



Grace Episcopal Church
Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost

September 24, 2023

Everyone is welcome here at Grace! If you are our guest this morning, see Rev. Milly (or look for a Greeter who will be wearing a cross on a red ribbon) after worship. We would love to welcome you to Grace!

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. Also feel free to email our Rector, Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

We are now receiving the Cup either by sipping or simply touching the Cup. Please do not "dip" your wafer in the Cup as that is the best way to spread germs. Thank you!

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE: *Toccata and Fugue in A Major*

William Selby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *Not Here for High and Holy Things*

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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.

All **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: *Gloria in excelsis*

Cassarino

Gloria

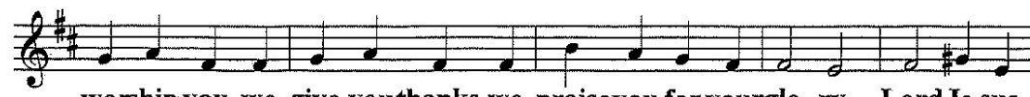
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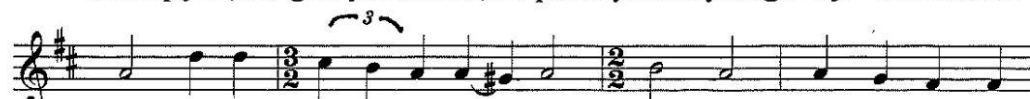
Glo-ry to God in the Highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus



Christ, On-ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the



right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a-lone are the



ho - ly one, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit in the Glo-ry of God the



Fa - - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know

what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105 (CHANTED)

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon / **his Name**;
make known his deeds a-mong the peoples.
Sing praises / **to the Lord**,
and speak of all his / **mighty works**.

Glory in his ho-ly **Name**;
let the hearts of those who seek the / **Lord rejoice**.
Search for the Lord / **and his strength**;
continually / **seek his face**.

Remember the marvels he / **has done**,
his wonders and judgments / **of his mouth**,
O offspring of Abra-ham **his servant**,
O children of Jacob his / **chosen one**.

He led out his people with silver / **and gold**;
in all their tribes there was not / **one that stumbled**.
Egypt was glad / **of their going**,
because they were a-fraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for / **a covering**
and fire to give light / **in the night**.
They asked, and / **quails appeared**,
and he satisfied them with / **bread from heaven**.

He opened the rock, and wa-ter flowed,
so the river ran in / **the dry places.**
For God remembered his / **holy word**
and Abra-ham **his servant.**

So he led forth his people / **with gladness,**
his chosen with / **shouts of joy.**
He gave his people the lands / **of the nations,**
and they inherited the labor **of the people.**

That they might keep / **his statutes**
and ob-serve **his laws.**
Praise / **ye the Lord,**
Praise / **ye the Lord!**

THE EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose

with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow

THE NICENE CREED *(standing)*

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

BCP 385

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Down to the River to Pray*

arr. Mark Rippe

DOXOLOGY:

Old One Hundredth

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

SANCTUS:

Cassarino

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Cassarino

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(gluten free wafers available upon request)*

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

arr. Wm. Moore

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

CLOSING HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Processional and Trumpet Tune on "Cwm Rhondda"*

Wayne Wold



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Jennifer Witt in memory of her brother, Kenneth Vance Matthews.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rusty Herman in loving memory of Ann Atkins Herman.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cheryl and Joe Aull in thanksgiving for their many blessings.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Jack Frue Chalicerist: Susan Robinson
Lectors: Nancy Lewis, Elise Cassarino Intercessor: Kristen Dusenbery
Ushers: Mike Vines and Ben Scales
Greeters: Chris Shaw, Bea and Jeff Russell
Vestry Member of the Day: Steve Birkhofer

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at 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 and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORMATION

Father Mike will lead our Adult Formation in the month of September. The theme is Mission as the Church's Foundation.

In October, we will begin our Adult Formation with breakfast in the Parish Hall. Susan McDonald Robinson will be our guest speaker. She will discuss her journey on the Camino de Santiago trail.

On October 8 spiritual formation will consider humanity's role in caring for God's creation including our response to global climate change. Our speakers will be parishioner Brad Rouse, a local climate activist who is also co-founder of ESN, and Summer Winkler of the Green Built Alliance, who serves as ESN Volunteer Coordinator.



Pumpkin Patch

It's almost THAT time of year again!! The PUMPKINS are COMING Sunday October 1st!! **We need folks to sign up to erect the tent on September 30th at 10:00 a.m. Please call or text Katherine Kaderabek if you can help - 828-712-1344 or Katherine.Kaderabek@allentate.com.** Thanks so much!

How can you help!

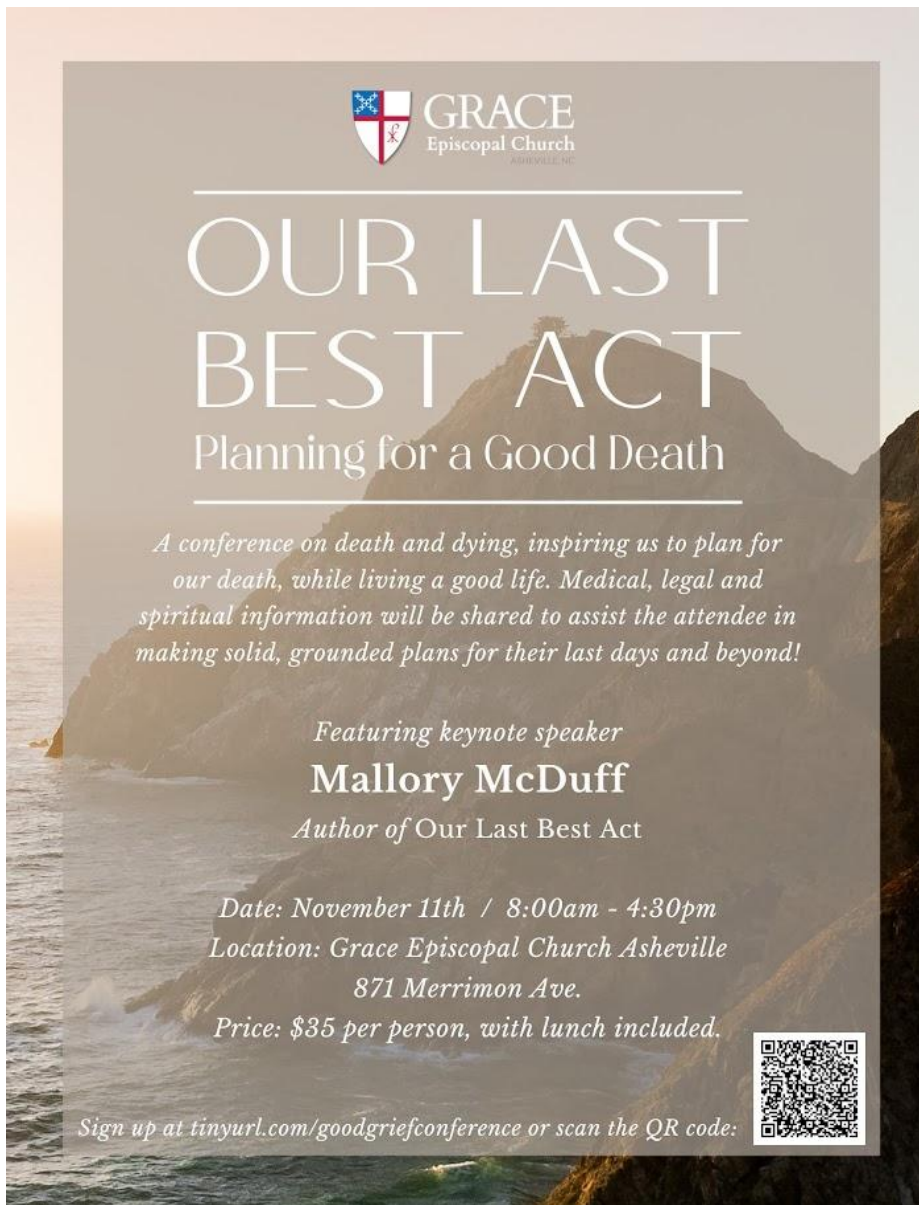
1. The pumpkins will arrive on Sunday October 1st at 1:00!! Volunteer to help unload them. Bring a friend or family member, a wheelbarrow or a wagon and plan to work in teams of two.
2. We will provide bottled water but no food. Please bring your own snacks if needed.
3. Sign up to tend the Pumpkin Patch for one or more shifts during the month of October. On-line sign up is here: <https://signup.com/go/CsWqXcd>


PUBSING



Come join us for our PubSing, an informal gathering one Sunday each month to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals. This month, PubSing is sponsored by St. Francis Episcopal Church, Rutherfordton. We'll meet on October 8 at Kiwanis Park, 128 Green Street, Rutherfordton from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Bring a chair for the outdoor event. For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net.

OUR LAST BEST ACT



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Planning for a Good Death

A conference on death and dying, inspiring us to plan for our death, while living a good life. Medical, legal and spiritual information will be shared to assist the attendee in making solid, grounded plans for their last days and beyond!

Featuring keynote speaker
Mallory McDuff
Author of Our Last Best Act

Date: November 11th / 8:00am - 4:30pm
Location: Grace Episcopal Church Asheville
871 Merrimon Ave.
Price: \$35 per person, with lunch included.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/goodgriefconference or scan the QR code:



GREETERS NEEDED

Are you a welcoming person? Do you have a few minutes to spare before services on Sunday morning? If so, please sign up to be a Greeter. Let Jill in the office know if you are interested (office@graceavl.com).

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR FALL FOOD DRIVE FOR ABCCM

Our fall food drive for ABCCM's Crisis Ministry is underway! Between now and Oct. 8, please bring your food donations to the lobby at Grace. You can use the labeled sacks in the lobby or the containers handy for you. Foods needed are: canned meats (spam, stew, ham); canned fish (tuna, salmon); canned goods (chicken, beans, soups, veggies); and fresh & canned seasonal fruits. Also needed are cooking oil, hot & cold cereal, jellies & juices, pasta & sauce, saltine crackers, self-rising flour and sugar.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Mondays at 10:30 AM, we study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. September's Bible Study will be facilitated by Guy Sayles. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com/.

WEEKLY TAIZÉ Tuesday Evenings at 6pm

These ecumenical services are known for their melodic chants and prayers. Although music forms a central part of the service it is mixed with comforting periods of silence allowing for contemplation. Lighted mostly by candlelight in the sanctuary of Grace Church, the vesper light of approaching evening offers a safe and nurturing space for a well-deserved moment of peace in our hectic lives. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else.



For more information on Taizé at Grace visit: www.graceavl.com/taize-grace

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. 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.

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. No need to email or notify Milly; just come!

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.



SimpleChurch CRM

HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com.*

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 9a	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday 9a	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
Sunday, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Tuesdays 6p	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 6:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK ON HOME PAGE	graceavl.com
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OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Daniel and Hannah Johnston; Michelle Neally; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Kelly and Sydnor Thompson; Tricia Trinite.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner.**

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

Allen (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Porter Claxton** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman and Janice Orson); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Candy Kelly** (friend of Dodie King); **Scott Mall** (friend of Doug McClellan); **Sandra McPeters** (friend of Cheryl Aull); **David Moltke-Hansen and Patricia Poteat** (friends of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Bob Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Jeanne Schenk** (friend of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Linda and Barry Swaim** (sister and brother in law of Cathy Adkins); .

For Those who have Died: **Angela Bellamy-Brown** (sister of Steve Booth); **Rev. John Andrews** (former Rector of Anne and Cliff Albertson).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandson 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); **Jonah Silvers** (son of Mark Silvers and Chance Wyatt); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

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.

Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ 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 pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.



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The Reverend Mike Reardon, *Associate Rector*
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Cathy Adkins, *Organist*
Sidney Haga, *Nursery and Youth Minister*
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