

ALLELUIA ALLELUIA

Grace Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday

The Day of the Resurrection

March 31, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.	

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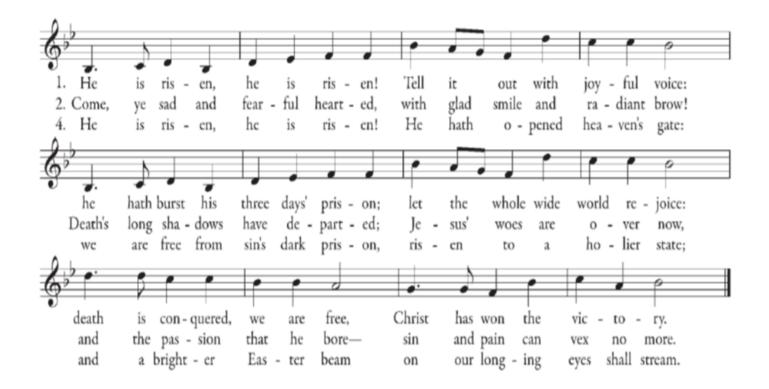
OPENING HYMN: Christ is Alive

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
People	The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia. (Ring Bells)
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AN EASTER PRAYER (Said in Unison)

Make us an Easter people, O Christ, whose name is "Alleluia." May we, like Mary, rise in joy when you call our name. May we, like Thomas, see and believe. May we, like Peter, become bold and brave. May we, like Cleopas, meet you in every road. May we like them, be utterly changed, in the victory of the love by which you left your tomb, and saved us forever from death. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: He Is Risen



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM ISAIAH 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

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the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GoD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

THE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24



Give thanks to the Lord, for he / **is good;** his mercy en-**dures for ever.** Let Israel / **now proclaim**, "His mercy en-**dures for ever.**"

The right hand of the lord has struck / **with power**; the right hand of the Lord / **is exalted.** I shall not / **die but live**, and declare the works / **of the Lord**.

The stone which the builders / **rejected**, has become the chief / **cornerstone**. By the Lord has / **this been done**, we will rejoice and be / **glad in it**.

THE EPISTLE: 1 CORNITHIANS 15: 1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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GOSPEL HYMN: Christ the Lord is Risen

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CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow

RENEWAL OF **B**APTISMAL VOWS

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Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into His death, and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Evil, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People	I do.
Celebrant People	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
	He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
	and born of the Virgin Mary.
	He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
	was crucified, died, and was buried.
	He descended to the dead.
	On the third day he rose again.
	He ascended into heaven,
	and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
	He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? People I will, with God's help. Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? People I will, with God's help. Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? People I will, with God's help. Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help. People Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: An Easter Form

Leader The Prayers of the People for The Great 50 Days of Easter is a form written for this special season. During the prayers, the congregation's response to: "Risen Lord" is: "Hear our Prayer."

> Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

Lector Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

- Lector Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:
 For our lives and for those whom we love,
 For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
 For our families and our friendships,
 Let us give thanks to the God of Life.
 Lector Risen Lord,
 People Hear our Prayer.
- *Lector* Let us pray for our clergy and our bishops, we pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for José our bishop; for Milly, our Rector. For the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those who gather in worship and prayer.

Lector Risen Lord,

People Hear our Prayer.

Lector Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.Lector Risen Lord,

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- People Hear our Prayer.
- *Lector* Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

LectorRisen Lord,PeopleHear our Prayer.

Lector Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit, that the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. LectorRisen LordPeopleHear our Prayer.

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially for the following persons on the anniversaries of their deaths: Ann Hargove; Robert Kemp; Kathy Thomas; Rock Thomas; Bill Harris; Morgan Thomas; Walter C. Bearden, Jr.; Lynn Melancon... We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

LectorRisen LordPeopleHear our Prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we praise you, that by the wondrous resurrection of your Son, you have delivered us from sin and death and made your whole creation new; grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**.

Celebrant This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

All Alleluia!

Celebrant This is the Good News – the light shines for all the world and the light cannot be put out.

All Alleluia!

*Celebrant*This is the Good News – once we were lost, now we are God's people.*All***Alleluia!**

Celebrant Christ is our peace. We now share peace with each other.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Richard Shepherd

Doxology:



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 2 From Enriching Our Service

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

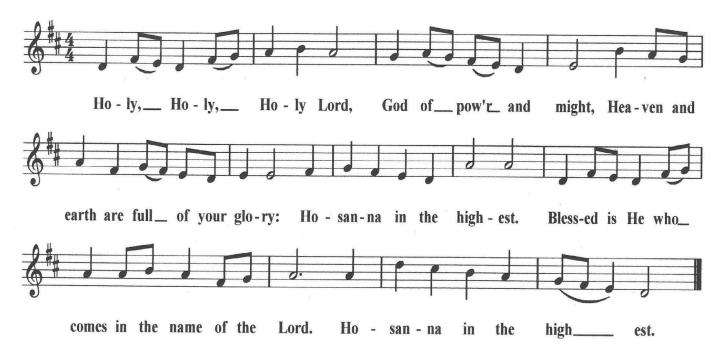
Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made the creation ready. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing :



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of His call to walk in love.

Then the time came for Him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of His life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before He died for us, Jesus was at table with His friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again He gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

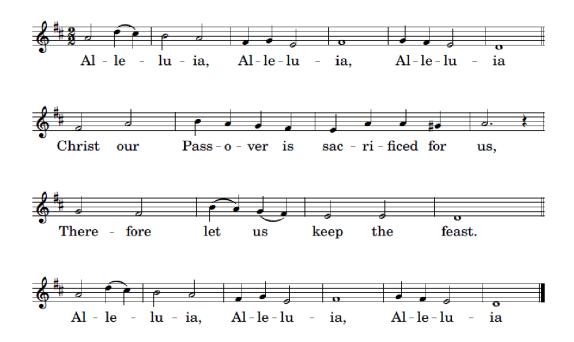
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

James P. Cassarino

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

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THE EASTER BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantAlleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Festival March*

G.F. Handel



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for the blessing of family and friends.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kim Hayes in thanksgiving for the Grace Outreach team and the work they do.

The flowers are given in memory of Evelyn Fields, mother of Ann Lewis, who would have been 101 on March 31, by Ann and Don Lewis.

LAY MINISTERS

<u>Acolyte</u>: Lorie Tola <u>Chalicist</u>: Nancy Walters <u>Lectors</u>: Hannah Pennell, Vicki Vest <u>Intercessor</u>: Nancy Walters <u>Ushers</u>: Ben Scales and Elaine Potter <u>Greeters</u>: Bea and Jeff Russell, Kim Hayes, Anne Plyler, Chris Shaw <u>Vestry Member of the Day</u>: Kim Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY ON EASTER SUNDAY, *Join us for donuts, an Easter Egg hunt for the children, and fellowship after the service.*



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT. The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held following the service. Children will gather in the parish hall, and then go out to the Urban Garden area.

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church

receives electronic giving via our website at <u>graceavl.com</u>. There is a "Give to Grace" button on



the top blue banner of our home page, in the upper right-hand corner. 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.

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.

TAI CHI AT GRACE

"The best reason to practice tai chi is so that by the time you're old enough to understand what life is about, you'll have some health to enjoy it." - Cheng Man Ching

Registration is open now for our new 8-week summer tai chi class series, which begins June 5 and ends July 24, 2024. We hope you will join us in the parish hall at Grace Episcopal Church, 871 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC. Here's the link to register:

https://wnctaichiarthritis.com/register-for-classes/

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 <u>graceavl.com/</u>.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Men of the Church meets April 9 at 6:3 in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a meal and fellowship. The cost is \$20 and all men are welcome. Please contact Jack Frue (jfrue@frue.net) for further information.

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 <u>pastoralcare@graceavl.com</u>. You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

PubSing

Come join us for our PubSing, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana spirituals. We'll meet on April 14 at Zillcoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Dr., Woodfin from 4-6 p.m. Bring a chair for the outdoor event. For directions go to <u>Zillicoah Beer Company</u>. For further information, contact Monty Wooten at <u>montywooten@bellsouth.net</u>.



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*. <u>Milly@graceavl.com</u>

Date and Time	Service or Meeting	Location	
Sunday, 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Service* EASTER SUNDAY	Sanctuary/YouTube**	
		Parish Hall/Urban	
Sunday after service	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	Garden	
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **	
Mondays 1 pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall	
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary	
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesdays, 1-3pm	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - by appointment	Sanctuary	
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**	
Wednesdays, 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake	
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com	

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

OUR PRAYER LIST

<u>For Parishioners</u>: Nancy Lewis; Kathleen Griffin, Susan and Lisa; Don and Ann Lewis; Pat Walters; Chuck; Lorie; Chris; Kelly Thompson, Adair and Angela; Eva Dupree; Joyce and Walt Noble; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Hannah; Anya; Thandi Tutu-Gxashe; Jackie Schauer, Eunice Ferguson.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Bill Coward; Ed Denison;Bobbie Eblen; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Cys (Sis) Hayes; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Shari Lane; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner.

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

Allen (brother of Cheryl Aull); Andy (son in law of Mary Nesbitt); 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); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Ashley Israel (daughter of Jennifer Witt); Jim Kaderabek (father of Todd Kaderabek); Candy Kelly (friend of Dodie King); Rev. Matt Linderman (friend of Mike Reardon); Dennis Mason (friend of Pat Walters); David Moltke-Hansen and Patricia Poteat (friends of Jeanne and Ron Sims); Barney Noble (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); Meredith Peppers (cousin of Carole McClellan); Addy Poole (great nephew of Pat and George Davis); Charlie Rhodes (son of Kyle Rhodes); Bob Sharpe (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Linda and Barry Swaim (sister and brother in law of Cathy Adkins).

We grieve and pray for the family of Carol O'Neal

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); **Jonah Silvers** (son of Mark Silvers and Chance Wyatt); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **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.** <u>For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the</u> <u>world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the</u> <u>environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.</u> Please go to <u>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>pastoralcare@graceavl.com</u> or contact the church.

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> The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, Bishop The Reverend Milly Morrow, Rector James Cassarino, Director of Music Cathy Adkins, Organist Katie Douglas, Finance Manager Jill Stevenson, Office Manager Angel Stoudt, Sexton Archie Clarkson, Tech Director Katherine Johnson, Wedding Coordinator

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.