either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Throughout history, you have empowered your people to make your love manifest in the lives of those who have known suffering. Empower us to today be agents of your love and heralds of your gospel to a world in need of both; and all this we ask through our Lord, Jesus who is your Christ and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. **Amen.**

Confession of Sins *(Please kneel as able)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand as able)*

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Offertory Hymn (*Please stand as able*)

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For Peace Between Israel and Iran

Merciful God, **we lament** the conflict **escalation** between the nations of **Israel** and **Iran**. In a world torn by **hatred and war**, help us **sow seeds of peace**. Grant leaders wisdom, courage, and compassion. **Protect the innocent**, heal the wounded, and comfort the grieving. Break the chains of violence and **lead** both **nations to reconciliation**. Jesus, transform fear into hope. May **justice and mercy flow** like a river **through the Middle East**. In Jesus' holy name, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

For Trans Youth Seeking Healing and Wholeness

Gracious God, you created **all people** in your image, **diverse** and **united in dignity**, reflecting your boundless creativity and **unwavering love**. In light of the recent Supreme Court decision that allows states to prohibit gender-affirming care for minors, **we pray for the youth** who feel **afraid** and will no longer be able to **access the care they need**. We pray **for the parents** and family members who must now **seek new ways to care** for and **protect** their children. Grant us wisdom and courage so that **we may offer** support rooted in truth and **compassion**. May we, like Jesus, who welcomed the marginalized and restored the vulnerable, bear witness to your mercy and grace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

The Hymnal 1982, #530

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the different parts of the choir.

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with a great diversity of gifts and abilities. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus acclamation is sung to conclude the introduction to the eucharistic prayer.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Fraction Ann Marie Long

Al - le lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu

ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us, There-fore let us keep the

feast. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please leave the bread in your hands and the chalice bearer will intinct for you. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request.

For those joining via Live-Stream:

A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer for Eucharistic Visitor

We offer a prayer from our community to those who are unable to join us as we send the sacrament to them carried by a minister of the church

As you go to the sick and homebound, take with you not only the sacrament that we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community. Ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return. Go, now, with God's peace and blessing. AMEN.

Postcommunion Prayer

(Please kneel as able)

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The blessing of God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able.)

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Saints that have come before and the Spirit that is with us now.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour!

If you are new today, please take a welcome packet and coffee mug (found at the front door)!

Love divine, all loves excelling

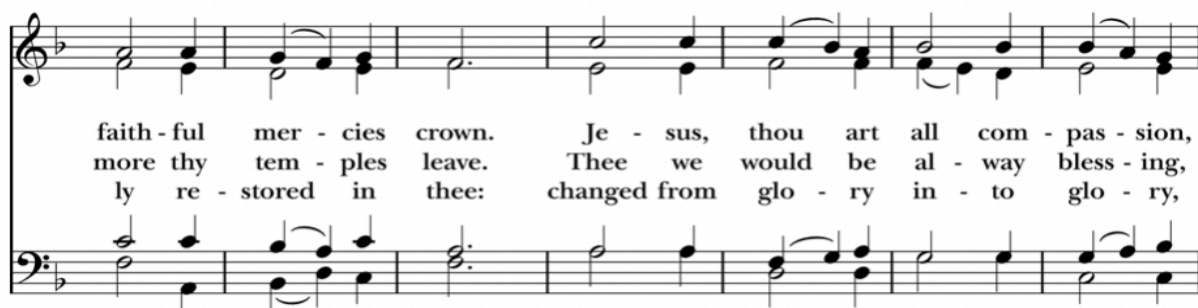
The Hymnal 1982, #657



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Community Invitations

Save the dates:

- ❖ **St. Stephen's Summer Picnic–Saturday August 2**
- ❖ **The Deneckes, Episcopal Folk Duo**
 - **Performing live at St. Stephen's, Wednesday August 6 @ 7pm**
- ❖ **Columbia River Chamber Music Festival**
 - **Thursday August 7-Sunday August 10**
- ❖ **Booth Volunteers Needed @ SquirrelFest–Saturday August 16**

Summer Book Club:

Join us in reading *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan this summer.

In the summer of 1967, not long after the Six Day War, three young Palestinian men ventured into the town of Ramla in Israel. They were cousins, on a pilgrimage to see their childhood homes, from which they and their families had been driven out nearly twenty years earlier. One cousin had the door slammed in his face, one found that his old house had been converted into a school. But the third, Bashir, was met at the door by a young woman named Dalia, who invited him in...This poignant encounter is the starting point for the story of two families - one Arab, one Jewish - which spans the fraught modern history of the region. In the lemon tree his father planted in the backyard of his childhood home, Bashir sees a symbol of occupation; Dalia, who arrived in 1948 as an infant with her family, as a fugitive from Bulgaria, sees hope for a people devastated by the Holocaust. Both are inevitably swept up in the fates of their people and the stories of their lives form a microcosm of more than half a century of Israeli-Palestinian history. What began as a simple meeting between two young people grew into a dialogue lasting four decades. The Lemon Tree offers a much needed human perspective on this seemingly intractable conflict and reminds us not only of all that is at stake, but also of all that is possible.

If able, please join us on Wednesday August 20 @ 6pm at Hop-n-Grape to discuss your reflections and learnings from the book (please come even if you haven't yet completed the book).

FISH needs help and bags!

We are currently in need of a person or two with a pick up truck.

We receive donated food that needs to be picked up at CAP weekly on (most) Thursday mornings, usually around 10:00 am. Items need to be loaded at CAP and then unloaded at Baird House that same morning. One of our FISH team people will be there to help with the loading at CAP and at least two more will be present to help unload at Baird House.



During distribution week we also need two food pick ups at Grocery Outlet, one on Monday morning and again on Thursday morning. Our distribution weeks are usually the 3rd week in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Do you have a coffee grinder?

We currently have 40 pounds of whole coffee beans. These need to be ground fine and placed into quart bags. We will supply the quart bags. If we could have volunteers take 2 or 3 bags of beans, this would be most helpful. We've been told a blender also works to grind coffee.

We are always in need of GROCERY BAGS: paper, plastic or reusable. Clean bags make our jobs easier.

Any questions?

Please contact: Robin Swecker, Gretchen Niemi, or Judy Swanson.

Thank you for your continued FISH support!