



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost *November 16, 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!

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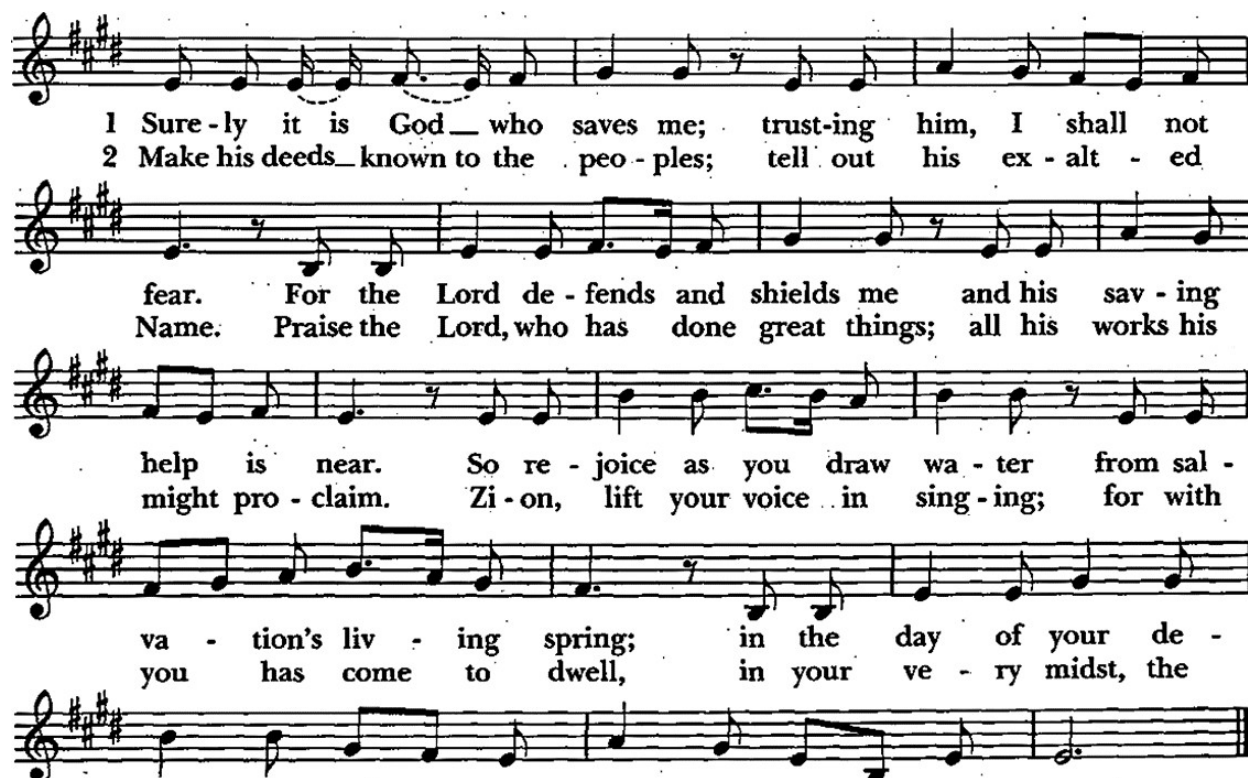
To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

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

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OPENING HYMN: Surely It Is God Who Saves Me



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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: To God Be The Glory

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first three lines of the main melody are: 'To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.' The fourth line is marked 'Refrain' and consists of: 'Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - jice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.'

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tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.

Refrain
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Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Reader: **Dash Heath***
*Next Sunday's Readers: **Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6)– *Ecce Deus*
*Verses read alternately by the reader and the people, breaking at the **

Surely, it is God who saves me;*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not

because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than
hate; light is strong-er than dark - ness;
life is strong-er than death. Vic-'try is ours, vic-t'ry is
ours through him who loved us. Vic-'try is
ours, vic-t'ry is ours through him who loved us.

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19 The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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 our 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: Creation, Like A Prism



1. Cre - a - tion, like a pri - sm, shines its
2. Each age and gen - der, race and creed, each
3. How can we of - fer fit - ting thanks for
4. Let beams from glo - rious sun be joined, a
- *5. We, chil - dren all of A - bra - ham, are

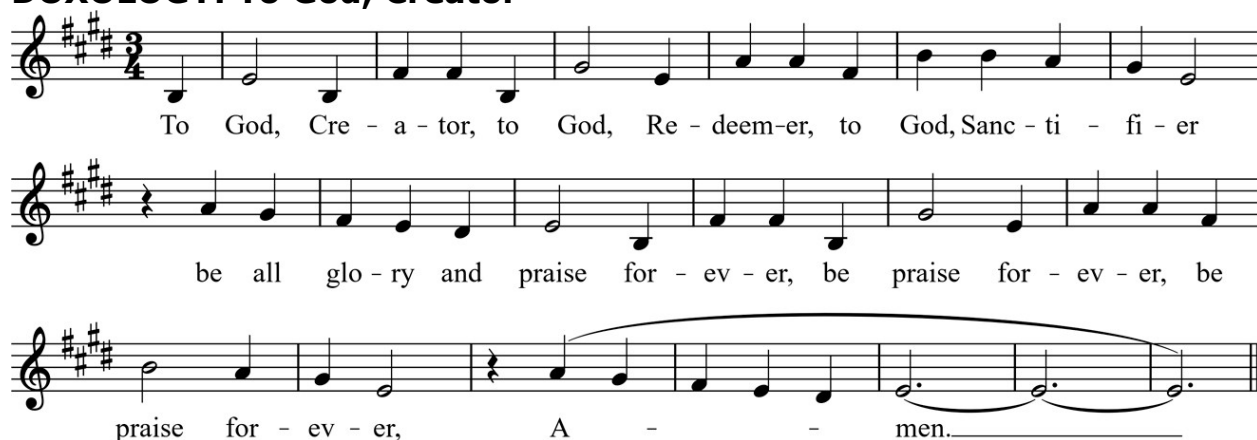


source, E - ter - nal Light. Each col - or, ev - 'ry
na - tion large or small, re - veals the ra - diant
life re - ceived, un - earned? By shin - ing forth and
sym - pho - ny of rays. Let chil - dren born of
Mus - lim, Chris - tian, Jew. Sha - lom, sa - laam, with



shim - m'ring ray re - flects a glo - ry bright.
Ho - ly One, the God who made us all.
pass - ing on the love that we have learned.
Light u - nite in rain - bow - splen - did praise.
you be peace, and al - so, friend, with you.†

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

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, the
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

1. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2. name of the Lord God of

1. hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your
2. hosts. Ho - san - na in the

1. glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
2. high - est. 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.

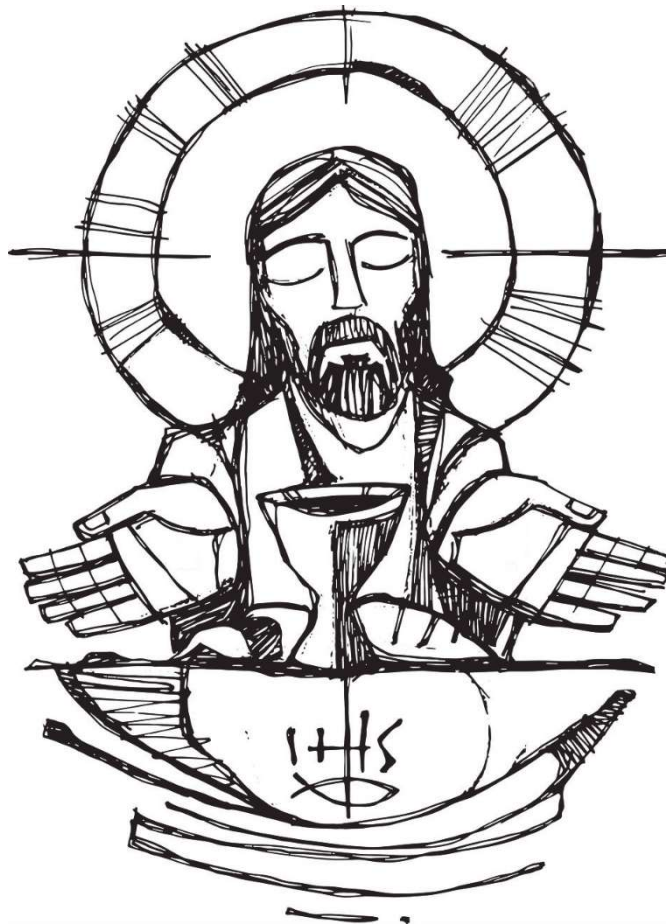
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered

Here in the bread that is bro - ken, here in the cup that is
poured, here in the word that is spo - ken: Je - sus Christ is
Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,
here where the great - est are least, come find a love be - yond
meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Here in the bread that is bro - ken, here in the cup that is'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'poured, here in the word that is spo - ken: Je - sus Christ is'. The third staff has lyrics: 'Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,'. The fourth staff has lyrics: 'here where the great - est are least, come find a love be - yond'. The fifth staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: 'meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.' and ends with a double bar line.

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: Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall
be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -
grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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: God, Breathe New Spirit

1. God, breathe new spir - it; come re - vive our
2. God, dress your church as those re - born with
3. God, save your church from fear and death. O

la - bor and our praise, that we may
new selves you have made. Re move the
let your peo - ple live! From you a -

yet be found a - live to serve the com - ing
gar - ments we have worn now tat - tered, torn, and
- lone we draw each breath, and life is yours to

days. Earth's blood is spilt in end - less
frayed. Clothe us with mer - cy, kind - ness,
give. As Christ called Laz - 'rus from his

strife and hearts are hard as stones. Come,
praise, and peace in all we do, that
tomb, now let your voice be heard. Free

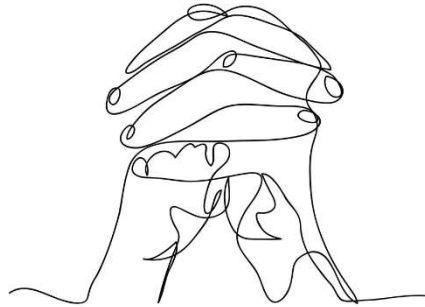
breathe on us and give us life. Raise up these
as one bod - y we may raise a grate - ful
us from grief and guilt and gloom; re - vive us

dry, dry bones.
song to you.
by your word!

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 Donna Hanes; Katherine Domienik; Jasmine Gardner; Tom & Sandy Krell; Frankie Dion; 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; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Beth Smith; Martha Wehba; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; John Kelvin; Rick Gheresi; Rory Heinz; Lynn Vineyard; Emily Lau-Ward & Josh; Louise Lambert; Carole Schwertman; the St. Peter family; the Schlanbusch family; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Nicoletta Palazzolo; Lucy Smith & family; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Leo Bradley, Jr.; Betty Brogan; Dave Farrell; the Biehl family; the DiGaetano family; the family of Dolora Paull; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Sue Miller; the family of Carolyn Siewert.

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

**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

***Please send all bulletin submissions to
bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org***

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!

CHOIR

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

GIVING TREE

Starting **today**, Grace will be collecting Christmas gifts for formerly homeless families in Macomb County. The tree is located in the parish hall, with ornaments for the requested items. Choose one or more ornaments, purchase the items, and return them to Grace unwrapped. Please place the items under the tree, in the office, or contact Christa Carpenter at Hearts for Homes directly: (586) 663-6246. Items collected daily; the deadline for drop-offs is **December 21**. The gifts collected this year will provide assistance to our families throughout the coming year. Thank you for your warm and giving hearts!

SANTA PARADE

Please join us for the Santa Parade next **Saturday, November 22**. The parade starts at **10 AM** and goes right in front of our church. We'll have tables set up to give away coffee, hot chocolate, and homemade cookies, and a table to receive donations of blankets and coats. We'll also be giving tours of our church. We invite you to come and volunteer and/or march in the parade with other parishioners behind our Grace banner! Gathering place and location to be determined. We have a few wheelchairs available to push people who need assistance!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, November 23**, is Stewardship Sunday. Please bring your pledge cards to either service; there will be blank cards available at church in case you need one. Join us for a brunch after the 10:30 service, prepared by Scott Satterly.





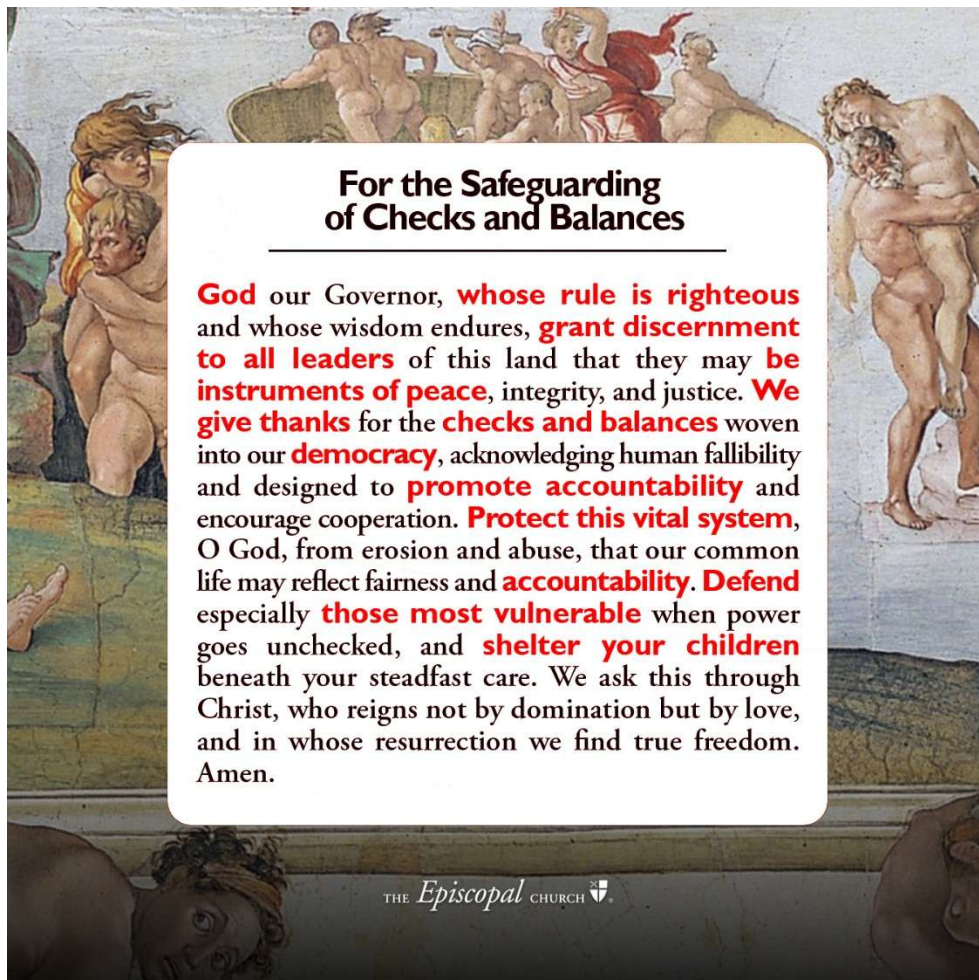
THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

I enjoy worshipping with all sorts of people from all walks of life. I like the way we walk up to receive Communion. Outreach is something we really are good at. Music is excellent especially with Josh and the choir.

—Martha Houser

I first started coming to Grace when I was dating my wife. It started with the youth group. I liked it so much I started to come to church services with her. Everyone seemed so welcoming I just kept coming. Eventually we were married here. It just feels like home to me now.

—Ernie Simon



For the Safeguarding of Checks and Balances

God our Governor, **whose rule is righteous** and whose wisdom endures, **grant discernment to all leaders** of this land that they may **be instruments of peace**, integrity, and justice. **We give thanks** for the **checks and balances** woven into our **democracy**, acknowledging human fallibility and designed to **promote accountability** and encourage cooperation. **Protect this vital system**, O God, from erosion and abuse, that our common life may reflect fairness and **accountability**. **Defend** especially **those most vulnerable** when power goes unchecked, and **shelter your children** beneath your steadfast care. We ask this through Christ, who reigns not by domination but by love, and in whose resurrection we find true freedom. Amen.

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