



Grace Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude *Christ is Risen!*

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Opening Hymn: *Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

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Collect for Purity

Gloria

Cassarino

Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people 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 Collect of the Day

BCP 224

The people sit.

Children's Moment

Candle Prayer

The priest lights the Christ Candle from the Altar

Celebrant We send you forth with the light of Christ;

People **We are bound together: one congregation, one Lord, one worship.**

Music in Procession: *This is the day* (from *Songs of Grace*)

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THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 16



Preserve me, Lord, my God / **most high,**
for I in / **you confide;**
You are my portion / **and my cup,**
in you I / **shall abide.**

The saints who dwell within / **the land**
are noble / **in your sight;**
But those who chase a-**nother god**
shall multi-**ply their plight.**

I will not pour their off-**erings out,**
nor speak their / **names aloud;**
For you alone, O / **Lord are mine,**
my refuge / **strong and proud.**

The boundary lines for me / **have fallen**
in places / **fair and wide**;
A goodly heri-tage is mine
with you I / **will abide**.

I bless the Lord who gives / **me counsel**;
my heart in-structs me still;
I keep the Lord be-fore my face,
and trust in / **all his will**.

My heart is glad, my soul / **rejoices**,
my flesh shall / **rest secure**;
For you will not a-bandon me,
nor let de-cay endure.

You show the path that leads / **to life**,
your presence / **full of grace**;
At your right hand are / **joys forever**,
and pleasures / **in your place**.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him

and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

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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 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend John Rice

The Creed



1. We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that be. Ma-ker of the earth and hea-vens,
2. We be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged & scorned & cru-ci-fied; ta-ken from the cross, was bu-ried;
3. We be-lieve in God's own Spi-rit, bond-ing all the saints with-in one church, cath-o-lic and ho-ly,



Keep-er of the sky and sea. We be-lieve in God's son, Je-sus, now for us both
True Life there had tru-ly died. We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up
where for-give-ness frees from sin; in the bod-y's res-ur-rec-tion, for the break-ing



Lord and Christ, of the Spi-rit and of Ma-ry, born to bring a-bun-dant life.
from the grave, then as-cen-ded to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
of death's chain gives the life that's ev-er-last-ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

The Prayers of the People

Reader In the Glory of the Paschal light, we pray to God.

Reader God, awake those who sleep, raise us from death.

People **Christ will give us life!**

Reader God, you walked with the Disciples on the road to Emmaus, in this season of resurrection, give the Church the grace to recognize you anew, that we might serve you with courage and grace.

People **In the new Easter light we proclaim your redeeming work.**

Reader You redeemed Peter at breakfast by the fire. Bring new hope to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your Love.

People **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Reader Lead us from the empty tomb to proclaim your grace in this nation, and inspire our leaders toward peace and cooperation.

People **In Easter we learn to honor one another and serve the common good.**

Reader The courageous women ran from the empty tomb to proclaim new life. The resurrected Christ is a mission of hope to those who suffer, we especially pray for Linda & David Adams, Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Martha Boyette, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Walt & Joyce Noble, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Nancy Sink, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Rita Spragg, Micky Trinité, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt, Ed & Marla Woeckener... and all those you now name.

(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)

God, resurrect us.

People **So that we may know the healing power of your love!**

Reader After you were raised you ate and drank with the disciples. Bring us, and all who have died, peace and assurance of the Resurrection. We especially pray for Ed Denison, Nancy Lewis, and Georgi Bruce, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Irma Smathers and Jack Fisher Melson, and for those who still grieve them...Are there others?

(prayers are welcomed both silently and aloud)

God who resurrects;

People **Remind us daily to share in your eternal Kingdom.**

Reader In the Easter light, change our hearts that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Let us give thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, especially Cliff Albertson, Rusty Herman, Clayton Webster, Guy Wrenn, Nancy Porter, and Barbara Wilcox, and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Carole & Doug McClellan and Hannah Buckner and Richard Jacobs

People **Help us to reach out with Christ's life-giving hands.**

Priest Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Grant that we may now live by faith, and with joy behold the coming of your resurrection work in the world around us.

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.

Children are welcomed back from Children's Chapel.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: *O sons and daughters, let us sing!*

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

(from *Enriching Our Worship*)

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.

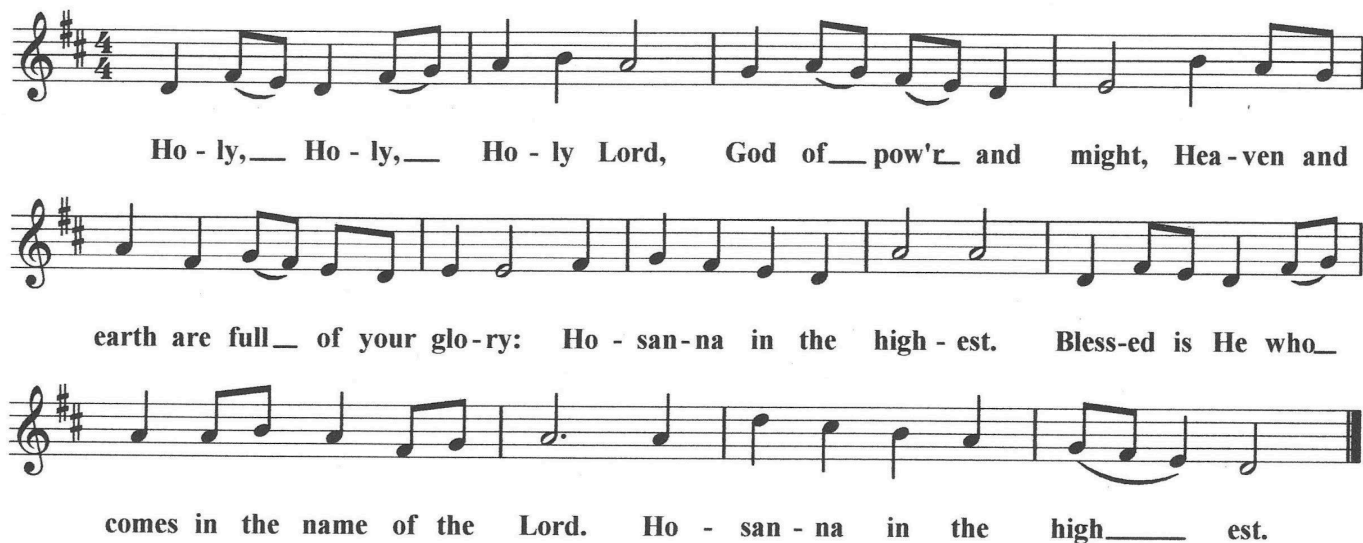
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

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.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Cassarino

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,

There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

Invitation to Communion

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

Communion Hymn: *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

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Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said

Celebrant (Cliff/Lorie/James), 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
one bread and one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *That Easter day with joy was bright*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *March from the "Occasional Oratorio"* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by
Cathy Adkins in loving memory of her sister, Linda Adkins Swaim.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ by Ann Lewis in honor of the memory of her mother, Evelyn Fields.

~ by Shannon Townsend in thanksgiving for the
Altar Guild and the Flower Guild.



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Joe Wood, Greg Townsend

Torches: Steve Birkhofer, Kyle Rhodes Chalicer: Lorie Tola

Lectors: Louise Wernicke, Hannah Buckner Intercessor: Jenny Thomas

Presenters: Jeanne & Ron Sims Ushers: Pat & George Davis

Greeters: Ginny Moser, Kim Hayes Streaming: James Cannon

Vestry Member of the Day: Rusty McCredie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Robert's Office Hours

Rev. Robert can be found at the church on Tuesday afternoons, Monday and Thursday mornings, and by appointment. He can be reached in person or at hartmansrobert@gmail.com or by his cell 423-400-0826 for any pastoral care concerns.

Children's Chapel

Every Sunday, the 10:30 service will begin with a Children's Moment followed by a procession to the Children's Chapel for ages 5-12. Children will return during the passing of the peace. Children are welcome to join the chapel or remain with their grown-ups in the congregation. If you would like to get involved, please email Casey Miller, casandra.miller@gmail.com.

Advocacy and Action

Join us at noon in the downstairs conference room on the fourth Sunday of each month. All are welcome. If you're interested in meeting with a group of like-minded Grace members and friends to discuss how we might help bring justice in a more effective and joyful way, together rather than alone, please send an email or text to Tahani Sticpewich (tahaniweb@gmail.com; 828-301-0550).

ECW – Save This Date and Time

ECW will hold its annual Derby Day Potluck Luncheon in the parish hall on Saturday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m. All women of the church are members of ECW, and we look forward to seeing you. We especially encourage our newcomers to attend. Please bring your favorite dish and wear a hat or fascinator if you wish! This will mainly be a social event, but we will also have a short business meeting. Looking forward to gathering with you all!

Pastoral Care Team

You might not know that there is a dedicated group of lay people who meet every week to pray for those on our parish prayer list and coordinate pastoral care. They are led by Lorie Tola and Cliff Albertson and they direct our clergy and other resources to meet people at Grace in difficult moments. If you are interested in their work please talk to Cliff, Lorie, or to Rev. Robert. We would love to plug you into the care network at Grace.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: *Sundays a.m.; Mondays p.m.* We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children *Sundays between 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and a *Monday afternoon class from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for further information at gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081.

Monday Morning Bible Study: *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.*

We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com.

Chair Aerobics: *Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. (no class on April 14)*

All are invited! Join Susan Robinson for a chair exercise class in the Parish Hall. Bring a pair of dumbbells. There is no fee to participate. This class is appropriate for people of all abilities. It can be done standing or seated. If you have questions, email Susan at SusanMac2@gmail.com.

Taizé: *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Weekly Taizé services are held in the sanctuary. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else. For more information on Taizé at Grace, visit: graceavl.com/taize-grace.

Soaking Prayer: *Wednesdays at 12:00 noon*

Our Soaking Prayer Service continues every Wednesday from noon to 12:45. Those who have been attending this service describe it as: *“a special time to be in God’s presence;” “I often come with many concerns and worries about our world and leave filled with God’s peace;” “The blending of holy silence and holy spirit in prayer has been healing for me.”* Come and see if this might be that special spiritual discipline that you have been looking for. All are welcome!

Women Walking the Way: *Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.*

Meet in the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake for a walk around the lake and some spiritual reflection with like-minded women. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at annaflewis7@gmail.com or call her at 815-441-2282.

GRACE’S PRAYER LIST

For Congregants: **Linda & David Adams, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Micky Trinité, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt.**

For Homebound Congregants and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Martha Boyette, Walt & Joyce Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg, Ed & Marla Woeckener.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless we hear otherwise).
Allen (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan);
the Anderson Family (friends of Bonnie Kistler); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe &
Cheryl Aull); **Bridget Black** (cousin of Lorie Tola); **Betty Ann Bryant** (friend
of Rusty Herman); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie
Schauer); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Marcie Coleman** (cousin
of Linda McCredie); **Presley Foxx** (granddaughter of Susan & Mark
Sudimak); **Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Tom Hunnicutt**
(friend of Rusty Herman); **Jim Kaderabek**, (father of Todd Kaderabek);
Robert & Katie Lyons (friends of Ginny Moser); **Sally Mackay** (mother of
Leslie Heiser); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David**
(husband of Daniel McRee); **Judy Wells Meehan** (friend of Rusty Herman);
Robert Noble, Jr. (brother of Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (aunt of Carol
McClellan); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray**
(cousin of Doug McClellan); **Sarah Schuman** (niece of Fr. Timothy McRee);
Susan Thigpen (cousin of Jennifer Witt); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol
McClellan); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **Stephanie Tugurian**
(daughter of Ron & Jeanne Sims).

For the recently departed: **Ed Denison, Nancy Lewis, Georgi Bruce.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Cliff Albertson, Rusty Herman, Clayton
Webster, Guy Wrenn, Nancy Porter, Barbara Wilcox.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Carole & Doug McClellan; Hannah
Buckner & Richard Jacobs.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandson of Ed & Marla
Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah
Buckner); **John Davids** (nephew of Elaine Potter); **Matthew George** (son of
Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **John Massey**
(son-in-law of Mary Foster); **Brady Paschall** (granddaughter of Gael
Paschall); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our presiding Bishop; José, our Bishop; the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Church of England**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **Peace in the Diocese of Jerusalem**.

For our Nation and the Wider World: For the President and his Cabinet; for Congress; and for our country; for victims of violence around the world; for local agencies and those who work for relief of the poor; for stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.



Grace's Mission Statement

Grace Church exists as a diverse community of the Body of Christ, to serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Our mission is to nurture and develop each individual to reach out and share God's love.



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The Reverend Robert Hartmans

The Reverend Timothy McRee

The Reverend John Rice

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