



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost **Celebrant: The Rev. Anna Taylor-McCants** *July 20, 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 Pentecost is not actually a liturgical season with a common focus, rather, it is just the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. This period is often referred to as “Ordinary Time” and the liturgical color is **green**. These are the ordinary days in which we live our Christian faith in the regular routine of daily life. This seems simple enough, but the way the Sundays are counted on the calendar gets a bit confusing. It begins with the First Sunday after Pentecost and then counts sequentially until the 24th Sunday after Pentecost which is Christ the King, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. If it stopped here that would be clear, but each Sunday during this time is also given another title: Proper 7-29 where the numbers do not coincide with the numbered Sundays after Pentecost. This proper numbering system is based on the moveable date of Easter. Honestly, there is no need to be concerned about this numbering framework, just focus on the ordinary daily life of Jesus as he goes about teaching, healing, and loving people as you live your ordinary life each day!

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.

Rector: The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik
Cell: 203-641-2068
Clergy Emerita: The Rev. Deacon Betty Brogan
Ms. Cheryle Kahl, Interim Minister of Music
115 South Main Street, Mt Clemens, MI 48043
Office 586-465-4573
Email: gracemtclemens@yahoo.com
Visit us on the web at
www.gracechurchmtclemens.org

OPENING HYMN #440: Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word



1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness
3 Gra-cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

ACCLAMATION

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

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

Celebrant continues:

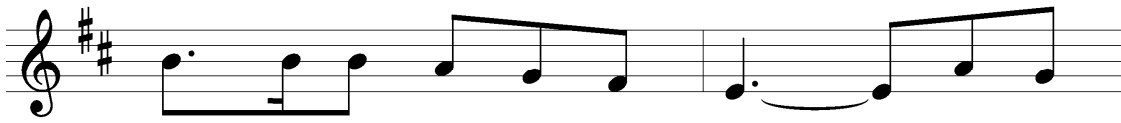
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

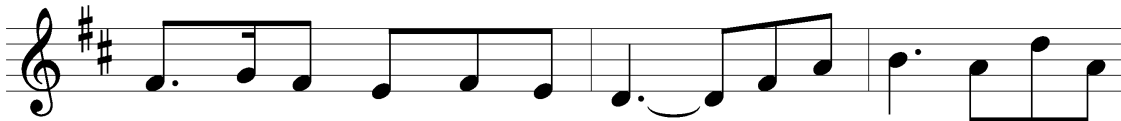
GLORIA: Psalm 95



Sing a song to the Lord's ho - ly name. May the



won - ders of God be pro - claimed. Sing a



song to the Lord, now ac - claim. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Ho - ly is God's name!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: **Ann & Dave Farrell***
*Next Sunday's Readers: **Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Amos 8:1-12

Reader A reading from the book of Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,”
says the Lord God;

“the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!”

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send a famine on the land;

not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;

they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Psalm 52 – *Quid gloriaris?*

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

¹You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness*
against the godly all day long?

²You plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor,*
O worker of deception.

³You love evil more than good*
and lying more than speaking the truth.

⁴You love all words that hurt,*
O you deceitful tongue.

⁵Oh, that God would demolish you utterly,*
**topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!**

⁶The righteous shall see and tremble,*
and they shall laugh at him, saying,

⁷"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,*
**but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness."**

⁸But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;*
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

⁹I will give you thanks for what you have done*
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might

come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: Come As You Are



1. Come as you are, that's how I
 2. No need to fear, love sets no
 3. I came to call sin - ners, not just the
 4. Come as you are, that's how I

want you. Come as you are,
 lim - its. No need to fear,
 vir - tuous. I came to bring peace,
 love you. Come as you are,

feel quite at home. Close to my
 love nev - er ends. Don't run a -
 not to con - demn. Each time you
 trust me a - gain. Noth - ing can



heart, loved and for - giv - en;
 way shamed and dis - heart - ened.
 fail to live by my prom - ise,
 change the love that I bear you.



come as you are, why stand a - lone?
 Rest in my love, trust me a - gain.
 why do you think I'd love you the less?
 All will be well, just come as you are.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

The Rev. Anna Taylor-McCants

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Anna Taylor-McCants



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

The People stand or kneel

Leader In peace we pray to you, O God.

We pray today for all people who struggle for survival: may you bless, comfort and strengthen them.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For our greater community in Mt. Clemens and Macomb County, and for all those who come to our building to be nourished by the food we provide.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the spirit of peace in the world: that all national violence and wars, especially in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Haiti, and Sudan may end, so that all people may live in peace and safety.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the world's poor, for those who are hungry and homeless: let not the needy be forgotten, or the hope of the poor be taken away.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the spirit of unity, forgiveness and reconciliation in our country: guide our elected officials to put aside political rivalry and work for the good of all our citizens.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups in the United States who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasiveness of racism: may this national sin be acknowledged and cleansed from our hearts, institutions, and nation.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For all those who are sick or infirmed, and those who are on our prayer list, which is found near the back of this bulletin. Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For those whose lives are approaching death and for those who have died, that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace.

People **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader 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.

People **We pray to you, O God.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout our country and the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; let us break
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; let us drink
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; let us praise

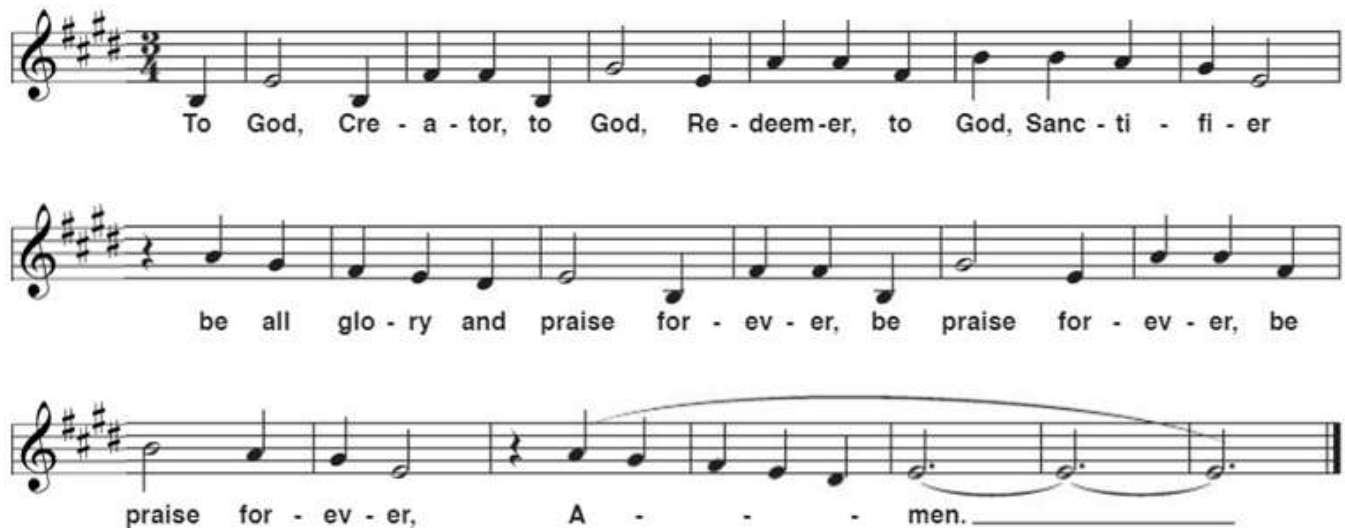


bread to - geth-er on our knees.
wine to - geth-er on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my
God to - geth-er on our knees.



face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

DOXOLOGY: To God, Creator



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.

5 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, wherever 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: Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; let us break
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; let us drink
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; let us praise



bread to - geth-er on our knees.
wine to - geth-er on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my
God to - geth-er on our knees.



face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together:

Gracious God, we thank you for nourishing us with the food of our savior. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit to be beacons of hope and love in your world. For it is through Christ and with all your saints that we offer ourselves and our lives to your service, O God. We humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. AMEN.

BLESSING

May Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and earth, give you strength to do God's will in this world; and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you this day and forever. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN #525: The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed:
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:



from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship has ended; let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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, Jasmine Gardner, Tom & Sandy Krell, Frankie Dion, Sue Schlanbusch, Elliott Belair, Charlotte Kalligeros, Tom Stotz, Jennifer Holland, Joan Walsh, Elizabeth Gage, Logan & 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, 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, Linda Siewert, Kirsten Blackburn, Vito Fontana, Christa Carpenter, Ernie Simon, Nancy & Bob Johnson.

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
Packing for the 2025-26 school year begins on October 7

**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

Summer Service Update

- July 20** *Rev. Anna Taylor-McCants* presiding over both services
- August 17** *Rev. Cynthia Garmen* presiding over one **10 AM** service in the parish hall
Bible study at **9 AM**
- August 24** Combined **10 AM** service at American Lutheran Church

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. 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!

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.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club will be held at Grace Church on **Thursday, September 11** at **6 PM**. We'll be discussing *The Little Liar*, by Mitch Albom. Join us! If you have any questions, please call Ann Strevel.