

## Grace Episcopal Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**PRELUDE:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Jason D. Payne

### THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

**OPENING HYMN:** *Praise to the Living God*

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### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God forever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

D Bm Am D Bm  
All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
A D G D E A D  
sing. Al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! Thou  
G A D G  
burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er  
A G A D Em A Bm  
gleam: O \_\_\_ praise Him, O \_\_\_ praise Him, Al - le -  
E A Bm Em A Em A D  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia,

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 233

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING: SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.  
My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.  
My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."

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

### **PSALM 45: 1-2, 7-10**

My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.  
You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.  
Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.  
All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.  
Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## THE EPISTLE: JAMES 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:** *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

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

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

## THE GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots,

and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Celebrant* 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- THE WAY OF LOVE**

Let us pray.

Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that

the people of the United States might live in unity and peace. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors in Asheville that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, especially Elise and Jim; Nancy; Eva; Katherine; Don and Ann; Rusty; Nancy; Cheri; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN); Jackie; Peter; Lorie; and , Ed, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died, especially for those on the anniversary of their death: Henry Rusk; Linda Laube; Mike St. Clair; Mary Leigh Shaw...rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

*The Celebrant offers this concluding collect:*

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into life as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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 HYMN:** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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**DOXOLOGY:**

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**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 2 From Enriching Our Service

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is a good and right and joyful thing to give you thanks and praise always and everywhere. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

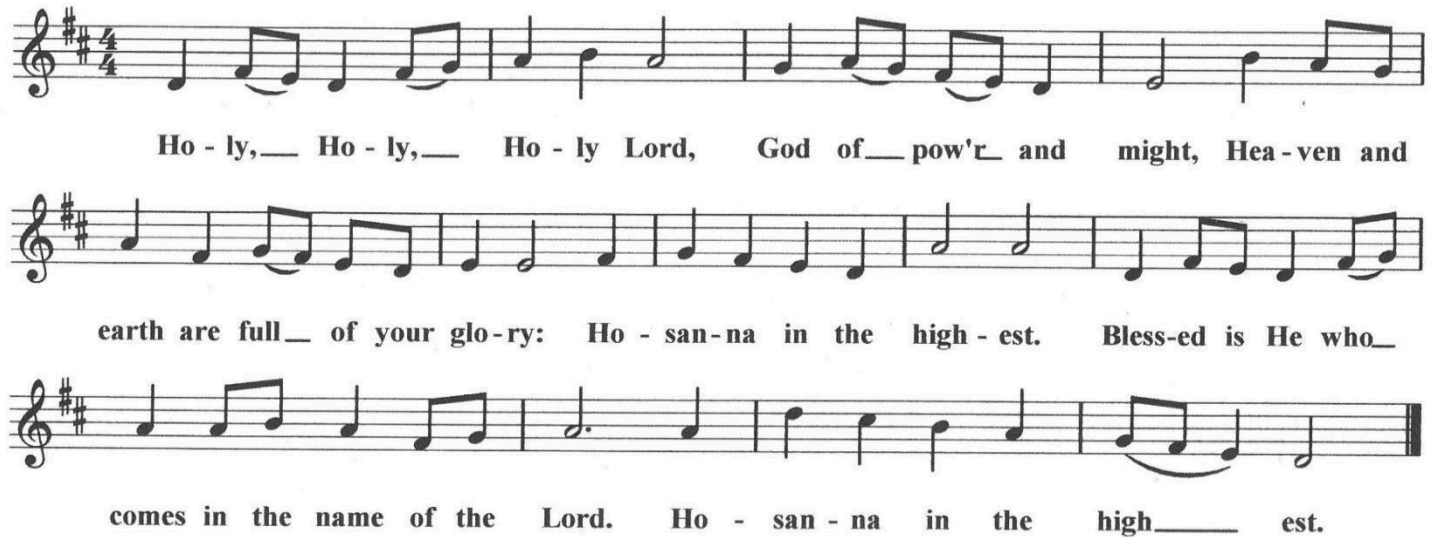
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

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.

**SANCTUS:**

James P. Cassarino



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven 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.

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)*

**BCP 364**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM:**

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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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *They'll Know We are Christians*

SOG 65

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 365**

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

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**THE DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Jason D. Payne



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 Bill Coward in loving memory of his wife Sherry.

During the service, healing prayer is offered at the station in front of the altar.

## LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Susan Robinson Chalicerist: James Cannon

Lectors: John Woodson, James Cannon Intercessor: Elaine Potter

Ushers: Nate and Elaine Potter Greeters: Diane Wilkey

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

**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 and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join your community on Sunday September 8th at 9:00am for our monthly Community Breakfast!

During our time together, we will focus on the Mutual Ministry Review conducted by Rev. Guy Sayles. The entire review will be presented, and we will focus our conversation on the 6 Areas of Growth identified by the review.

Your Vestry will listen and gather wisdom from our community, and share their learnings, as we plan for the year to come!

Join us as we grow together, as the Body of Christ that we call Grace.

## JONES ELEMENTARY SPECIAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed for a special outreach opportunity with Jones Elementary School. This opportunity includes picking up food from Manna on Wednesdays and delivering it to Jones Elementary School. You can sign up for this on a monthly basis. There are several volunteers to help for the remainder of 2024. Email Sarah Beasley at [sdkbeasley@gmail.com](mailto:sdkbeasley@gmail.com) if you are interested in signing up for a month in 2025.

## ABCCM FALL FOOD DRIVE

The need for food always increases as the seasons change and the weather gets cooler.

Right now, stifling inflation is still prevalent and continuing to make it harder for individuals and families to have an adequate and consistent food supply.

Your food donations to our Fall Food Drive will make a big difference!

**Especially needed right now are canned foods, especially meats, fish, chicken, beans, soups, vegetables, and seasonal fruits. Also needed are: cooking oil, hot and cold cereals, jellies and juices, pasta and sauce, self-rising flour and sugar, and boxes of saltine crackers.**

Please look at this list, then fill your sacks and containers with these food items, and bring them all to Grace's lobby between now and September 29.

## SAFE SHELTER CURRENT REQUESTS

Donations can be put in the bin outside Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church - 789 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28804

Food Service Gloves

Paper Plates

Paper Towels

Coffee

Creamer

Coffee Cups

Cleaning supplies

X-Large Trash Bags

Gently Used or New Sheets

For questions regarding donations reach out to Katlyn at

[Katlyn@counterflowasheville.com](mailto:Katlyn@counterflowasheville.com)

## PIG PICKIN' 2024:

Place your order today with the Men of the Church for the Grace Family Pig Pickin' on Saturday, October 5 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Enjoy great pulled pork along with sides by the half pint or pint: slaw, beans, and also cornbread wedges, all at 75% of Moe's similar fare. To order your food, please use this food pricing chart:

Pricing for Food		
	<b>BBQ</b>	
BBQ	1 lb.	\$12
BBQ	2 lbs.	\$24
BBQ	3 lbs.	\$36
BBQ	4 lbs.	\$45
Brisket		\$21
	<b>Sides</b>	
Cornbread Wedge	1	\$2
Beans	1 pint	\$6
Slaw	1/2 pint	\$3
Slaw	1 pint	\$6
TGP	1	\$15
TGP	2	\$30
TGP	3	\$45

Then email your order to your designated MOC member listed in the table below:

Ron Sims <a href="mailto:ronjeannesims@charter.net">ronjeannesims@charter.net</a> Last names ABCDEFGH	Doug McClellan <a href="mailto:dougkmcclellen@gmail.com">dougkmcclellen@gmail.com</a> Last names IJKLMNOPQ	David Withers <a href="mailto:withersd@bellsouth.net">withersd@bellsouth.net</a> Last Names RSTUVWXYZ
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## COMING SOON- PUMPKIN PATCH

Pumpkins will arrive at the end of September! Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities.

## 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

Rev. John Rice at 828-371-7281, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

**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.*

*For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com).*

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** IN OBSERVANCE OF  
**LABOR DAY**

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 9/1 9am	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Mondays 3:30-4:30	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

## OUR PRAYER LIST

*For Parishioners:* **Elise and Jim Cassarino; Eva Dupree; Rusty Herman; Katherine Kaderabek; Don and Ann Lewis; Nancy Lewis; Cheri Potter; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Ed Woeckner.**

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Carl Dobson; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg; Peter Sprague.**

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

**Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Glenn Fleishman** (friend of Anne Jarema); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Geoff Kirsch** (son of Dodie King); **Tony Lewis** (friend of Dodie King); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Pete Parker** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Liz Sides** (friend of Joyce Noble); **Alice Watkins** (friend of Lorie Tola).

*For those celebrating birthdays:* **John Cort; Beth Woodson; Zane Whitner; Hannah Evelyn Booth; Michael Racine; Julia Anne Dawson; Naomi Green; Marla Woeckener; Garrett Greene; Lynda McCredie.**

*For those celebrating anniversaries:* **Julia Anne and Al Dawson; Tim Collins and Tom Wolff; Beth and John Woodson.**

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Tommy 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 Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **Sean** ( our presiding Bishop elect); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

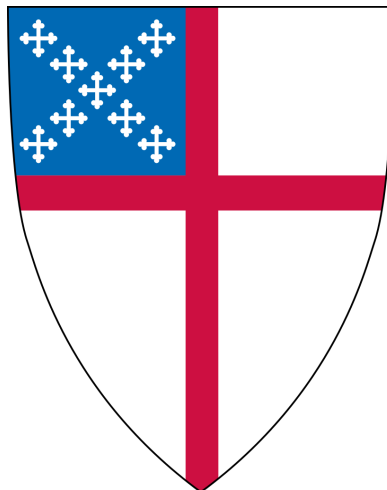
*For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.*

Please go to [graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/](https://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](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com) 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*  
Jill Stevenson, *Office Manager*  
Katie Douglas, *Finance 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.*





## COFFEE HOUR

*Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who set up our coffee hour. Everyone appreciates a good cuppa Joe! However, it takes a village and the coffee hour folks need your help. If you would like to assist, please fill out the form below and place this in the collection plate. Or, contact Beth Hill at [ehill3600@gmail.com](mailto:ehill3600@gmail.com)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check the dates you are available to help with Coffee Hour October -November*

- October 6*
- October 13*
- October 20*
- October 27*
- November 3*
- November 10*
- November 17*
- November 24*

*How would you like to be involved on the date(s) you have chosen? Please check all in which you are interested.*

- Setting up coffee hour*
- Providing sweet snacks for coffee hour*
- Providing savory snacks for coffee hour*
- Cleaning up after coffee hour*