



Grace Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, Living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Opening Hymn: *Shall We Gather at the River*

D A7

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev' - ry bur - den
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim-age will

4 D

trod; _____ with its crys - tal tide for
 spray, _____ we will walk and wor - ship
 down; _____ grace our spir - its will de -
 cease, _____ soon our hap - py hearts will

6 A A7 D D7

ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 quiv - er, with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

9 G D A7 D

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

13 G D A A7 D

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

G C G

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy d - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing - on the ev - er -

D G C

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

G D G

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

C G D G D

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

G C G D7 G

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

The Collect of the Day

The people sit.

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Children's Moment

Candle Prayer

The priest lights the Christ Candle from the Altar

Presider 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: Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid;

for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response: *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands* (verses 1-4; repeat v. 1)



1. He’s got the whole_____ world_ in His hands. He’s got the
 2. He’s got the sun and the moon_ in His hands. He’s got the
 3. He’s got the wind and the rain___ in His hands. He’s got the
 4. He’s got the little bit - ty ba - by in His hands. He’s got the



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The Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* (from *Songs of Grace*)

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Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

The Prayers of the People

The people stand.

Leader We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For those of your creation who are in sickness or trouble, especially: Linda & David Adams, Joan Aldrich, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Carol Booth, Martha Boyette, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Walt, Joyce & Diana 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, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt, Marla Woeckener, and all those you now name...

(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)

We remember those who have recently died, especially Tom Cooper, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Jack Woodhouse Jr., Marguerite Alexander, Willard Brewer, and Kathleen Griffin, and for those who still grieve for them...Are there others?

(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader From squandering resources, abusing our companion species,
and polluting the habitat we all share,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your
whole creation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared
for your gifts,

People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the
Earth,

People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship
anew,

People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Priest O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

The Peace

Presider 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: *In the Sweet By and By*

Please turn to the last page of your bulletin.

Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and people

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

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The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

An Invitation to Communion

All are invited to receive communion. Your participation is a blessing to us, and we want you to feel welcome and at ease to participate. The ushers will direct you from your pew. When you arrive at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel or stand. As the priest comes to you, they will provide the host in wafer form; if you need gluten free, indicate this by placing your right hand over your heart. You may consume the host or hold it to dip in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the host, cross both hands over your chest. Next, the Chalice Bearer will come to you, and they will offer real wine consecrated from a common cup. You can drink from the cup, allowing the chalice bearer to guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to dip your host wafer, hand that to the chalice bearer and they will do it for you. It is considered full communion to only receive the host if you do not wish to drink from the cup.

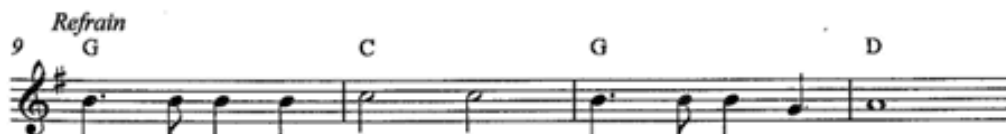
Communion Hymn: Abba, Father



1. Ab - ba Fa - ther, send Your Spir - it, glo - ry Je - sus Christ.
2. If you seek Me, you will find Me, glo - ry Je - sus Christ.
3. If you knock, it will be o - pened, glo - ry Je - sus Christ.
4. If you hear Me, you will serve Me, glo - ry Je - sus Christ.
5. If you let Me, I will heal you, glo - ry Je - sus Christ.
6. If you love Me, you will fol - low, glo - ry Je - sus Christ.



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Origin Unknown

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

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

Presider (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.**

The people stand.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *I'll Fly Away*

(from Songs of Grace)

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Dismissal

Postlude: *This Little Light of Mine*

Mark Hayes



Many thanks to Grace's PubSing Band, who played for us today.



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by
Lorie Tola in loving memory of her brothers, John and Peter Tola.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Grace Walker, Phillip Alfred Walker, Sr., and
Pete Walker, Jr., by their family.

LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Ali Schaefer Torches: Steve Birkhofer, Mary Foster
Chalicer: Greg Townsend Lectors: Cliff Albertson, Steve Birkhofer
Intercessor: Elaine Potter Presenters: Ron & Jeanne Sims
Ushers: Kyle, Lucy & Charlie Rhodes
Greeters: Ginny Moser, Melanie Druckenmiller
Children's Chapel: Sally Withers Streaming: James Cannon
Vestry Member of the Day: Rusty McCredie



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message From Rev. Robert

Dear People of Grace,

I am excited to let you know about some desperately needed capital improvement projects set forth in the May and June meetings of the vestry. In no particular order they are listed here, and represent some \$230,000 in spending.

1. Tuck-pointing the masonry to shore up the structure around the entire exterior of all buildings – \$134,000
2. Water remediation in the undercroft to include dehumidifiers, sump pump, water vapor barrier – \$37,000
3. Phase I of renovation work in the Parish Hall – \$20,000
4. Immediate organ repair – \$10,000
5. Completion of Breezeway renovation – \$25,000

These are initiatives that we will execute this year and which will be followed by more equally-important projects. The approval of these come after much work by our Junior Warden, Ron Sims, our buildings and grounds team, and our vestry. A number of neutral outside experts were consulted, many quotes were acquired, and priorities considered.

It is also important to acknowledge that we are in a financial position

to do this work because of the hard decisions made by leadership about the sale of real property two years ago, including the previous rector. We owe a large debt of gratitude to these folks for our ability to do this much-needed work, as well as to the good Grace of the Holy Spirit. In the coming months you might see scaffolding going up around the exterior of the church as Living Stone Masonry begins their tuck-pointing project.

Please reach out to the vestry or to me if you have questions or concerns, and thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure to Grace Church.

Rev. Robert

Contacting Rev. Robert

Rev. Robert can often be found at the church. He can also be reached at hartmansrobert@gmail.com or by his cell: 423-400-0826 for any pastoral care concerns or to set up an appointment.

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, email Casey Miller, casandra.miller@gmail.com.

Accessing the Church

Please be patient as we navigate our new key/code system. Remember, you can always get into the building during business hours (listed on the back of the bulletin), Saturday mornings, and during worship times. If you feel you need a key or a code for off-hour access, please pick up a Door Access Code Policy packet at the Greeter's table, fill it out and leave it in Anne's door box.

Warning! If you have a pacemaker, you should not wear our magnetic name tags. Please use one of our stick-on paper tags instead.

Adult Formation Group – Episcopal: Why, What, When, and How

The Rev. Robert Hartmans will facilitate discussions about the traditions, beliefs, structure, and oddities of the Episcopal Church. These discussions will be hosted at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall and are appropriate for people 12 years and older. The discussions are aimed at providing a broad familiarity with The Episcopal Church. Persons who participate in the majority of sessions will be eligible for confirmation and reception.

Schedule of Classes:

Sunday, June 28: What do Episcopalians believe?

Sunday, July 12: Where do Episcopalians come from?

Sunday, July 19: How do Episcopalians pray?

Sunday, July 26: All things Episcopal.

Advocacy and Action

Join us at noon on the fourth Sunday of the month in the downstairs conference room. 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 (828-301-0550; tahaniweb@gmail.com).

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, coordinate pastoral care, and they direct our clergy and other resources to help 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 you to join our care network.

Would You Like to Read Our Newsletter?

If you don't have access to Growing in Grace, the weekly church newsletter, please send your email address to Kim Hayes, at kimhys53@gmail.com, and we'll get you on the list.

Upcoming Parish Events

Check the Greeter's table bulletin board for a list of upcoming parish events that may be of interest to you. These are all on the main calendar, just without the clutter of non-parish listings.

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.*

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. 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, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt.**

For Homebound Congregants and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Joan Aldrich, Martha Boyette, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg, 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); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Mike Baldwin** (friend of Beth & John Woodson); **Susan Barr** (sister-in-law of Mary Foster); **Channon, Mark & Tiffany Brown** (friends of Robert Hartmans); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Christa Brigman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Betty Ann Bryant** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Laurie Carter** (sister of Fr. Timothy); **Marcie Coleman** (cousin of Linda McCredie); **Elizabeth & Mike Cogsdale** (friends of Fr. Timothy); **Presley Foxx** (granddaughter of Susan & Mark Sudimak); **Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Nick & Gerry** (Bea Russell's sister-in-law); **Brady Gotwald** (great-nephew of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Laura & Hanna Keith** (friends of Shannon Townsend); **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); **Brian Moore**

(nephew 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); **Bill Staton** (friend of Jennifer Witt); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **George White** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

For the recently departed: **Tom Cooper.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Casey Rae Miller, Joan Aldrich, Rev. Robert Hartmans, Cathy Adkins, David Withers.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **The Rev. Jim & Sharon Rains, Shannon & Greg Townsend, Becky & Bill Smith, Cheryl & Joe Aull, Tahani Stecpewich & Bill Norlin, Sarah & Eric Wood.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Danny Brossart** (grand-nephew of Louise Cate Wernicke); **Tommy Brown** (grandson of 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 **Ingreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola;** and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock.**

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.



Grace Episcopal Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop of WNC*

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

Priest in Charge

The Reverend Timothy McRee; The Reverend John Rice, *Clergy*

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

Cathy Adkins, *Organist*

Judy Rhodes Barody, *Taizé Music Coordinator*

Anne Spruance, *Office Administrator*

Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*

Paula Foggo, *Nursery Care Leader*

Caroline Parson-Chambliss

Trinity Mickens

Nursery Workers



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Founded in 1867 as Beaverdam Mission, we are members of the Body of Christ, the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church in the USA, and the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

Our liturgy follows the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. We use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the Hymnal 1982, and Songs of Grace (SOG). We print as much of the service in the bulletin as we can, so that it is easier to follow. There are also notations in italics about when to stand, kneel or sit.

Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship. There is also a nursery for children aged 0-4, and a Children's Chapel for those 5-12, which begins after the Children's Moment during the service and ends when the children rejoin their parents at the Passing of the Peace..

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and refreshments after the service.

Please stop by our Greeter's Table in the foyer to leave us your name and email address (if you wish to receive our newsletter).

Grace Episcopal Church is a gathering place of those seeking to follow Jesus and to serve the world. We would be happy to have you join our journey!



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G C G

There's a land that is fair - er than day,
 We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore
 To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove,

And by faith we can see it a -
 The me - lo - di - ous songs of the
 We will of - fer our tri - bute of

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D G C G D

far; For the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way
 blessed; And our spir - its shall sor - row no more,
 praise For the glo - ri - ous gift of His love

To pre - pare us a dwell ing place
 Not a sigh for the bless - ing of
 And the bless - ings that hal - low our

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G D

there.
 rest.
 days.

In the sweet by and by, We shall

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D7 G

meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; In the sweet by and

by and by; In the sweet

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C G D G

by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.

by and by,