



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost **Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke** *August 2, 2026*

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another

REV. DR. PHILIP HEMKE

PR Hemke was senior pastor at Beautiful Savior in Bloomfield Hills (1989-2008). He has also served as mission developer at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Niagara Falls, Canada (1970-75) and as senior pastor at Lutheran Church of the Atonement in St. Louis, Missouri (1975-89). PR Hemke was the first Director of Church Relations for Samaritas (Lutheran Social Services of Michigan), 2008-17. He has served as an interim in five congregations and earned a doctorate in Christian Stewardship. PR Hemke is married to Joan, who taught first grade and was director of the Early Learning Center at BSLC. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Pastor Hemke enjoys walking (seven miles a day), golf, reading, cooking, and time with Joan and his family.

TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

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

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799
8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

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

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OPENING HYMN: We Will Extol You, Ever-Blessed Lord *Please stand as you are able*



1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your



Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,



psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings



praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

ACCLAMATION

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

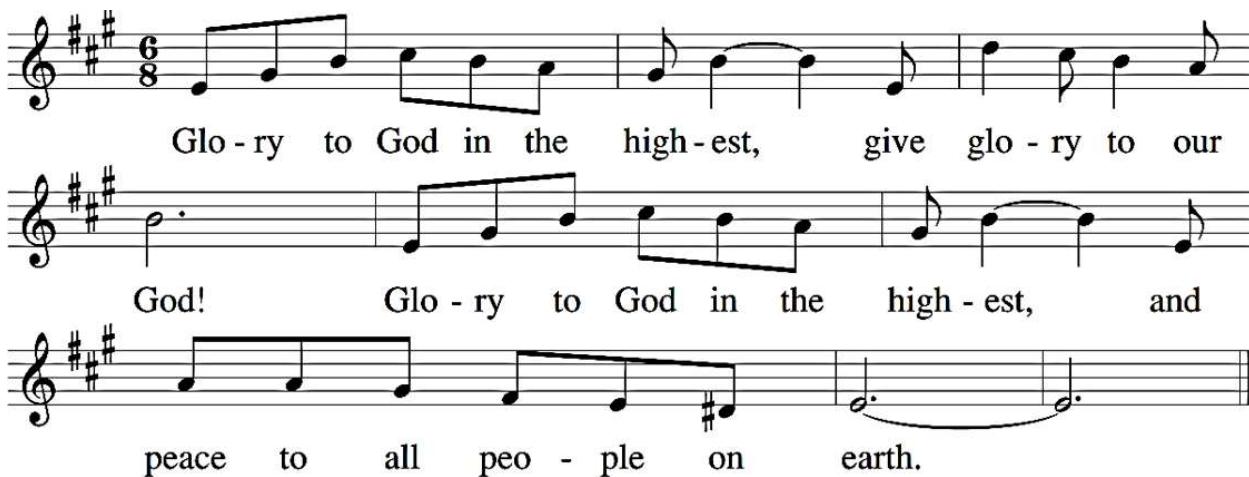
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

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



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: **Nora & Dash Heath***
*Next Week's Readers: **Scot Lau & Lydia Reed***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-5

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

RESPONSE Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22 – *Exaltabo te, Deus*

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,*
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹The Lord is loving to everyone*
and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁵The Lord upholds all those who fall;*
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,*
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷You open wide your hand*
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

¹⁸The Lord is righteous in all his ways*
and loving in all his works.

¹⁹The Lord is near to those who call upon him,*
to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and helps them.

²¹The Lord preserves all those who love him,*
but he destroys all the wicked.

²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;*
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL HYMN: Whoever You Are, Your Prayer Is Welcome

Please stand as you are able



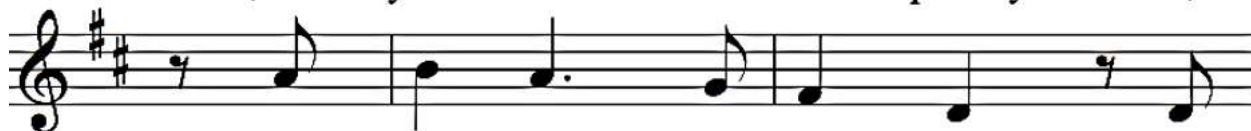
1. Who - ev - er you are, your prayer is
2. What - ev - er your need, your prayer is
3. What - ev - er you feel, your prayer is
4. What - ev - er you bring, your prayer is



wel - come: come pil - grim, come seek - er, come
wel - come: your yearn - ing, your strug - gle, your
wel - come: your an - ger, your heart - ache, frus -
wel - come: your glad - ness, your sor - row, your



out - cast, come guest. You can o - pen your heart,
hun - ger for bread. You can o - pen your heart,
tra - tion, and pain. You can o - pen your heart,
doubt, and your fears. You can o - pen your heart,



for God's heart is o - pen, and
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for God's heart is o - pen, and
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God is our shel - ter, our ref - uge and rest.
God sets a ta - ble where all shall be fed.
God's grace and mer - cy are fall - ing like rain.
God will be with us through laugh - ter and tears.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

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

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke

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 and the earthquake in Venezuela. God of Healing,

People **Hear our prayer.**

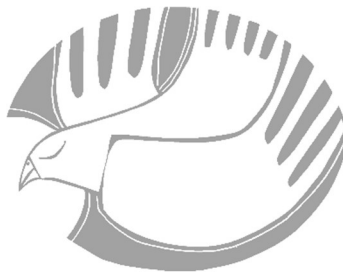
Leader Nurturing God, we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. God of Caring,

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

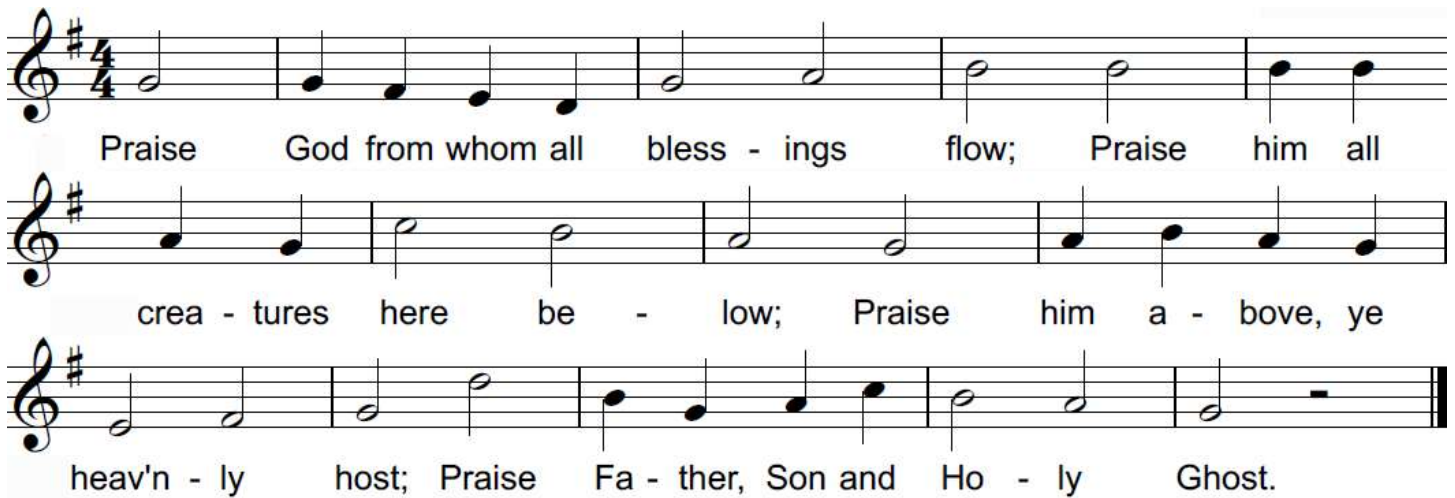


The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". The score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some lines containing three different verses. The hymn concludes with a double bar line on the final staff.

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;
thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,
as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,
great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

DOXOLOGY

Please stand as you are able



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na
in the high - est! — Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord; — Ho - san - na in the 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 are 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



In the break-ing of the bread We have come to know the Lord,
And in drink-ing from the cup We have shared the life of God.

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

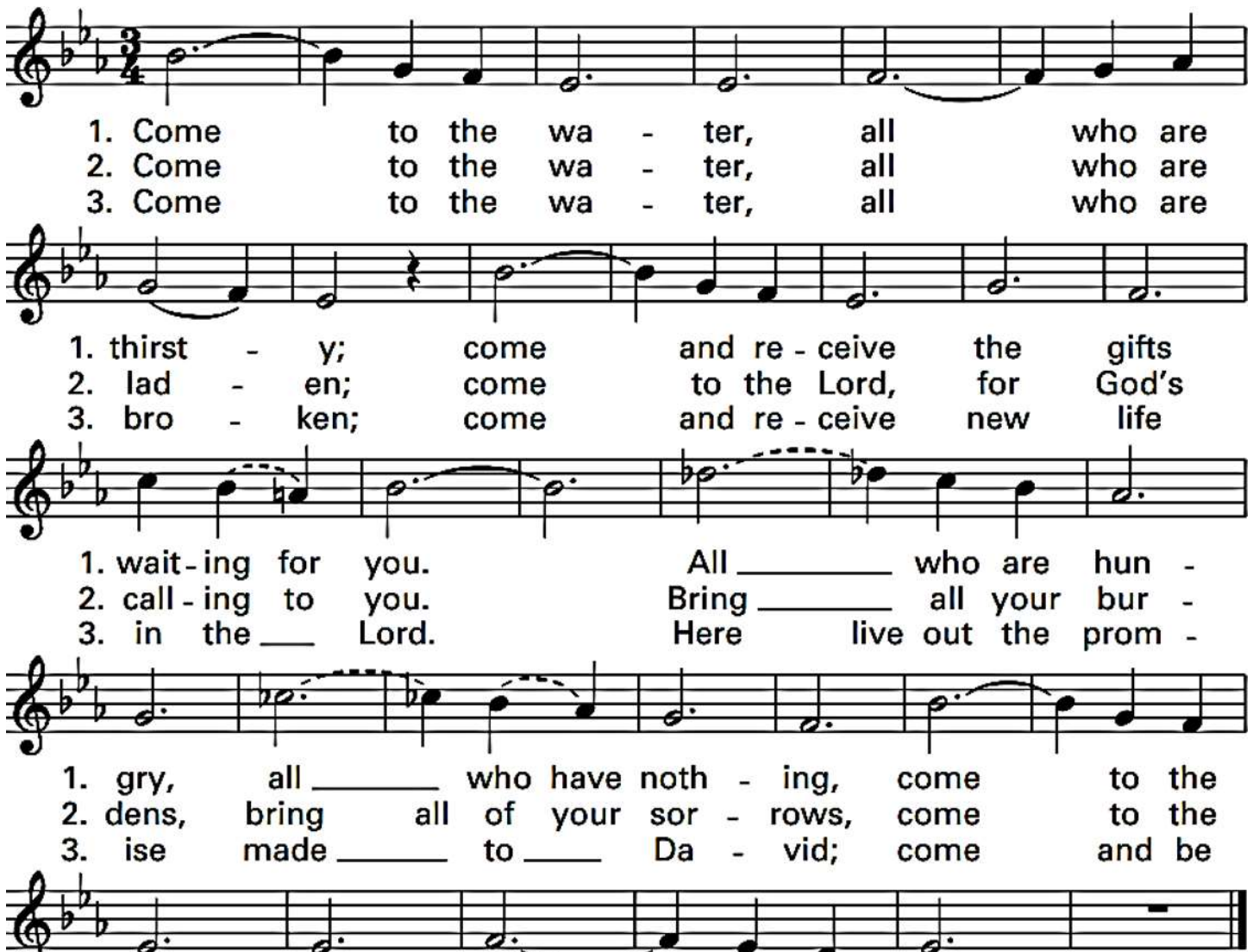
COMMUNION

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: Come To The Water



1. Come to the wa - ter, all who are
2. Come to the wa - ter, all who are
3. Come to the wa - ter, all who are

1. thirst - y; come and re - ceive the gifts
2. lad - en; come to the Lord, for God's
3. bro - ken; come and re - ceive new life

1. wait - ing for you. All _____ who are hun -
2. call - ing to you. Bring _____ all your bur -
3. in the _____ Lord. Here live out the prom -

1. gry, all _____ who have noth - ing, come to the
2. dens, bring all of your sor - rows, come to the
3. ise made _____ to _____ Da - vid; come and be

1. wa - ter, drink of the Lord.
2. wa - ter, drink of the Lord.
3. blessed and drink of the Lord.

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—God our Creator, God our Redeemer, and God our Sanctifier—be upon you this day and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: Go! (Leon Patillo)

1. Go ye there-fore and teach all na-tions, go,
2. If you love me, real-ly love me, feed
go, my sheep. Go ye there-fore and teach all
If you love me, real-ly
na-tions, go, go, my go. sheep. And
love me, feed
Bap-tiz-ing them in the name of the Fa-ther and
lo, I'll be with you for ev-er and ev-er un-
Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Go,
til the ends of the world, go,
go, go, go.

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; Julie E. Schneider-Thomas, 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; 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 Gherzi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; 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; Betty Gillis; David Schihl; Martha Houser; Stacy Wagenknecht; Matthew Smith; Robert Tuten; the Stotz family; Daniel Ranger; Gary Keranen; Leslie Sasges; Louise Lambert.

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

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 and ways you can help out. Need service hours? This is a great way to earn them!

COOKIES NEEDED

Calling all bakers! We need cookies for Pride this year: any variety without nuts, peanut butter, or frosting (or any allergen-free unfrosted baked good) that can fit into a sandwich-size Ziploc bag. Please bring them to the church any time before **6 PM this Friday, August 7**. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at Grace on **Thursday, September 10** at **6 PM** to discuss *The Shadow Box* by Luanne Rice. Reviews of this book describe it as a thriller mystery with multiple and seamless twists and turns. If you have any questions, please call Ann Strevel. Looking forward to seeing you!

For a Creation Consumed by Fire

God of creation, who **entrusted the Earth** to our faithful care, **we grieve** that the recent wildfires in Canada are but **one sign of a creation burdened by changing climate** and the consequences of human choices. We pray for all who suffer from extreme heat, drought, storms, rising seas, fire, and the loss of homes, livelihoods, and habitats. **Strengthen those who protect lives** and restore the land, and **grant wisdom and courage** to leaders, communities, and each of us to pursue the changes needed to safeguard your creation. **Where we have failed** in our stewardship, we pray, O Lord, that you would **help us amend our ways**, repair what we have damaged, and under the guidance of your Holy Spirit, **work with you** for the healing of the Earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.