



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

*August 10, 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](http://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

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## OPENING HYMN #209: We Walk By Faith, And Not By Sight

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## 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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: **Delora Paull & Selia Tuten***

*Next Sunday's Readers: **Nora & Dash Heath***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

*Reader* A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;

seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE** Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 – *Deus deorum*

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

<sup>1</sup>The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
**he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
**God reveals himself in glory.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
**before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.**

<sup>4</sup>He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
**to witness the judgment of his people.**

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
**those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."**

<sup>6</sup>Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
**for God himself is judge.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
**for I am God, your God.**

<sup>8</sup>I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
**your offerings are always before me.**

<sup>23</sup>Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
**lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**

<sup>24</sup>Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
**but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."**

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were

prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL HYMN: This Little Light Of Mine



1. This lit - tle light of mine,  
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go,  
3. Je - sus gave it to me;

I'm gon-na let it shine.  
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I'm gon-na let it shine.



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1-3. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## HOMILY

The Rev. Steven 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

*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, the Middle East, 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 #512: Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

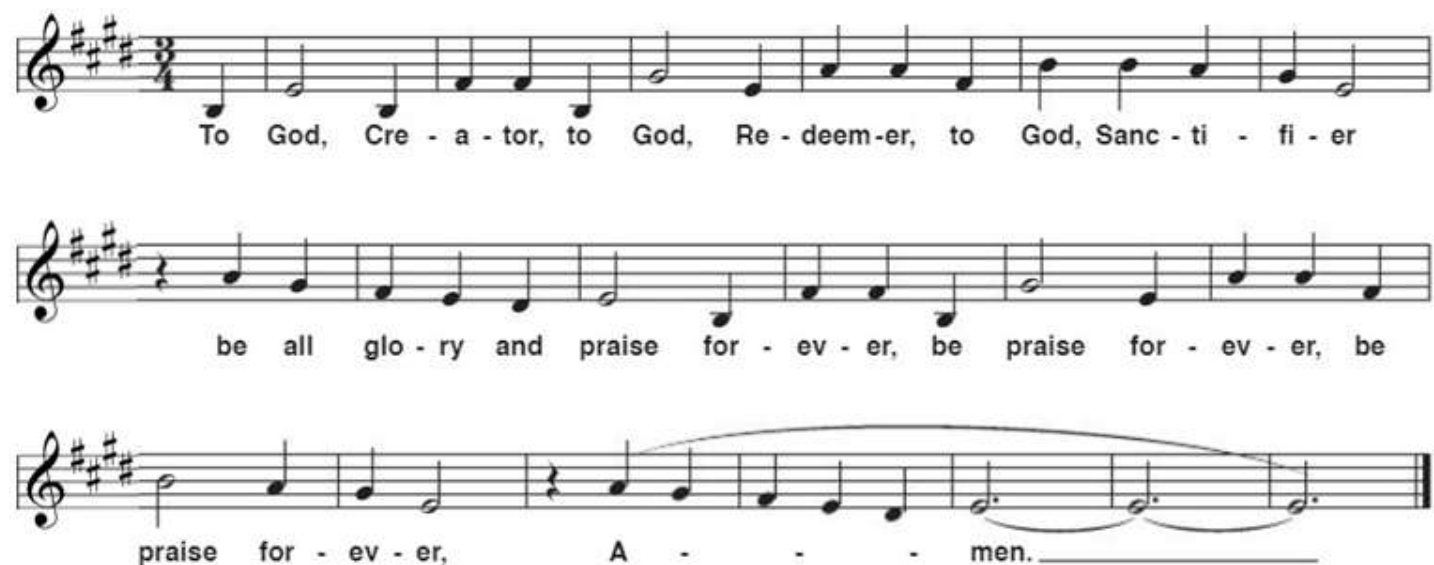


1. Come, gra-cious Spi - rit, heav'n - ly Dove, with light and  
 2. The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us  
 3. Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,  
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -

thou our guide o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - 'ry heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.  
 ness. the road that we must take to dwell with God.

## DOXOLOGY: To God, Creator



To God, Cre - a - tor, to God, Re - deem - er, to God, Sanc - ti - fi - er

be all glo - ry and praise for - ev - er, be praise for - ev - er, be

praise for - ev - er, A - - - men.

# 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.**

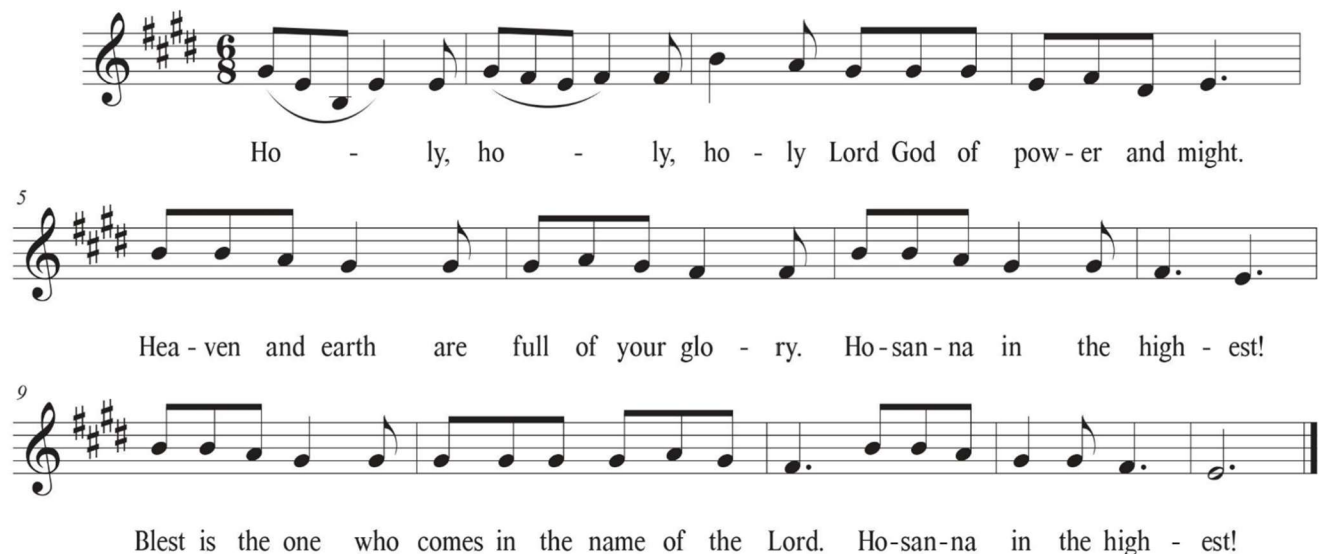
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to our God.

**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.**

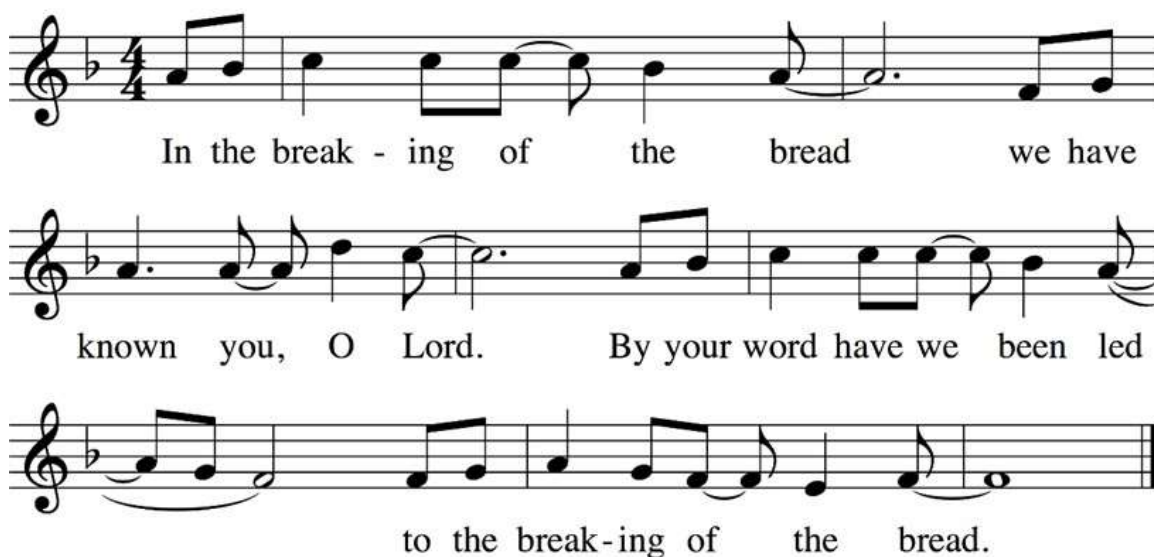
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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



The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In the break - ing of the bread we have  
known you, O Lord. By your word have we been led  
to the break-ing of the bread.

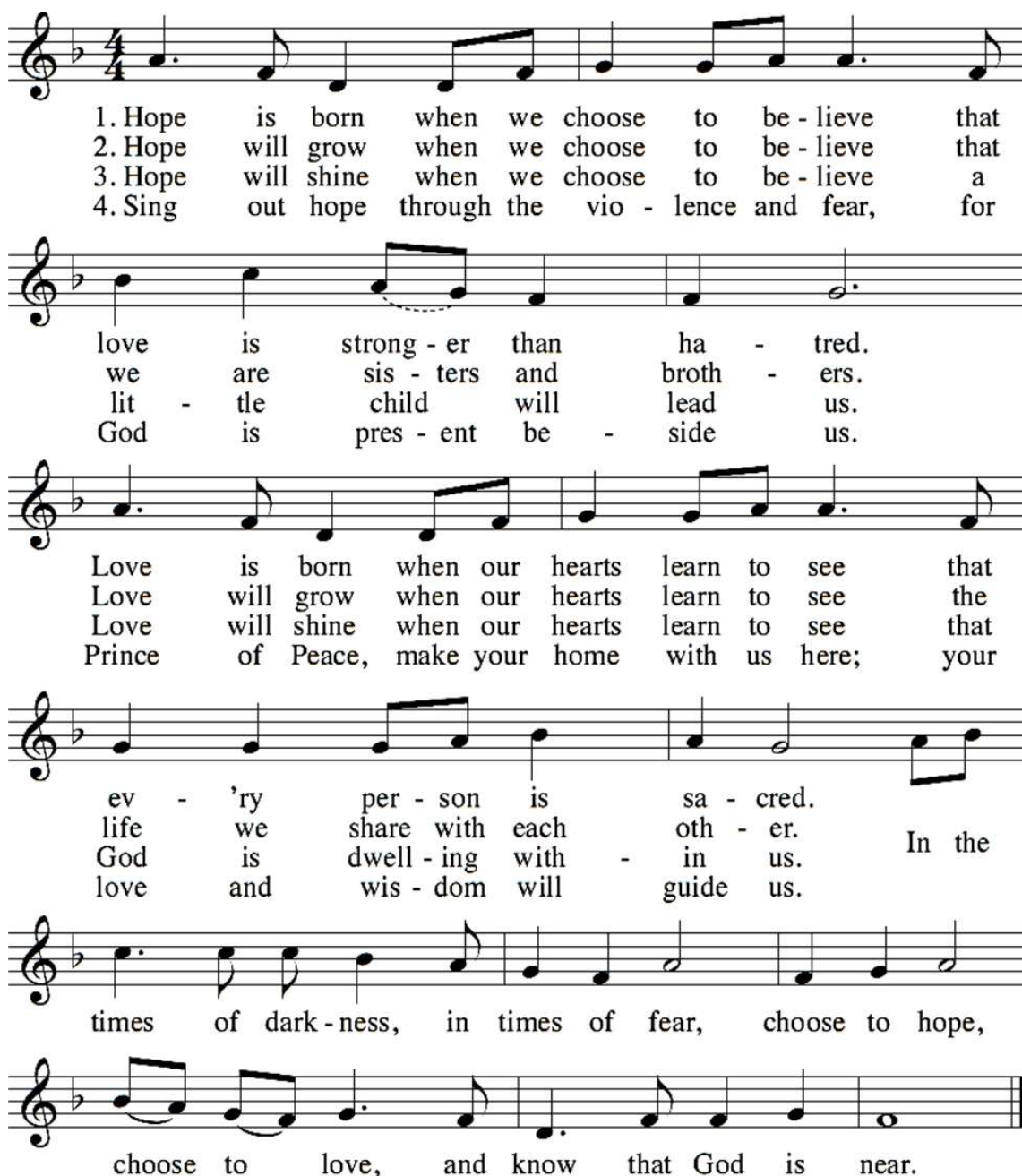
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

## 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: Choose To Hope



1. Hope is born when we choose to be - lieve that  
 2. Hope will grow when we choose to be - lieve that  
 3. Hope will shine when we choose to be - lieve a  
 4. Sing out hope through the vio - lence and fear, for

love is strong - er than ha - tred.  
 we are sis - ters and broth - ers.  
 lit - tle child will lead us.  
 God is pres - ent be - side us.

Love is born when our hearts learn to see that  
 Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the  
 Love will shine when our hearts learn to see that  
 Prince of Peace, make your home with us here; your

ev - 'ry per - son is sa - cred.  
 life we share with each oth - er. In the  
 God is dwell - ing with - in us.  
 love and wis - dom will guide us.

times of dark - ness, in times of fear, choose to hope,  
 choose to love, and know that God is near.

## 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: Just A Closer Walk With Thee



1. I am weak but thou art strong;  
2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,  
*Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,*

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
Time for me will be no more;  
*Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;*

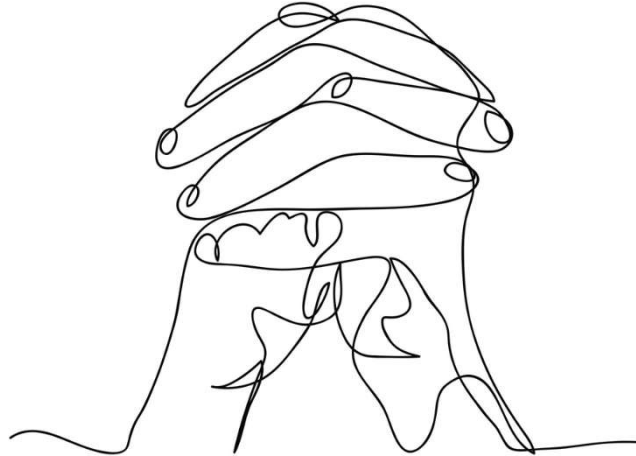
I'll be sat - is - fied as long  
Who with me my bur - den shares?  
Guide me gen - tly, safe - ly o'er  
*Dai - ly walk - ing close to thee,*

As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
To thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.  
*Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

## 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, Kirsten Blackburn, Vito Fontana, Christa Carpenter, Ernie Simon, Nancy & Bob Johnson, John Kelvin, Rick Gheresi, Rory Heinz.

***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***

**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!

### **MACOMB COUNTY PRIDE**

Grace Church will once again have a booth at Macomb County Pride on **August 16**. Speak with Kris Eckert if you'd like to get involved.

### **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.