

Grace Episcopal Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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: *Trio in E Minor*

Joseph Bodin de Boismortier

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

OPENING HYMN: *Lord You Give the Great Commission*

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



1. preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion
2. tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
3. this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
4. do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
5. to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



1. And the gos - pel go un - heard, Help us wit - ness to your
2. Life a - bun - dant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor,
3. Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a -
4. All that you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
5. May we serve as you in - tend And, a - mid the cares that



1. pur - pose With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty: }
2. draw us Clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty: } With the Spir - it's
3. round us Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: }
4. lead us To a just so - ci - e - ty: }
5. claim us, Hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty: }



1-5. gifts em - pow'r us For the work of min - is - try.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: 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.**

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 232

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
 for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

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

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

THE GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living

bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Tim McRee

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

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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 Nancy; Eva; Katherine; Don and Ann; Rusty; Nancy; Cheri; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN); Jackie; Peter, Lorie, and Shannon and Greg, 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 those on the anniversary of their death: June Peacock; Doris Rigsby; Norman Cullum; Florence Millard; Shannon Coward; George Macatee; Henry Sinclair; and Helen MacDonald...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

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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: *How Beautiful*

Lloyd Larson

Soloist Hannah Buckner

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.

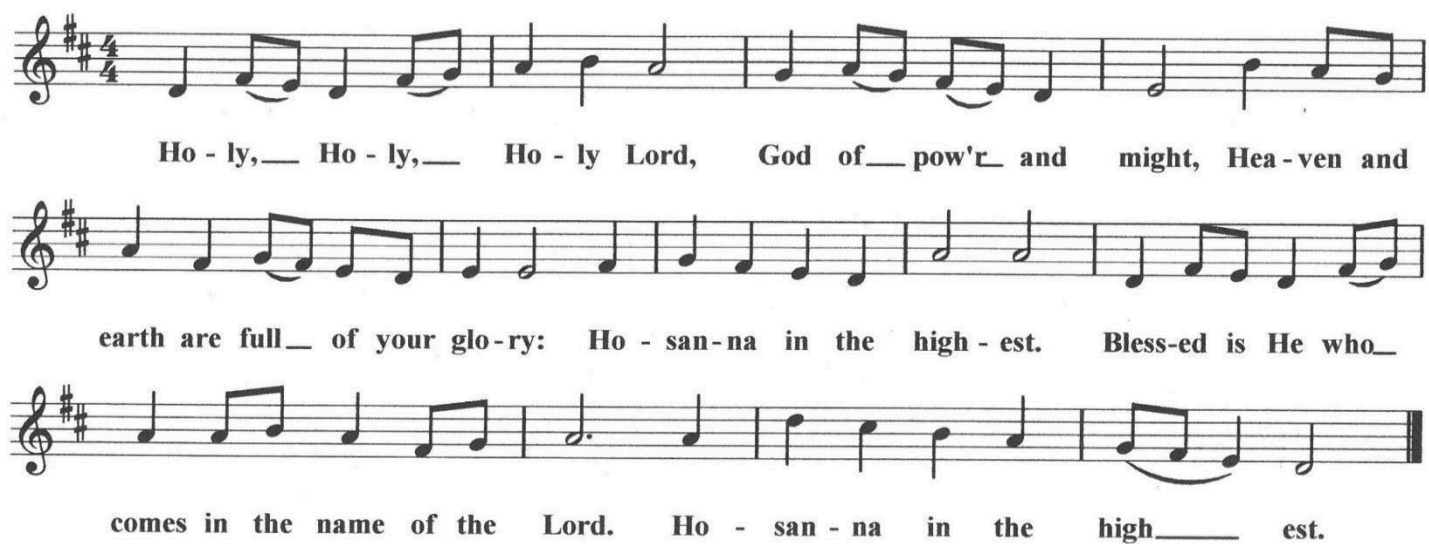
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

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 friend. 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: *Prayer of St. Francis*

SOG 62

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE:



Thank you to Hannah Buckner for sharing her gift of music with us.

Many thanks to the Outreach Ministry for providing the delicious breakfast this morning. And thanks also to Homeward Bound and Compass Village for the informative video.

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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Georgi Bruce in memory of her husband, Robert Bruce.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Cheryl Deyton Chalicerist: Sally Withers

Lectors: Kristen Dusenbery; Hannah Buckner Intercessor: Cliff Albertson

Ushers: Pat and George Davis Greeters: Diane Wilkey, Jennifer Witt

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Our thanks to Ted Hill, Nancy Anders, Shannon Townsend, Mary Ann Warren, Jeanne Sims, Cheryl Aull, Terri Frue, Sally Withers, and Diane Wilkey for their work refinishing the church pew tops! They look terrific and we appreciate your time and talent in helping to maintain our church facility!



PUBSING

Join us this afternoon for PubSing at the Cork & Keg in downtown Asheville at 3pm. This is a special get together as we will be revealing the new revised Rejoice songbook with more old favorites, plus some new songs to learn. For more information, contact montywooten@bellsouth.net.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Men of the Church meets on Tuesday, August 13th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome! Please contact Jack Frue for further information. (jfrue@frue.net).

URBAN GARDEN

Our Urban Garden needs your help! Join us on Saturday, August 17th from 9-noon to spruce up this sacred space. Tools will be available. Be sure to bring water to stay hydrated. Contact Terri Frue (terri@frue.net) if you are able to help or have questions.

SOAKING PRAYER- BLENDING HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY SILENCE

"Soaking prayer is a Christian practice that involves resting in God's love and presence through extended period of prayer and meditation. The word "soaking" symbolized how prayer can gradually heal and transform, similar to relaxing in a warm bath. The goal is to let the prayer reach deeper areas that need healing, without the impatience of wanting immediate results."

Join us for a parish (public) healing service.

- September - noon - 12:45 - Healing Service

BACK TO SCHOOL

Local foster children, ages Kindergarten to heading off to college, could use our help. Can you donate a box of crayons, pencils and erasers, a calculator, paper, notebooks, backpacks? Now is the time to start shopping! Our deadline for getting donations back to the church is August 18. Lists are available in the church foyer.

Also, mark your calendars for our Back to School Celebration at Grace on August 25th. During the 10:30 service will be the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. After service, we hope you'll join us for a celebration. Please bring a potluck dish to share. More details to follow.



PIG PICKIN' 2024:

On Saturday, October 5, the Men of the Church, along with anticipated support from the ECW and other volunteers, will have 'to go' Bar'B'Que orders available for pick-up from 5:30 pm to 7:30ish PM.

Our packaged 'to go' menu will include slow cooked pulled pork (\$12/lb or \$45 for 4 lbs), along with side items prepared using favorite 'Southern Living' sponsored recipes (corned bread, cole slaw, and baked beans). A limited quantity of slow cooked Brisket is also planned.

Pricing for the pulled pork and side items will average 75% of what you might pay at Moe's, and the net proceeds from this effort will go to support local outreach and related church needs. Preparation begins at 6 AM, Oct 5, and Grace community volunteers are welcome to join the effort.

Please place your orders soon with Doug McClellan (dougkmcclellan@gmail.com) or Ron Sims (ronjeannesimsd@charter.net).

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 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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 8/11 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
Tuesday 8/13 6pm	Men of the Church	Parish Hall
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
Saturday 8/17 9-noon	Urban Garden Cleanup	Urban Garden

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Eva Dupree; Rusty Herman; Katherine Kaderabek; Don and Ann Lewis; Nancy Lewis; Cheri Potter; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Peter Sprague; Lorie Tola; Shannon and Greg Townsend; Ed Woechner.**

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.**

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 Woekener); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Geoff Kirsch** (son of Dodie King); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Alice Watkins** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Lois Wernicke** (mother in law of Louise Cate Wernicke).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woekener); **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/ 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 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.

