

## **GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

A Protestant church in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1, 2025

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God During the Service — Let God speak to you After the Service — Speak to one another

#### LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The season after Easter Day until Pentecost is called the **Easter Season** or **Eastertide** and lasts 50 days. The central theme of Eastertide is the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life, hope and redemption. This is the most joyful season in the Christian calendar, the mood is bright and triumphant. The scripture readings focus on the appearances of the risen Christ and the beginnings of the Christian community with the missionary work of the apostles. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing joy and purity.

#### TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799
8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.

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#### **OPENING HYMN: Come Now, Almighty King**



e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore!

#### **ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

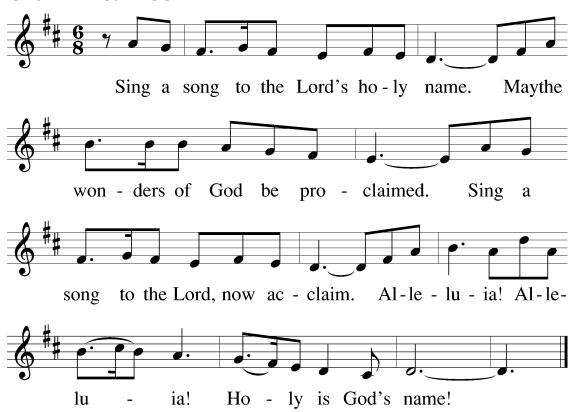
4. glo - ry see, And to

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### Celebrant continues:

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

#### **GLORIA: Psalm 95**



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **AMEN.** 

This Week's Readers: **8:30** Cheryle Kahl **10:30** Tom Stotz & Selia Tuten Next Sunday's Readers: **10:00** Nora & Dash Heath

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

#### FIRST READING Acts 16:16-34

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSE** Psalm 97 – *Dominus regnavit*

Verses read alternately by the reader and people, breaking at the \*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice;\*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

- <sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness are round about him,\*
  righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- <sup>3</sup>A fire goes before him\* and burns up his enemies on every side.
- <sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world;\*
  the earth sees it and is afraid.
- <sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,\* at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness,\* and all the peoples see his glory.
- <sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!\* **Bow down before him, all you gods.**
- <sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,\* **because of your judgments, O Lord.**
- <sup>9</sup>For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;\* you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup>The Lord loves those who hate evil;\*
  he preserves the lives of his saints
  and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup>Light has sprung up for the righteous,\*
  and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,\* and give thanks to his holy Name.

#### **SECOND READING** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





**GOSPEL** John 17:20-26 The Rev. Steve Steinberger-Domienik

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**HOMILY** 

The Rev. Steve Steinberger-Domienik

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart," a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."

I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christ is risen—alleluia! In the confidence of the Resurrection, we now pray in our Savior's name for all of God's people throughout the world, saying: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share with and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change for the poor of the earth, O God, for the victims of warfare and natural disasters, and for refugees around the world, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Haiti, and Sudan. Awake, O Downcast, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to our community, O God, as we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. Awake, O Family, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list which is located near the back of this bulletin. Are there others?

That they might know your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

People And Christ will give you life!

Leader Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!

People Alleluia, amen!

#### **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Hear our prayers, O God, for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; in your risen Son, Jesus, our exalted one. **AMEN.** 

#### THE PEACE

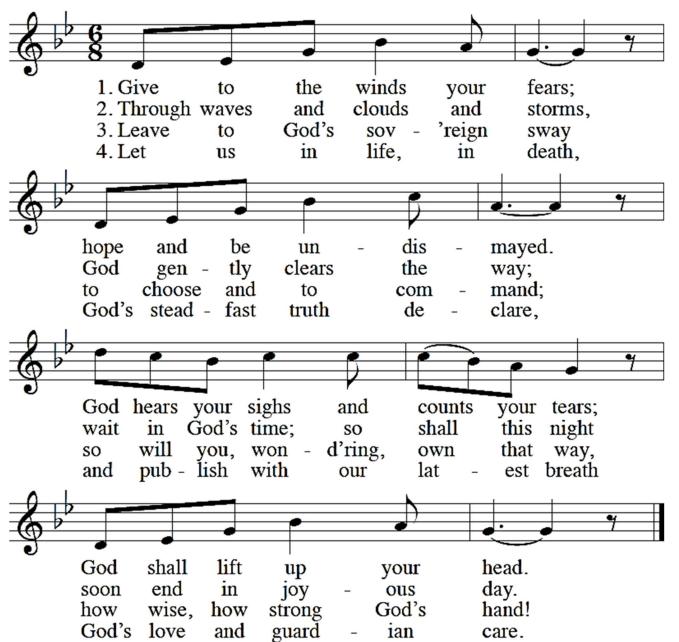
Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please be seated





#### **DOXOLOGY: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**





### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed!

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to our God.

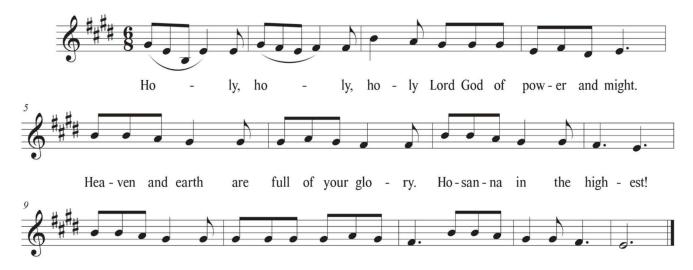
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant continues:

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for at his resurrection, Christ burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death and to shine forth the divine love once again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **SANCTUS**



Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

#### Celebrant continues:

All-loving and embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed; then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

#### People Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that 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 saying, "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, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

#### **People** Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine as well as our lives, in thanks and praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth that we may proclaim good news to the entire world and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven, O God, where death and pain are no more, and where you will dwell with us forever.

For it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, and by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that all glory and honor are yours, all-loving God, now and forever.

AMEN.

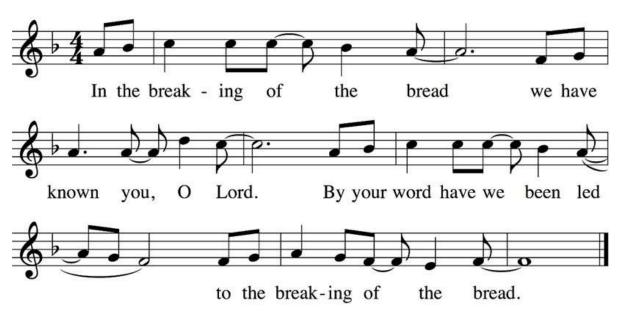
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

#### **FRACTIO: Emmaus**



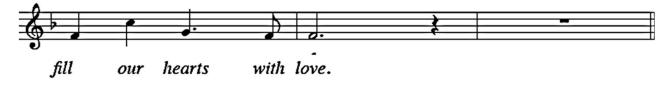
Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

#### COMMUNION

#### Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, where you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN: Come, Lord Jesus** For the hun - gry, come, Lord Je - sus, for the bro-ken, for the poor. For the thirst - y, come, Lord Je - sus. Fill our hearts with love, fill with love. our hearts 1. You are light with in dark - ness: our of God, 2. Son show mer - cy: your us 3. Send your Spir wait - ing: it those to 4. Give your hope na - tions: all the to 5. As we gath ble: your ta er at You are light through -- y, Son of Mar Come, Lord Je - sus, live in us. Send your peace to Give your joy to Bless the ones who king - dom: out your hold us close - ly: Fill gath - ered: hearts with all here, our love. all who love you: call up - on you:



#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

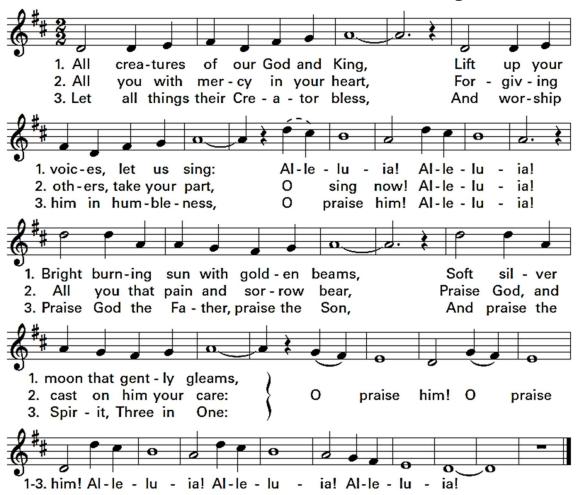
Celebrant and People say together:

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### **BLESSING**

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us: and may the Almighty bless us this day and always, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **AMEN.** 

#### **CLOSING HYMN: All Creatures Of Our God and King**



#### **DISMISSAL**

Celebrant Our worship is now ended. Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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#### The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, Our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry, Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop, Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod, Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members, Steven Steinberger–Domienik. Grace Church Mt. Clemens, Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Nina DiGaetano, Donna Hanes, Katherine Domienik, Karen Blackburn, Jasmine Gardner, Tom & Sandy Krell, Frankie Dion, Sue Schlanbusch, Elliott Belair, Charlotte Kalligeros, Tom Stotz, Jennifer Holland, Joan Walsh, Elizabeth Gage, Teresa Davidson, Jeanne Nowak, Donna Powell, Pamela Sherry, Linda Fields, Michael Woodard, Pat Greenwood, Sara Mattocks, Gene Skladnowski, Sherie Borsa, Joan Donald, Rob Haynes, Andy Jaeger, Tom O'Rourke, Scott Kadets, Brenda Steinberger-Domienik, Laurisa, Jason Zadorski, Pat Ruditis, Jean & Terry Hitchcock, Laura MaryLake, Allen Clay, Mary Anne Jackson, Beth Smith, Charlie Carol, Bill Sobkowicz, Martha Wehba, Carolyn Siewert, Holly Quintero, Ged Youngman, Jody Gorney, Tammy Murphy, Eka & Kiana Bassey, Lee Dillon, Marilee Racine, Joshua R., Suzanne LaMontagne, Gay Gillespie, John Schober, Dan Fox, Susan Fox.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office. Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

#### The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH Currently

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information. Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

# Community Suppers: Wednesdays at 4:00 Sunday Suppers: Sundays at 4:00, November-March

#### **Food Pantry:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM -12 noon, curbside pickup Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

#### **Fueling Kids' Futures:**

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4 35088 Automation Drive Clinton Township, MI 48035 Last packing day for 2024-2025 is June 3, 2025

All outreach ministries welcome volunteers, financial donations, or food and clothing donations.

Call the office to learn about helping or giving: 586-465-4573

#### **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

The new office hours are **Monday** from **10 AM to 3 PM**, **Tuesday** from **10 AM to 1 PM**, and **Thursday** from **10 AM to 4 PM**.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway.

#### CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsals on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

#### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway leading to the sanctuary. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend

for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

#### **BOOK CLUB**

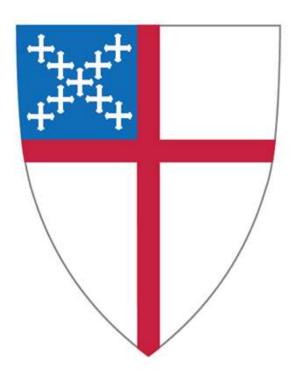
The next meeting of the book club will be held at Grace Church on **Thursday**, **July 10** at **6 PM**. We'll be discussing *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelly Estes. Join us!

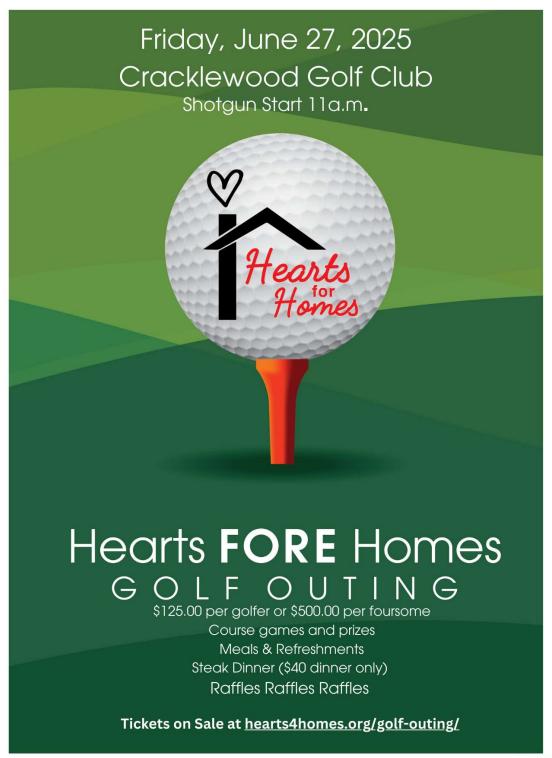
#### **COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT**

**Every third Friday** from **7 to 9 PM**! Bring your family and friends.

#### **MACOMB COUNTY PRIDE**

Grace Church will once again have a booth at Macomb County Pride on **August 16**. Stay tuned for more details.





Scan to purchase tickets, explore sponsorship opportunities, and learn more about the Hearts FORE Homes Golf Outing.



# Grace Church, Mount Clemens Thursday, June 12



# \$20 per person

includes: One Bingo card, Polish sausage w/peppers & onions, salads & chips, coffee, lemonade and water Extra Bingo card available for purchase \$5.00

# Basket Raffles and 50/50 available the night of the event

Questions or to reserve space Contact Margaret Morgan 313.657.9313 Or Christa Carpenter 586.663.6246