



Grace Episcopal Church

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude: *Largo from Cello Sonata in B flat*

Antonio Vivaldi

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: *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise

verse 1 of 8

Morning has broken like the first morning,
black-bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

The Collect of the Day

BCP 232

The people sit.

Children's Moment - Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

Response: *Praise the Name of Jesus*

(Songs of Grace)

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The Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

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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 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit

down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, the Moser family, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Kyle Rhodes, Debra Rice, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Nancy Sink, Becky Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Rita Spragg, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Barbara Wilcox, 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 Shauna & Darren Nelson, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for David Warren, Jim Crownover and Bob Turner, 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 Anthem: *Sicilienne*

Maria Von Paradis

Doxology

Old 100th

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.

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:

Sanctus

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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 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.**

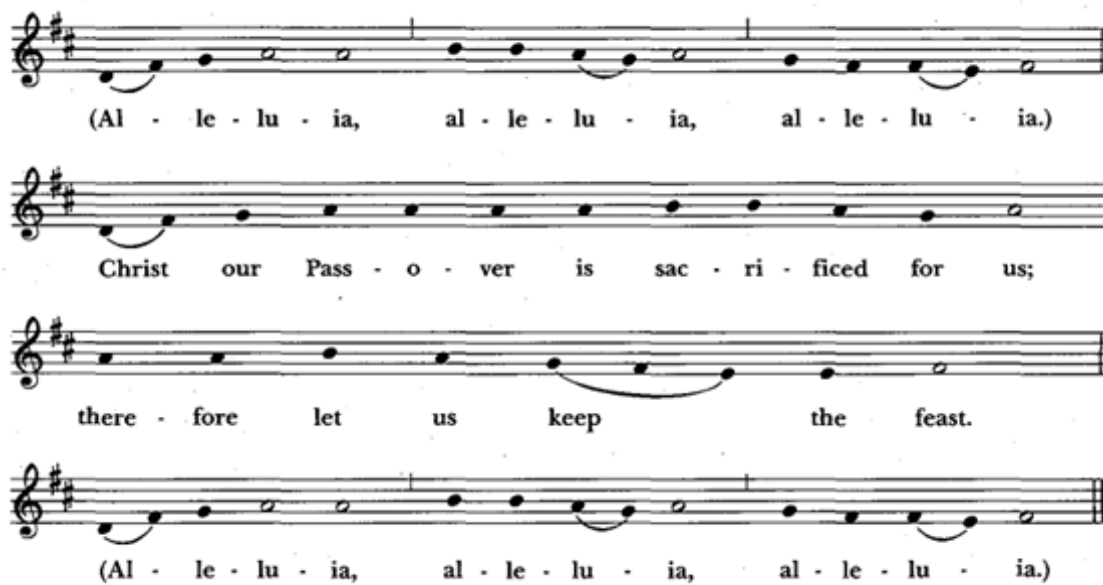
The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hurd



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 Music: *Selections for Unaccompanied Cello*

J.S. Bach

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: *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Fugue in G*

J.S. Bach



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by
Mary Foster in loving memory of her husband, Edward Michael Foster

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Lynda & Rusty McCredie in loving memory of
Caryl Lee & Claude McCredie, and Blanche & Elmo Ghormley



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: James Cannon Torches: Kyle Rhodes, Mary Foster

Chalicerist: Susan Robinson

Lectors: Susanne Antonetta, Louise Cate Wernicke

Intercessor: Kim Hayes Presenter: Elise Cassarino

Ushers: Mike Vines, Elaine Potter

Greeters: Carole Lentz, Cheryl Aull Streaming: Ben Scales

Cellist: Jim Lestock



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Offering

Today is the first Sunday of the month, when our open plate offering (undesignated cash, change and checks) goes to support the clergy's discretionary fund, enabling them to respond quickly to the emergency needs of others. Please be generous.

Contacting Rev. Robert

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

Wiggle Church

During August, Grace Church is offering Wiggle Church during the service. Children aged 5-12 are welcome to join two adult supervisors for fun on the playground or in the parish hall, depending on weather. The group will come back to the sanctuary for communion.

Back to School Supply Drive

Please check the list of needed supplies, intended for Buncombe County foster children, which can be found on page 17 of today's bulletin. The deadline for bringing supplies to the church is August 16. Leave them on the tables in the foyer.



Follow the QR Code to Our Newsletter

Scan the QR code to take you to Growing in Grace, our weekly newsletter. If you'd like it to come to your inbox, send your email address to kimhys53@gmail.com.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: *Sundays a.m.; Mondays p.m.*

We offer Catechesis for our children *Sundays 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and *Monday afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both. 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. 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, Carol Booth, Judy Rhodes Baroody, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Muriel & John Kimbrough, the Moser family, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Kyle Rhodes, Debra Rice, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Barbara Wilcox, 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); **Ann Brown** (mother of Katherine Johnson), **Channon, Mark & Tiffany Brown** (friends of Robert Hartmans); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Cathy** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Christa Brigman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Betty Ann Bryant** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Lisa & Ford** (friends of the Knights); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Elizabeth & Mike Cogsdale** (friends of Fr. Timothy); **Declan Douglas** (son of Katie Douglas); **Presley Foxx** (granddaughter of Susan & Mark Sudimak); **Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Nick & Gerry** (Bea Russell's sister-in-law); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Ashley Israel** (daughter of Jennifer Witt); **Laura & Hanna Keith** (friends of Shannon Townsend); **Kathy Kopani** (friend of Ann Lewis); **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); **Steve Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Carol Peindel** (friend of (Anne Jarema); **Matthew Pennell** (son of Hannah Buckner); **Meredith Peppers** (aunt of Carol McClellan); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); **the Roberts Family** (friends of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Sarah Schuman** (niece of Fr. Timothy McRee); **Susie Shaw** (wife of Chris Shaw); **Bill Staton** (friend of Jennifer Witt); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Jeanne & Ron Sims); **Ray Wesolowski** (father of Tim Wesolowski); **George White** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Lynn Whitehead** (friend of Ann Lewis); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

For the recently departed: **Shanna & Darren Nelson** (parents of Muriel Nelson Kimbrough).

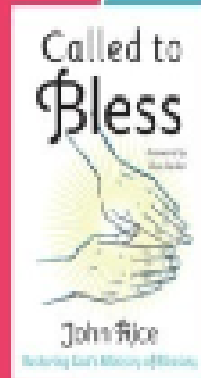
For those celebrating birthdays: Elaine Potter, Ella Doran, Vicky Enox.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Vicki & Paul Vest.

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); **Jude Waigand** (grandson of Jennifer Witt); **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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Transfiguration, Bat Cave; Transfiguration, Saluda.**

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.



Called to Bless - Restoring God's Ministry of Blessing

August 22, 2026
9:00am to 3:00pm

Grace Episcopal Church

871 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28804

Rev. John Rice

Speaking words of blessing is praying for the fullness of God's intentions to be released into a person's life.

This workshop will lay the biblical foundation for blessing prayer, with the essentials being taught and practiced.

God is calling us to become men and women of blessing!

Cost:

Donation to help cover cost of lunch.

To Register:

Call 828-254-1086 (church office) or email
Anne Spruance, Grace Office Administrator, at
office@graceavl.com

Register by August 15, 2026



Back-to School Wish List for Foster Children

Deadline is August 16

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| Crayola 24ct crayons (basic colors) | Loose leaf paper (wide/college) |
| Crayola colored pencils | 1", 1.5", 2" binders |
| Crayola washable markers | Pocket folders |
| #2 Ticonderoga pencils | Sticky notes |
| Glue sticks | Composition books |
| Pens (red, blue, black) | Binders w/ clear plastic front |
| Highlighters | Plastic folders w/ pockets |
| Pencil boxes/pouches | Folders w/ pockets & brads |
| Pencil sharpeners | Pocket dictionary/thesaurus |
| Scissors (elementary age +) | Expo brand dry erase markers |
| Beginner "fat" pencils | (chisel/fine-tip) |
| Pink or white erasers | Backpacks (all sizes, colors, |
| Dividers | characters) |



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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 Baroody, *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. 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!

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 during August, Wiggle Church is available for wiggly people aged 5-12.

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

Use the QR code below to link to Grace's Welcome Newcomer's page.

