

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 21, 2026 – The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

8:30 Bulletin

## 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!

## OPENING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation



1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three-in - One,



1. She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
2. Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
3. She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more,
4. And with the saints, com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
3. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
4. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
3. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee.

**ACCLAMATION** *BCP p. 355*

*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** *BCP p. 356*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 Reader: **Cheryle Kahl***  
*Next Sunday: Combined 10 AM service at ALC*  
*In two weeks: **Cheryle Kahl***

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Please be seated*

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 69: 8-20**

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

<sup>8</sup>Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,\*  
**and shame has covered my face.**

<sup>9</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred,\*  
**an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>10</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;\*  
**the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

<sup>11</sup>I humbled myself with fasting,\*  
**but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>12</sup>I put on sack-cloth also,\*  
**and became a byword among them.**

<sup>13</sup>Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,\*  
**and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you,\*  
**at the time you have set, O Lord:**

<sup>15</sup>"In your great mercy, O God,\*  
**answer me with your unfailing help.**

<sup>16</sup>Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;\*  
**let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>17</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;\*  
**do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.**

<sup>18</sup>Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;\*  
**in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>19</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;\*  
**be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

<sup>20</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me;\*  
**because of my enemies deliver me."**

## **SECOND READING** Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

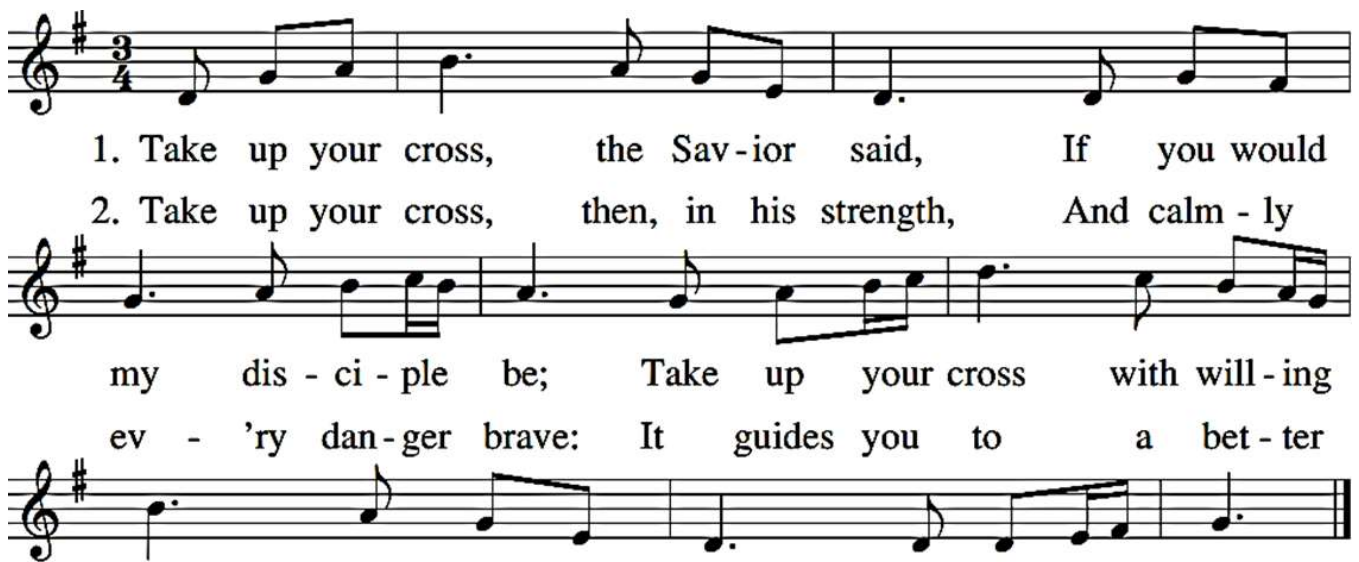
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be

enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**ANTIPHON** *Sung both before and after the Gospel*  
*Please stand as you are able*



1. Take up your cross, the Sav-ior said, If you would  
2. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly  
my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with will - ing  
ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a bet - ter  
heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Please be seated*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

*The Leader and people pray responsively:*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially  
Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, Sudan, and Congo;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and  
oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and  
the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the  
Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie our diocesan Bishop,  
and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of our Grace family, and  
for those on our prayer list. Are there others you would like to  
add?

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your  
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your  
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of**

**life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**

## **FATHER'S DAY BLESSING**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have grounded your creation in steadfast love and faithfulness. We thank you today for the gift of these men—fathers, grandfathers, and father figures—whom you have called to be in relation to others.

Grant them, O Lord, a deep and enduring faith, that they may look to you as their source of strength and wisdom. Fill them with your steadfast love, so that they may mirror your grace in all that they do. Teach them to trust in you through times of joy and seasons of trial, anchored always in your unchanging promises.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may love you with all their heart, and practice a radical love of neighbor in their daily lives. Bless their relationships and deepen their devotion to their loved ones and grant them the grace to care gently for themselves, knowing they are your beloved sons.

**May the God of Joseph be your fountain of life to bless you and give you health and happiness, so that you may be a blessing to your family and to all who are in your care.**

Watch over them, sustain them, and let your peace, which passes all understanding, keep their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. **AMEN.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please be seated*

## **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 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:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist, who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus our Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we

ask through your Son Jesus our Christ. For it is by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *BCP p. 364*

*Celebrant:*

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *BCP p. 366*

*Please stand as you are able*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

May God the Father, who created you and loves you, give you courage to walk in faith. May God the Son, who redeemed you, show you how to love your neighbor. May God the Holy Spirit, who sustains you, fill your homes and hearts with peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—be upon you, your families, and those you love, this day and forevermore. **AMEN.**



## CLOSING HYMN: Abba, Father

Refrain *Ab - ba,* *Ab - ba, Fa -*

Verses 1. Mold us, mold us and fash - ion  
 2. Fa - ther, may we be one in  
 3. Glo - ry, glo - ry and praise to

*ther.* *You are the pot - ter;*

1. us in - to the im - age of  
 2. you. May we be one in you as  
 3. you. Glo - ry and praise to you for -

*we are the clay,* *the work of your*

1. Je - sus, your Son, of Je - sus, your  
 2. he is in you, and you are in  
 3. ev - er, a - men, for - ev - er, a -

*hands.* (to Verses or Final) *Ab - ba!*

1. Son.  
 2. him.  
 3. men. (to Refrain)

*Final*

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. 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; Martha Wehba; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Gherisi; 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; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffey; Frank Davis; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober; Tish Mastro-Burns; Gary Cynowa; Linda Hurley; Fran Merlo; Dave Sisson; Betty Gillis; David Schihl; Martha Houser; Stacy Wagenknecht; Matthew Smith; Robert Tuten.

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

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

## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please send all bulletin submissions to  
[bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org](mailto:bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org)*

### **COMBINED SERVICE**

Please join us for a single combined service with our friends at American Lutheran Church next **Sunday, June 28** at **10 AM**—and stay for lunch!

### **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**

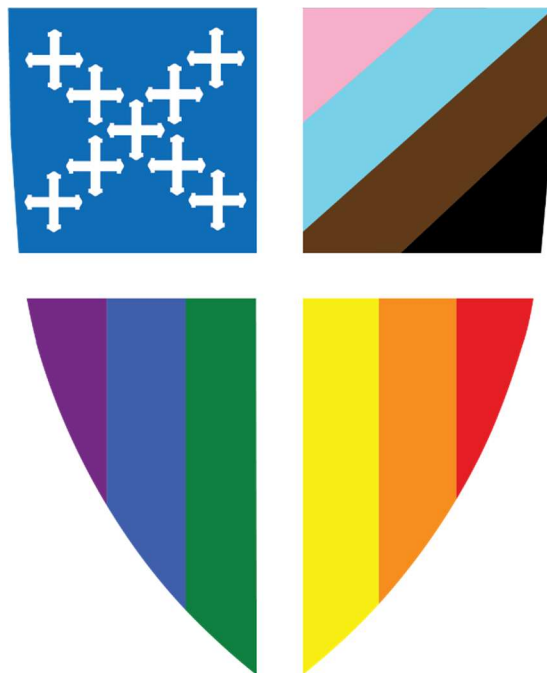
Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves,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

## **GARDENS OF GRACE**

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

## **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 Nations Facing Health Crises

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**Sustaining God**, who provides comfort, healing, and nourishment to the sick and the hungry, **we pray for all people** around the world **experiencing the ongoing effects of USAID cuts** and other reductions in humanitarian programs. **We are grieved by the Ebola outbreak**, famines, and deadly migration crises happening around the world, and **by the loss of humanitarian assistance** that has left many communities with fewer resources to respond to these emergencies. Lord God, **empower us to act responsibly** in the service of others. **Grant countries** with more resources **the wisdom to aid** those that have less, especially wealthy and powerful countries like the United States. **Raise up people of compassion** and courage to serve those in need, that we might bring an end to unchecked disease and hunger. **Be with those who suffer** around the world, **granting them hope**, solidarity, and your presence which never ceases to transform the world. All this we ask through the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Friday, June 26, 2026  
Cracklewood Golf Club  
Shotgun Start 11a.m.



# Hearts **FORE** Homes GOLF OUTING

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