



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Ninth Sunday  
After Pentecost

August 7, 2022

*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 [office@graceavl.com](mailto:office@graceavl.com). Also feel free to email our Rector, Rev. Milly Morrow at [Milly@graceavl.com](mailto:Milly@graceavl.com) or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.*

## 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**PRELUDE** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

*Jason Payne*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**OPENING HYMN:** *535 Ye Servants of God*

*We begin our service on **page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer**; you can find that in your pew rack. Please feel free to ask your neighbor if you have any questions about how to follow along in our common worship. Welcome to Grace!*

**THE COLLECT OF PURITY:** BCP 355

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Gloria in excelsis* BCP 356

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:** PROPER 14 BCP 232

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;  
bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.  
Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 33:12-22***(read in unison)* BCP 626

### **THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:3,8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob,

who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL HYMN:** 691 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*Reader*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes aduring the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

## **THE HOMILY**

Rev. Milly

## **THE NICENE CREED BCP 358**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST**

*Lector:* The people respond to "in your mercy" with  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP 360**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *SIMPLE SONG BY LEONARD BERSTEIN* - SUNG BY  
HANNAH PENNELL

**DOXOLOGY:** *Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer A (*standing*) BCP 361

**COMMUNION HYMN: 490** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** BCP 365

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN: 527** *Singing Songs of Expectation*

**THE DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE:** *A Joyful Ode*

*Phil Lehenbauer*



**The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pat and George Davis in loving memory of Norma Davis Poole.**

**The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Don Hawkins in memory of his wife Martie.**

### **LAY MINISTERS**

Acolyte: Cheryl Deyton Chalicerist: Nancy Walters  
Lector: Hannah Pennell; Intercessor: Louise Wernicke  
Ushers: Todd & Katherine Kaderabek  
Vestry Member of the Day: Mathes Mennell



**ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY:** Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com). There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our "virtual collection plate" and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE!** Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary with masks optional, and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Service links are at the top of our website [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com). Click on "[YouTube Services](#)" for the service, on "**Sunday Service Bulletin**" for the bulletin, and on "**Sunday Hymns**" to sing along with the choir.

**AUMBRY CANDLE DONOR NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER:** If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Witt.



**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 to schedule your time with her.* [Milly@graceavl.com](mailto:Milly@graceavl.com).

**WEEKLY TAIZÉ CONTINUES ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6PM** These ecumenical services are known for their melodic chants, prayers, and comforting periods of silence allowing for contemplation. Lighted mostly by candlelight in the Sanctuary, the vesper light of approaching evening offers a safe and nurturing space for a well-deserved moment of peace in our hectic lives.



**"MEN OF THE CHURCH" WANTS YOU!** The group meets every second Tuesday eve, 6:00pm-8:00pm. **Who are we?** We are contributing members of the church whose meetings typically include fellowship, a nice meal, an assortment of

beverages, and an opportunity to grow in both the Church and broader community. A small collection is taken at the meeting to cover costs, typically \$15. Meeting locations are sometimes hosted at respective member's homes or the Church Parish Hall. Beyond monthly meetings, the group is noted for staging an annual fundraising initiative for outreach (the Pig Pickin'!). We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on August 9th with host Patrick Walters.

**GRACE IS INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS THIS FALL:** Well known local contractor Sugar Hollow will complete the installation and Grace Church will receive a \$15,000 rebate from Duke Energy after the installation is complete. Grace will also qualify for metering credits moving forward. The panels will be installed on the side of the parish and kitchen hall. A panel will be on display in August in the Parish Hall. A mix of contributions, pledges, and borrowing from the Church capital reserve (to be paid back from the Duke rebate) is making this project possible. However, \$8,000 is still needed. Please contribute whatever you can.

**WOMEN WALKING THE WAY:** *Thursdays at 8:00 am* meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot. Women of Grace, please consider joining Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake, devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus. Come join us!



**THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE:** Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at [pastoralcare@graceavl.com](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com). You can also email, text or call Fr. Mike at 860-771-1656 or Rev. Milly at 828-772-1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.



**THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



St. John's Episcopal Church of Asheville is celebrating its 150th anniversary by inviting current and former members, clergy, neighbors, and the community to join the festivities. Come experience some of the typical social activities of the Haw Creek Valley and worship traditions of the Episcopal Church from the 1800s. Activities, including a rededication of the church, will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 27-28.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** Rosalyn Carter reminds us that caregiving provides us with challenges and opportunities.

Participating in a caregiver support group will help you turn challenges into blessings. It will also help you avoid burnout. The group will be a place to lessen stress and to be uplifted by compassionate hearts in a confidential setting. The group will meet at **10:30 on the first and third Thursdays** of each month.



Patrick Mahon, a caregiver for five years, will facilitate the group. If you need further information, call him at 404.375.4737. He will also be available in the coffee area after Sunday Eucharists.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Service or Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sunday, Aug 7, 9:30a	Adult Formation: Good Days and Bad	Parish Hall
Sunday, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary *YouTube*
Mondays at 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	*Zoom*
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Monday, Aug 8, 6p-7p	Worship Committee	*Zoom*
Tuesday, Aug 9, 10a-11a	Stewardship Committee Meeting	
Tuesday, Aug 9, 6p-9p	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
Tuesdays, 6p	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Aug 10, 10a-11a	Grace TEAM Meeting	*Zoom*
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	*Zoom*
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursday, Aug 11, 3p-4p	Finance Committee	*Zoom*
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

## OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Michael Jenkins, ; Nancy Porter; Jackie Schauer; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Roger Snyder; Lorie Tola**

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

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

**Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Wes Auret** (Godson of Elaine Potter); **Amanda Booze** (daughter of Earl and Judy Booze); **Becky Blaylock** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Chad Bottiger** (George Bottiger's son); **Ed Broadwell** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Lara Brongel and family** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Dave Chadwell** (friend of Pat Davis); **Porter Claxton** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Jimmy Cole** (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); **Al Fadel** (friend of Nancy Clark); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jennifer Hall** (friend of Tim Collins & Tom Wolff); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); **Joan** (sister-in-law of Ginny Moser); **Angela and Charlotte Khrichtchatyi** (Kelly and Sydnor Thompson's daughter and granddaughter); **Billy Krause** (friend of Will Israel, Marzy's brother); **Janet Moore** (cousin of Jim Compton); **Sharon** (friend of Louise Wernicke); **Bonnie Strawn** (friend of Diane and Tony Wilkey); **Suana** (wife of David Gentry); **Glenn Thomas** (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); **Marilyn White** (friend of Elaine Potter)

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); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

*For the Recently Deceased and Their Families:* **Norma Poole** (sister of George Davis); **Lyle Fair** (stepfather of Greg Townsend)

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **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.*

Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at [pastoralcare@graceavl.com](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com).



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