



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The Second Sunday After Pentecost *June 7, 2026*

*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: This Is The Day!**

*Please stand as you are able*

This is the day, this is the day, That the  
Lord has made, that the Lord has made. We will re-joyce,  
we will re-joyce, And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will re-joyce and be glad in it. This is the day,  
this is the day, That the Lord has made.

**ACCLAMATION**

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

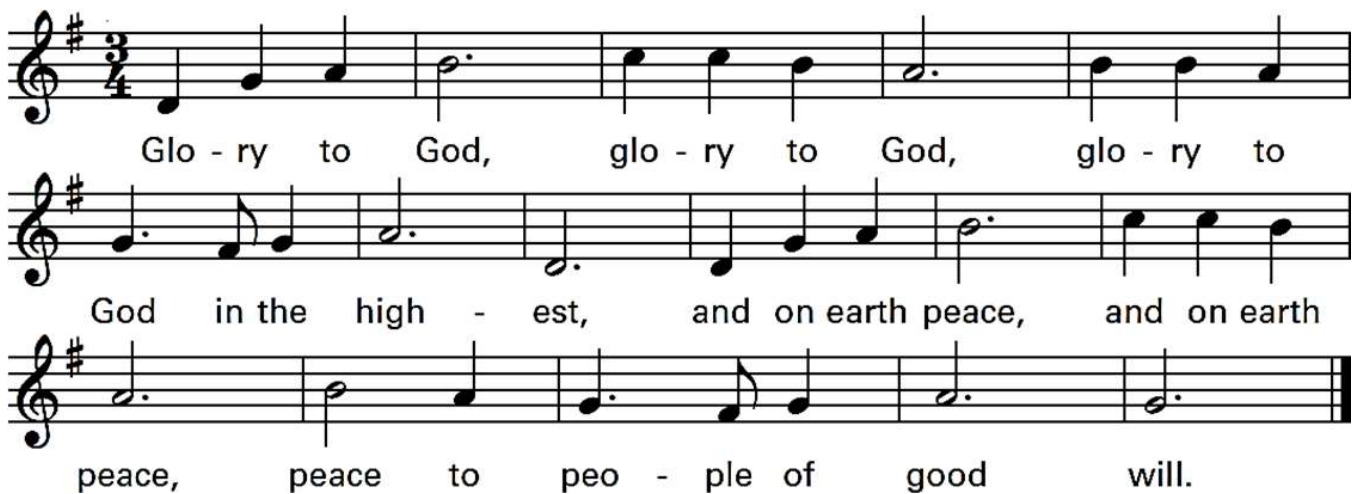
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

*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



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to  
God in the high - est, and on earth peace, and on earth  
peace, peace to peo - ple of good will.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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: **Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith***

*Next Week's Readers: **Ann & Dave Farrell***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING** Hosea 5:15-6:6

*Reader* A reading from the book of Hosea.

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment

goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSE** Psalm 50:7-15 – *Deus deorum*

<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>9</sup>I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,\*  
**nor he-goats out of your pens;**

<sup>10</sup>For all the beasts of the forest are mine,\*  
**the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

<sup>11</sup>I know every bird in the sky,\*  
**and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.**

<sup>12</sup>If I were hungry, I would not tell you,\*  
**for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,\*  
**or drink the blood of goats?**

<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving\*  
**and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble;\*  
**I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”**

**SECOND READING** Romans 4:13-25

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

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead

(for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN: People Get Ready**

*Please stand as you are able*

1. Peo - ple get read - y, there's a train a - com - ing. You  
 2. Peo - ple get read - y. there's a train to Jor - dan.

don't need no bag - gage, you just get on board. All you  
 Pick - ing up pas - sen - gers from coast to coast.

need is faith\_ to hear the die - sels hum - ming.  
 Faith is key, — o - pen the doors and board\_ them.

Don't need no tick - et, you just thank the Lord.  
 There's hope for all \_\_\_\_\_ a-mong the loved the most.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no

need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**HOMILY** The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

*Please be seated*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Please stand as you are able*

*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**

*Leader* Holy and gracious God, you created us in your image. Help us to recognize and honor your image in ourselves and in one another, especially those whom we are at odds with. God our Creator,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and life-giving God, look with compassion on all those in this world suffering from violence and broken relationships. We especially pray for women and children living in poverty and those living in fear of abuse. God of Hope,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and faithful God, hear our prayers for all your people who are silent because of oppression, and for those who feel that their voices are not heard. God who speaks,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and magnificent God, you have filled the earth with beauty and diversity. Look graciously upon all of us with our varied gifts, characteristics, and qualities and give us all a respect for the dignity of others that we may treat all people with love and care. God of Grace,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* All-knowing God, you see the pain of your people who suffer and fear because of war, especially those in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, and Sudan; may you comfort them and keep them safe. Open the eyes of all those who advocate for and promote war that they may see their atrocities and pursue peaceful resolutions. God of Peace,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings and wisdom we have received from those who have died. Receive them into eternal life and comfort those who mourn. God of Abundant Life,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Healing God, we pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our prayer list. Are there others?

May you bless, comfort and heal those who are struggling with physical, emotional, social, and relational pain, especially those affected by the ongoing Ebola outbreak. God of Healing,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Nurturing God, 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. God of Caring,

**People Hear our prayer.**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

*Celebrant:*

In the name of the true and living Holy One, who made us for love, who saved us by love, and who loves us still. **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: The God Of Abraham Praise



1. The God of A-bra-ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a-bove; The  
2. Your Spir - it still flows free, High surg-ing where it will; In  
3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant-ed in the soul; Your



1. an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love! The  
2. proph-et's word you spoke of old And you speak still. Es -  
3. love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll. We



1. Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heav'n con-fessed, We  
2. tab-lished is your law, And change - less it shall stand, Deep  
3. praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho - ly name; The



1. bow be - fore your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blessed.  
2. writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.  
3. first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

## DOXOLOGY

*Please stand as you are able*



Let's praise God for ea - ch good thing.



All cre - a - tion, sho - ut and sing!



Praise three per - sons, yet one Love:



Ma - ker, Sa - viour, Ho - ly Dove!



A - men.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues:*

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your Word and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion, you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice and mercy. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you as we sing:

## SANCTUS

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
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:*

Lord, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who suffered for the salvation of the world, you reveal the glory and power of your love.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Embracing our humanity, he taught us the way of salvation. Loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us. Dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

On the night you gave up your Son for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

Look with favor on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, free the oppressed and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen. Alleluia!**



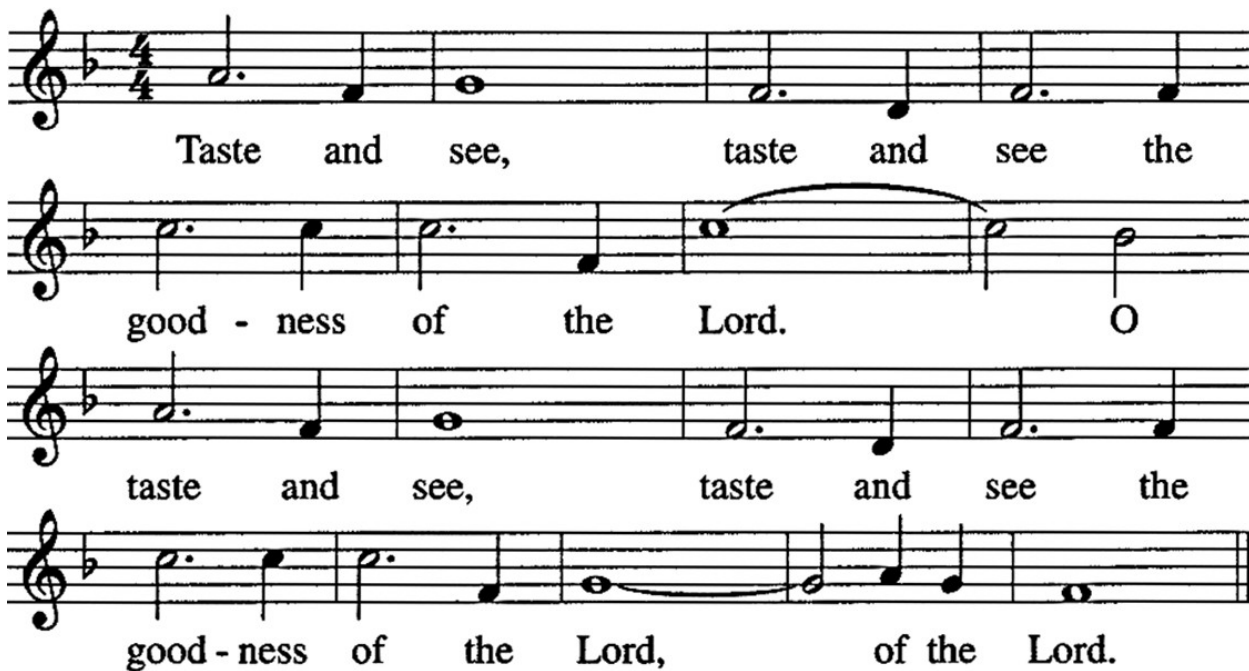
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.**

## FRACTION



Taste and see, taste and see the  
good - ness of the Lord. O  
taste and see, taste and see the  
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Celebrant* Taste and see that our God is good; come to the banquet table with joy and thanksgiving!

## COMMUNION

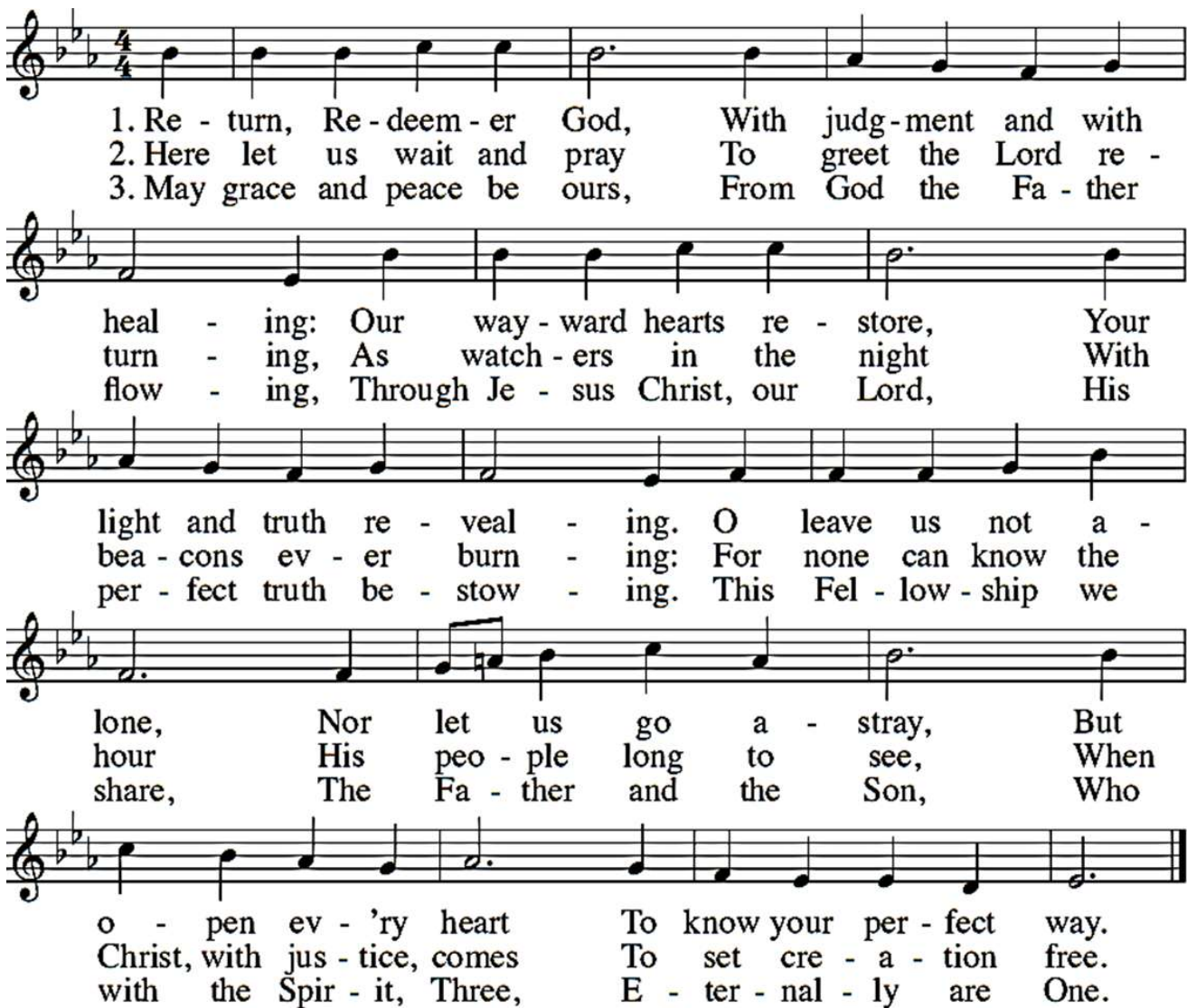
*Please be seated*

### 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: Return, Redeemer God



1. Re - turn, Re - deem - er God, With judg - ment and with  
2. Here let us wait and pray To greet the Lord re -  
3. May grace and peace be ours, From God the Fa - ther

heal - ing: Our way - ward hearts re - store, Your  
turn - ing, As watch - ers in the night With  
flow - ing, Through Je - sus Christ, our Lord, His

light and truth re - veal - ing. O leave us not a -  
be - cons ev - er burn - ing: For none can know the  
per - fect truth be - stow - ing. This Fel - low - ship we

lone, Nor let us go a - stray, But  
hour His peo - ple long to see, When  
share, The Fa - ther and the Son, Who

o - pen ev - 'ry heart To know your per - fect way.  
Christ, with jus - tice, comes To set cre - a - tion free.  
with the Spir - it, Three, E - ter - nal - ly are One.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

*Celebrant and People say together:*

**Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

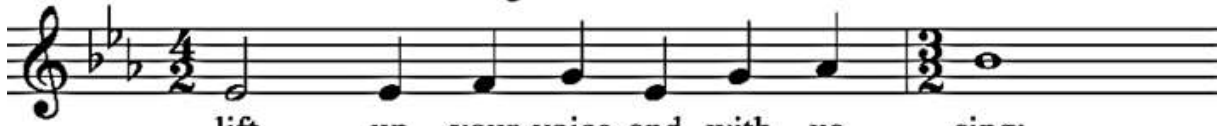
## BLESSING

May God lead you in marvelous ways and stir your inmost being to be light and love to those around you, and may the Blessing of God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier—be upon you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

**CLOSING HYMN: All Creatures Of Our God And King**



1. All crea - tures of our God and King,  
 2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft,  
 3. And ev - 'ry one of ten - der heart,  
 4. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless,



lift up your voice and with us sing:  
 O clouds that ride the winds a - loft:  
 for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part:  
 and wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sing your prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sing your prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sing your prais - es! Sing your prais - es!



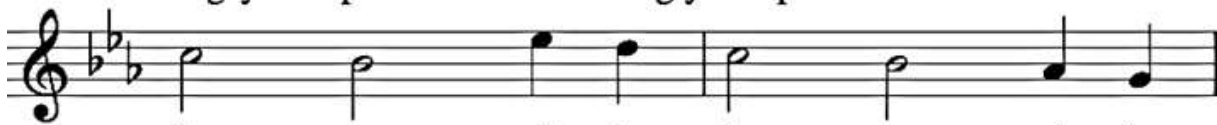
O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam  
 O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,  
 All you who pain and sor - row bear,  
 Praise God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



and sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
 O lights of eve - ning, find a voice:  
 praise God and cast on God your care:  
 and God the Spir - it, Three in One!



Sing your prais - es! Sing your prais - es! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! A - men.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Our time of worship has now ended. Go in peace to love God and to love 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 our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; 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; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Ghersi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy Harp; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffey; Frank Davis; Jerry Gardner; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober; Tish Mastro-Burns; Gary Cynowa; Linda Hurley; Fran Merlo; Dave Sisson.

*Do you know someone who can use our prayers?*

*Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.*

## The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH

### 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 250-500 people every month*

#### Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4  
35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035  
*Packing for the 2026-27 school year begins in October*

**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](mailto: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!

### GARDENS OF GRACE

Please see the *Amazing Grace* newsletter (available at both entrances and online) for monthly updates and ways you can help out. Need service hours? This is a great way to earn them!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We're looking for two more people to help with a simple, short fundraiser: parking for the Mount Clemens fireworks on **Friday, June 26**, beginning around **5:30 PM**. Contact Lori Simon if you're interested.

## **HEARTS FORE HOMES**

Tickets for the annual Hearts FORE Homes charity golf outing on **Friday, June 26** are on sale at <https://hearts4homes.org/golf-outing/>. Check it out!

## **BOOK CLUB**

The book club will meet at Grace on **Thursday, July 9** at **6 PM**. We're hoping to see you there to discuss the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by author Shelby Van Pelt. This is a beautiful story of the interactions between an octopus named Marcellus and Tova, a cleaning lady for an aquarium. Bonus: The film with the same title is available on Netflix and follows the storyline very well, with Sally Field as Tova. Reading the book now and then watching the movie in early July will make for a good discussion at our next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Strevel.

## **For Human Rights Defenders and Anti-Corruption Advocates**

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God of **justice** and patient mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, we turn to you with **deep urgency**, praying for justice, protection, and **healing for our siblings** throughout the world who defend human rights and expose corruption. **Strengthen all who suffer** for the sake of truth and the protection of human dignity and sustain them in hope as they labor for a world more fully reflecting your kingdom amid the brokenness of our own. **We pray** especially for **our sister Ruth López**, head of Cristosal's anti-corruption unit and a human rights defender who was **imprisoned** one year ago in **El Salvador** after **speaking out** against corruption. **Grant her**, her family and loved ones, courage, protection, and **renewed hope**, and move the hearts of leaders and nations toward truth, accountability, and justice. All this we ask in the name of your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who stood in solidarity with the oppressed and called the world toward justice, mercy and peace. Amen.