

Grace Episcopal
Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday

After Pentecost

October 24, 2021

Everyone is welcome here at Grace! If you are our guest this morning, see Rev. Milly after worship. If you are tuning in online, please email or call us and tell us a bit about yourself. You may reach us through the church office at 828-254-1086 or at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com. Also feel free to email our Rector Rev. Milly Morrow at Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE!

PRELUDE: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

David N. Johnson



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: 411 O Bless the Lord My Soul

Celebrant

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*.

Celebrant and People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and over

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All Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 7: 23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 34: 1-8, 19-22 (said in unison)

I will bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE GOSPEL HYMN: 671 Amazing Grace

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY Rev. Mike

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form 3

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Lector: God of all Mercy, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We ask your prayers for

Are there others? ...

Let us pray for all who have birthdays this week ...

and for all who are celebrating anniversaries

Let us pray for those who have recently departed: ...

and for these on the anniversaries of their deaths: ...

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that

Name. Amen.

Celebrant 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

we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your

Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

THE PEACE

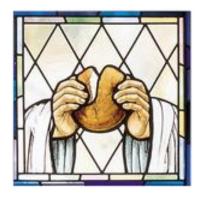
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

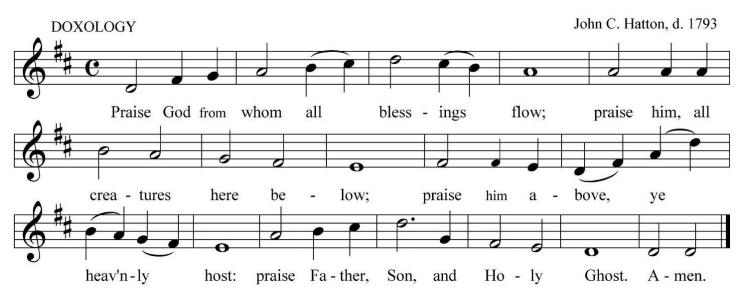
All are welcome to receive Communion here at Grace. There are many ways to participate in Communion. You may remain in your pew in prayer. You may come forward when invited by the usher and kneel or stand at the Altar Rail to receive Communion from the priest. You may come forward and kneel or stand, and cross your arms over your chest, to receive only a blessing from the priest. Currently, we are receiving the sacraments in one kind, we are not receiving the wine, either by drinking or by intinction; rather the chalicist will greet you with the cup and the words "The Blood of Christ, The Cup of Salvation" and you are invited to simply respond "Amen."

THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

DOXOLOGY: Tune: Duke Street



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B (standing)

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS (Celebrant and People)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting

heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version)

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: 693 Just As I Am

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (standing)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life

and cup of salvation;

you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said:

Celebrant In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these

holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share the Word, one

bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Friends, life is short, and we don't have much time to gladden the hearts of

those who walk the way with us.

So, be swift to love and make haste to show mercy and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us forever.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION: 410 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Friends, our liturgy has ended and so now our service begins.

Let us go out to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High David N. Johnson



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mary Ann and Bill Warren in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents, Felcie and Junius Warren, and Andrew Marion and Abbie Jean Jowers Lynn.

The flowers are also given by Beth and Pat McKinsey in memory of Beth's brother Bill Murtiashaw, Beth's parents Eva Gary and Charlie Murtiashaw, and Pat's father Patrick McKinsey, also Kathy, Rock, and Morgan Thomas.

LAY MINISTERS

<u>Acolytes and Chalicists:</u> James Cannon & Jack Frue <u>Lector:</u> Bonnie Kistler; <u>Intercessor:</u> Elise Cassarino

<u>Ushers:</u> Ben & Aaron Scales <u>Healing Team:</u> Louise Wernicke

Vestry Member of the Day: Steve Birkhofer





ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at www.graceavl.com. There is a "Give to Grace"

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button on the top blue banner of our home page. To give to our "virtual collection plate" you can also use the Simple Church app and the Venmo app.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE! Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Access links at the top of our webpage at www.graceavl.com. Our physical Church building is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with all in-person meetings by appointment only; the building is locked during out of office meetings.

MASKS REQUIRED IN CHURCH: We are opened on Sundays for our 10:30 liturgy.

We are all making decisions about where we feel safe traveling and gathering. So please know, if you do not feel comfortable being in church at this time, we will be here when you do!

First, care for yourself. Second, if you decide to attend in-person church masks are required and we will practice social distancing.



GRACE FAMILY REUNION GATHERINGS: This Wednesday, October 27 is for members who have been at Grace 1 - 4 years!

Continuing through October, Rev. Milly and Fr. Mike are inviting parishioners to Family Reunions Gatherings in the Parish Hall from 5:30-7:00pm.

October 27: All members who have been at Grace 1 - 4 years reunion.

This time with clergy offers us an opportunity to hear from each group's experiences at Grace throughout time, and to learn what have been some of the most powerful times throughout Grace's history and what are the hopes for Grace's future!

We hope you can make every effort to attend your Family Reunion Gathering.

No need to register. Just come as you are. We will have snacks and drinks available.

We look forward to this time of fellowship and learning!





Oct 13, 2021: 10-19 years at Grace

Oct 20, 2021: 5-9 years at Grace



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, WE CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY! Please email names of the departed you want on a Prayer flag to Shannon Townsend at gstownsend@att.net.

2022 PLEDGES ON THE WAY UP!

So far Grace has received 38 pledges totaling \$169,220, putting us at 34% of our \$500,000 goal for 2022. Participation-wise, this puts us at 18% of potential givers. Our goal is 100%!



Some of you may not feel ready to commit to a giving estimate yet. If you are one of these people, please consider filling in a pledge card but leaving the amount blank for now. This will let us know you intend to support Grace Church in 2022 and help us plan.



Planning is critical to meet the needs of the Church to keep our programs and outreach viable. Take a few minutes to watch <u>George and Pat Davis's video</u>. They will review our needs for the coming year and talk about ways you can participate and easily commit to make your pledge or to give.

In-gathering is November 21. We look forward to hearing from you soon! If you are ready to pledge and want to pledge electronically, click on this <u>link</u>.

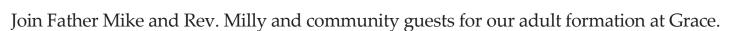
Thank you for all you do for your Grace and your Grace family!

FROM EXILE TO KINGDOM: How Scripture and the Baptismal Covenant calls us to respond in the face of the housing crisis in our community.

Adult Formation *begins November 7th* following the Sunday service.

12:00 noon in the parish hall.

Bring your lunch and join us as we seek to more fully understand the Kingdom of Heaven and how to build it!



November 7th: What is exile and how do certain people become exiled from a healthy and whole community?

November 14th: Understanding the impact of trauma on homelessness. How does trauma lead to homelessness and how are we as neighbors called to be a part of healing and kingdom building?

November 21st: The hope of Beloved Community. What scripture says about the Kingdom of Heaven.



THE PUMPKINS HAVE FOUND THEIR HOMES! WE'VE HAS ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

It is with a full heart that we once again thank the Grace community for their generosity in this year's most successful pumpkin patch ever! The situation in Haiti continues to be horrible and heart-breaking with natural disasters, political unrest, and the activities of unlawful gangs. Despite all this and because of the generosity of the Grace community and the

families who visit our patch year after year, Eddy, Garry, Tevnel, Guivenaud, Adeline, Mireille, and Franckel - our colleagues and friends - are able to continue the work with the children and their families, providing medicine and supplemental food, medical attention as needed, clean water filters, and goats. We do not know when we will be able to return but the work continues.

Thank you again for your support of Consider Haiti and your time and energy in making the patch happen.

On behalf of the Board, Shearon Roberts



FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED! If you enjoy working with flowers, this could be your dream ministry -- no experience necessary! Get all the on-the-job training you need from a group of wonderful and gifted people. To learn more, contact Pat Davis, 253-9008, or call the church office.

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE: Our pastoral care team invites you to reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com. You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429 Sunday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 10:30 AM, we study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually or by clicking on the button at graceavl.com/.





WOMEN WALKING THE WAY: Thursday at 8:00 a.m. meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot. Join Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake, for deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus, in the world and in our community of Grace.

PRAYING TOGETHER: Rev. Milly holds open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly by appointment Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. *Please email Rev. Milly in August to schedule your time with her.* Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com.



TRANSITION ROOM FOR CHILDREN:



Since children under the age of 12 have not yet been offered an option of vaccination, the parish hall is available on Sundays as a "Transition Room." There you can watch the service live streamed and socially distance. Each child will be given an activity

backpack that can be found in the foyer as you enter the parish hall. This is an offering and of course you and your children are welcome to get their activity backpack and come on into the sanctuary as well!

SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Date and Time	Service or Meeting	<u>Location</u>
Sundays, 9:45a	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sundays, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Sundays, 10:3a	Transition Room for Children and Families	Parish Hall
Sunday, Oct 24, 3p	Peggy Grimes Memorial Service and Reception	Sanctuary/PH
Mondays, 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Member Zoom
Monday, Oct 25, 4:30p	Outreach Discernment Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, Oct 26, 10a	Stewardship Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - by appointment	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1p	Tabernacle Meeting Group 1	Zoom
Wed, Oct 27, 5:30p	Grace Family Reunion for members, 1 to 4 years	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 7p	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursday, Oct 28, 1p	Leadership Meeting	Zoom
Thursday, Oct 21, 5p	Purls of Grace	Library
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

OUR PRAYER LIST

<u>For Parishioners</u>: Cliff Albertson; Pat Anderson; Sally Coburn; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marzy Israel; Shari Lane; Don & Ann Lewis; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Barbara Wilcox; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Bob Turner; Shirley Turner.

For Others: **Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Becky Blaylock** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Ed** C (friend of Jim Compton); Tom Cooper (father of Katherine Kaderabek); Ann Derwort (sister of Jeanne Sims); Nancy Dusenbery (friend of Lorie Tola); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Jenna Keener (friend of Sonny Rawls); Angela & Jenya Khrichtchatyi (daughter & son-in-law of Sydnor and Kelly Thompson); Nancy Miller; Gary Mills (friend of Pat Davis); Sally Morrow (mother of Milly Morrow); **Sharon Prater** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Sheila** (sister of Ginny Moser); Nancy Sink (sister of Jennifer Witt); Glenn Thomas (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); Jayne Traylor (mother of John Chastain); Marilyn White (friend of Elaine Potter); Rob Wilson (brother-in-law of Fr Mike Reardon); **Tammy Wyatt** (mother of Chance Wyatt). For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Peggy Grimes; Sharon Yost (mother of

Courtney Booth).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); Martha and Matt Cardenas (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell);

Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Nancy Smith; Sarah Jane Wilkey (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

<u>For Those in the Episcopal Church</u>: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

Please go to <u>www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/</u> for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at <u>pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com</u> or contact the church.



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