



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost *September 6, 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 and follow the links.

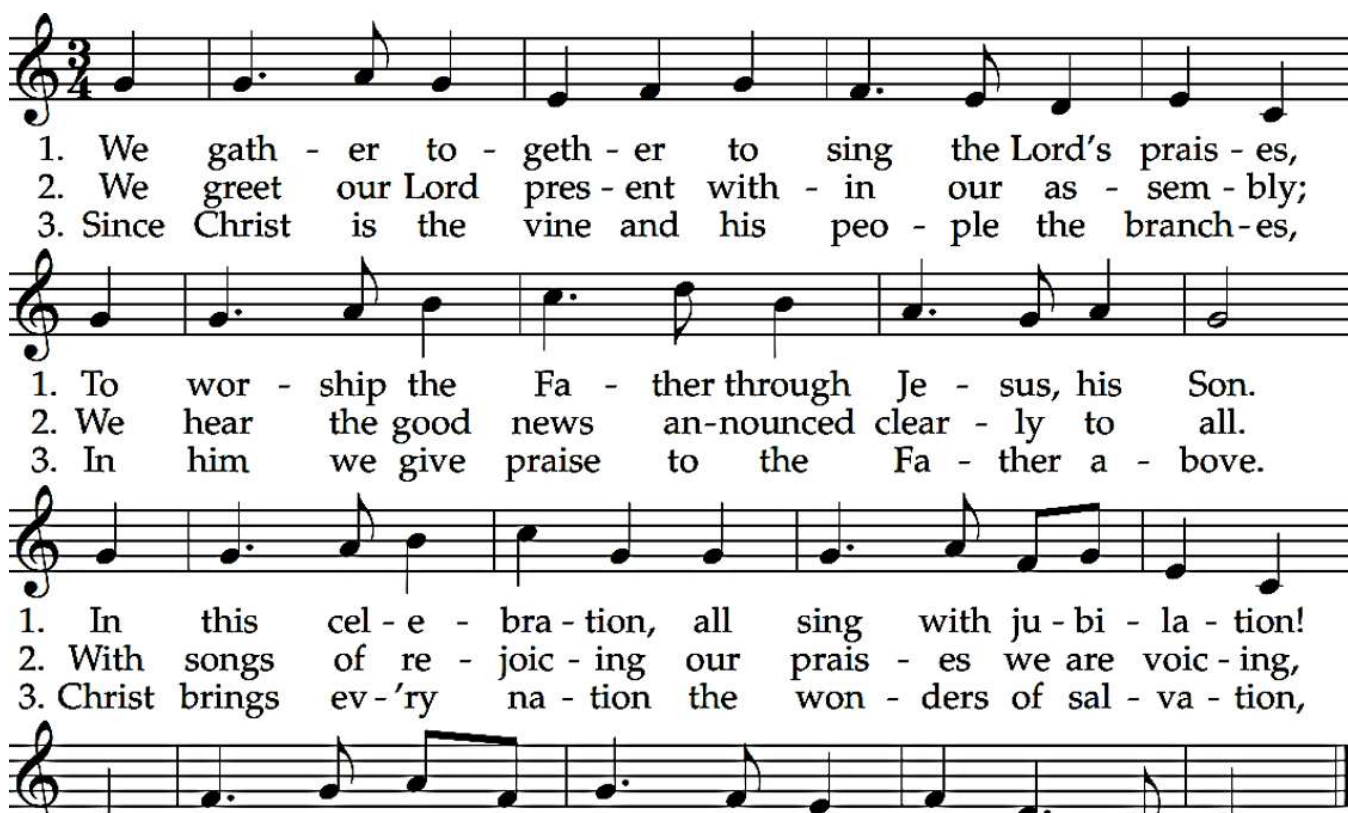
To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799
8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

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

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OPENING HYMN: We Gather Together

Please stand as you are able



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to sing the Lord's prais - es,
2. We greet our Lord pres - ent with - in our as - sem - bly;
3. Since Christ is the vine and his peo - ple the branch - es,

1. To wor - ship the Fa - ther through Je - sus, his Son.
2. We hear the good news an - nounced clear - ly to all.
3. In him we give praise to the Fa - ther a - bove.

1. In this cel - e - bra - tion, all sing with ju - bi - la - tion!
2. With songs of re - joic - ing our prais - es we are voic - ing,
3. Christ brings ev - 'ry na - tion the won - ders of sal - va - tion,

1. We are his ho - ly peo - ple whose free - dom he won.
2. As we in - voke God's bless - ing and an - swer the call.
3. That all may grow in knowl - edge, in faith, hope, and love.

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!

Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God, and peace to his peo-ple, his peo-ple on earth.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

This Week's Readers: Selia Tuten & Gary Stevens

Next Week's Readers: Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

Reader A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Psalm 119:33-40 – *Legem pone*

³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,*
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;*
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Make me go in the path of your commandments,*
for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees*
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;*
give me life in your ways.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
which you make to those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach which I dread,*
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments;*
in your righteousness preserve my life.

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL HYMN: Seek Ye First

Please stand as you are able

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

and seek, his right - eous - ness,
but and you shall find,
there by ev - 'ry word
am I in their midst;

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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 disasters both natural and human-made. 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.**

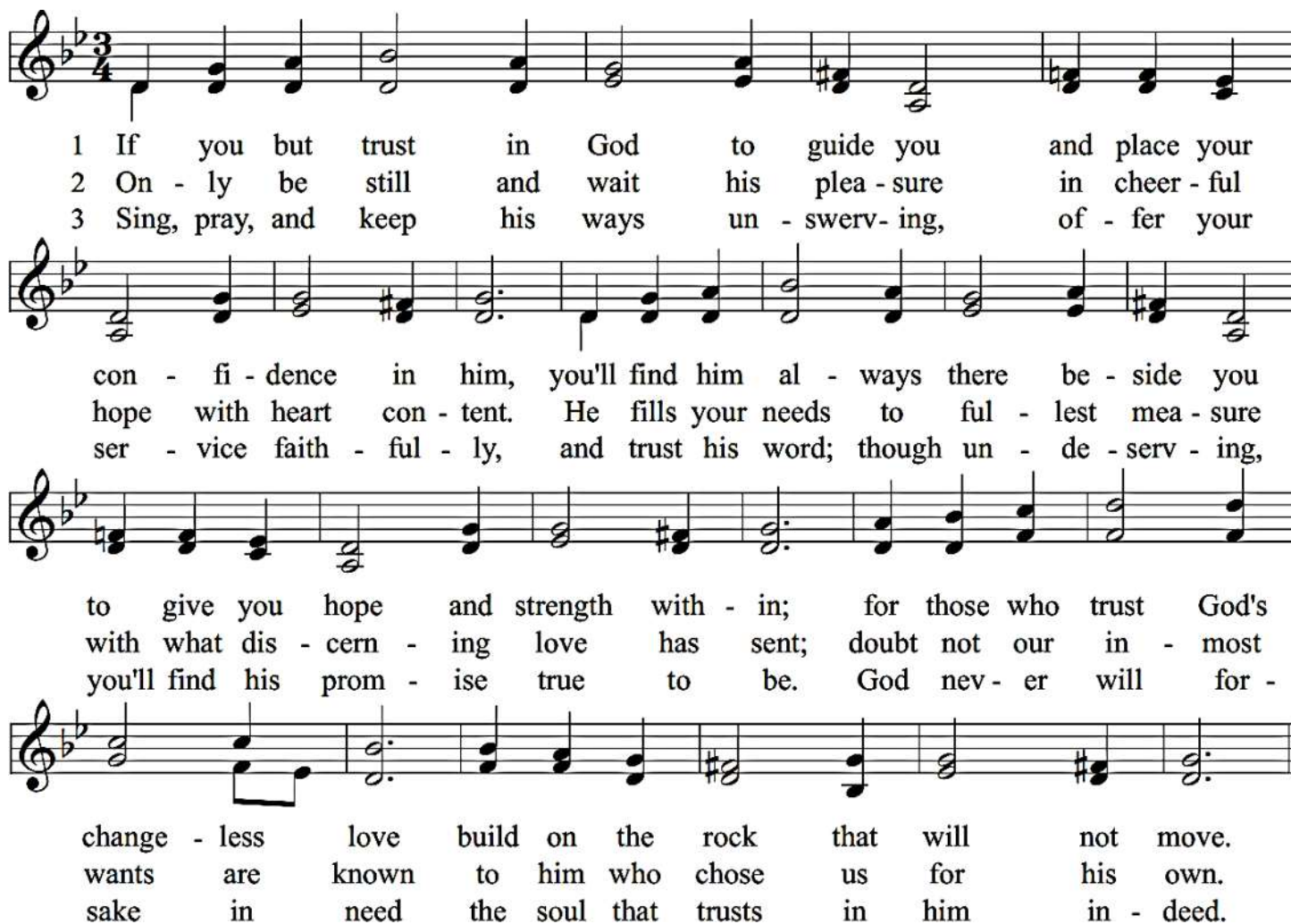
Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated



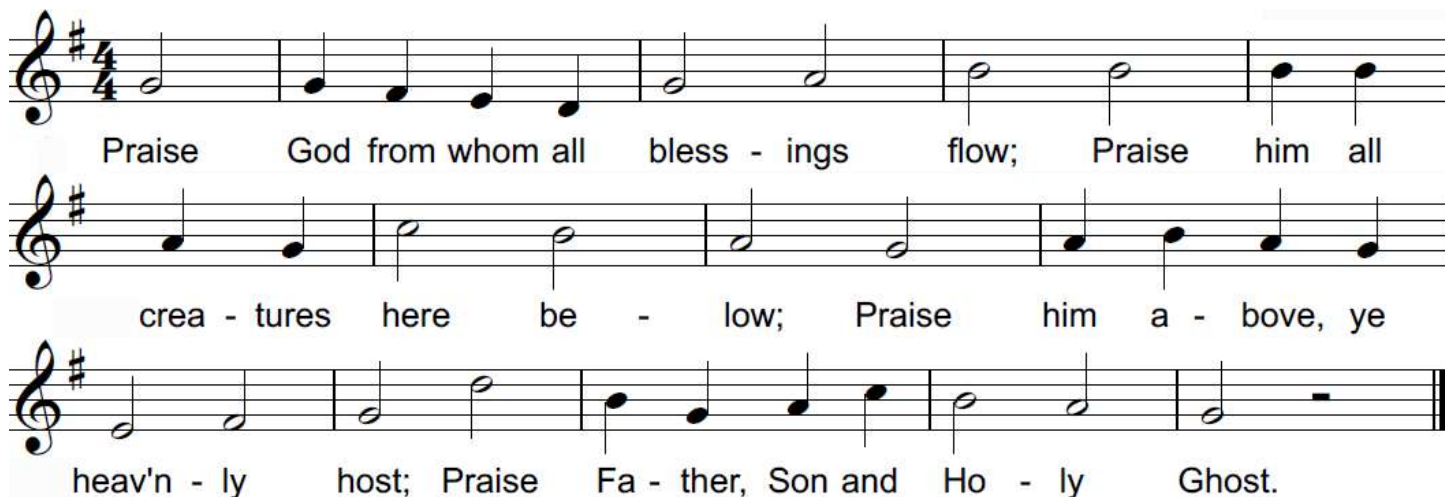
OFFERTORY HYMN: If You But Trust In God To Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your
2 On - ly be still and wait his plea - sure in cheer - ful
3 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your
con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be - side you
hope with heart con - tent. He fills your needs to ful - lest mea - sure
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de - serv - ing,
to give you hope and strength with - in; for those who trust God's
with what dis - cern - ing love has sent; doubt not our in - most
you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er will for -
change - less love build on the rock that will not move.
wants are known to him who chose us for his own.
sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

DOXOLOGY

Please stand as you are able



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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!



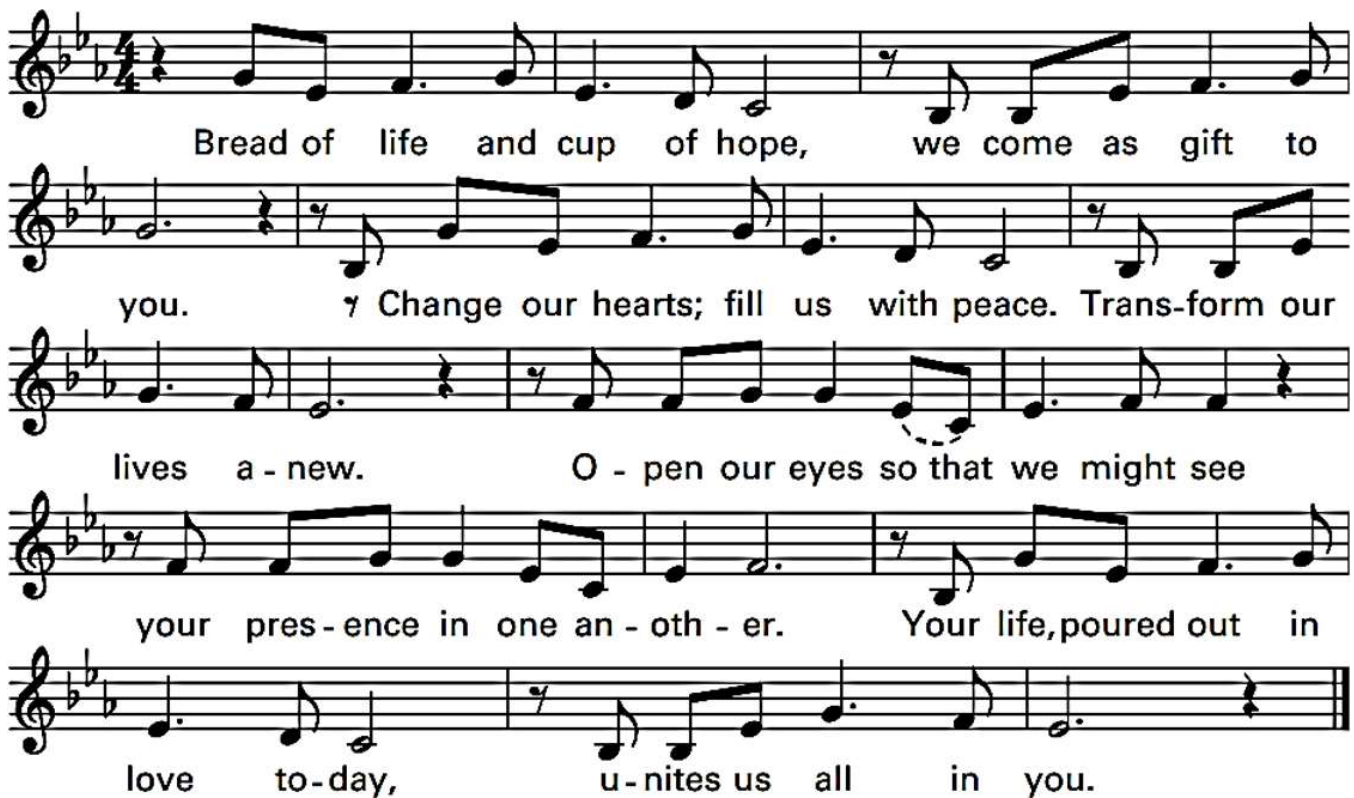
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to
you. Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Trans-form our
lives a - new. O - pen our eyes so that we might see
your pres - ence in one an - oth - er. Your life, poured out in
love to-day, u - nites us all in you.

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: Bring Us Home



1. Bring us home from our wan-d'ring the val - ley of
 2. Bring us home from the dark - ness and bathe us in
 3. Bring us home to the ban - quet, to bread and to
 4. Bring us home to the heav - ens where par - don and



death; come ran - som the peo - ple you filled with your
 light, though long we have stum - bled, and strayed from your
 wine, the fruit of the har - vest, the fruit of the
 peace pass all un - der - stand - ing, where mourn - ing shall



breath. Bring us home from our ex - ile to love's warm em -
 sight. Bring us home to the cir - cle where love has no
 vine. Bring us home to the ta - ble, to Love's sac - ri -
 cease. Bring us home to the king - dom where Love sits en -



brace; come gath - er your chil - dren who long for your
 end, where out - cast and stran - ger are wel - comed as
 fice, of blood and of bod - y, where grace will suf -
 throned, our hope and our prom - ise, our e - ter - nal



face, Bring us home, bring us
 friend, Bring us home, bring us
 fice, Bring us home, bring us
 home, Bring us home, bring us



home, come fill us with breath, bring us home!
 home, come bathe us in light, bring us home!
 home, where grace will suf - fice, bring us home!
 home, till mourn - ing shall cease, bring us home!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

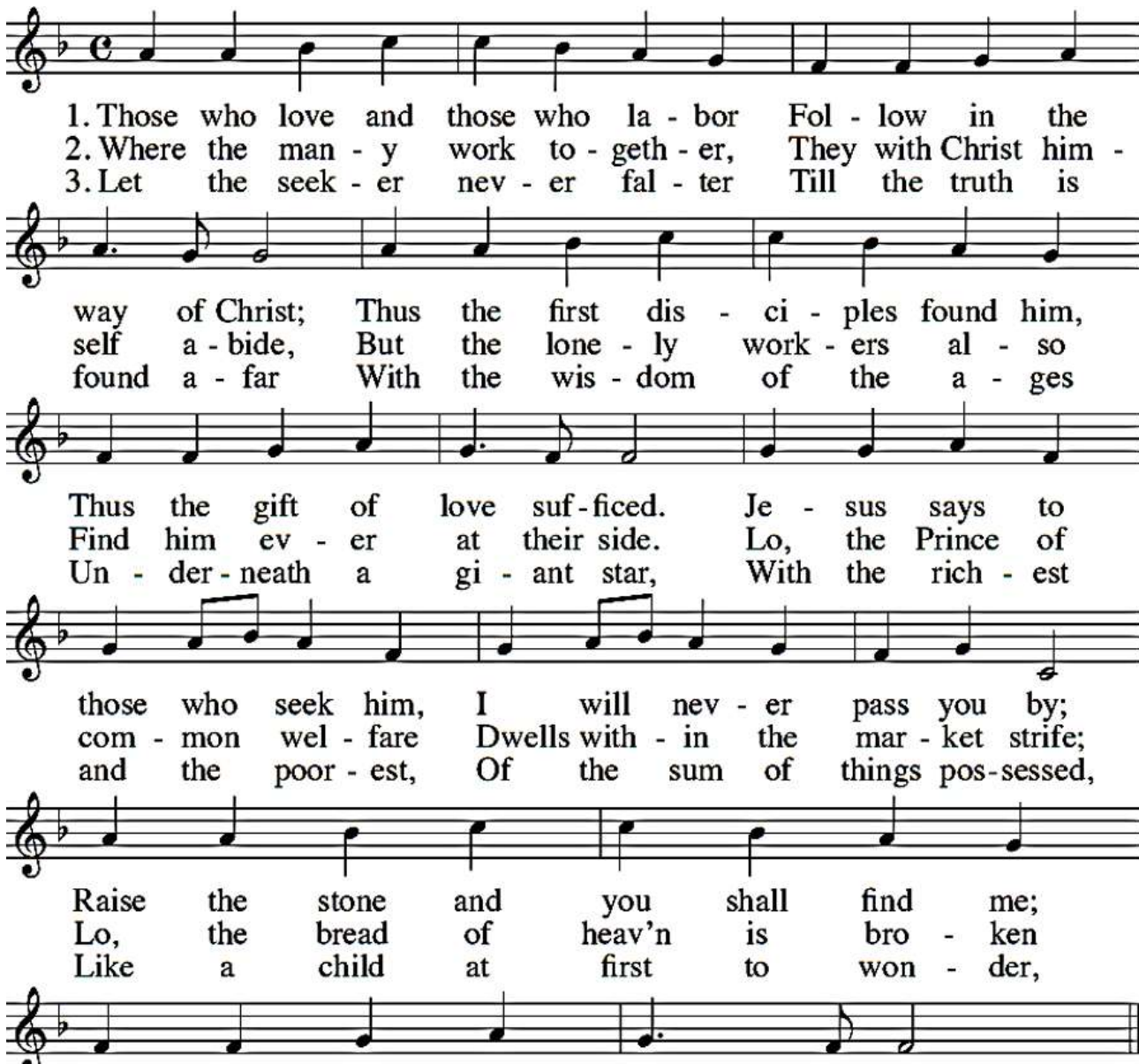
Celebrant and People say together:

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: Those Who Love And Those Who Labor



1. Those who love and those who la - bor Fol - low in the
2. Where the man - y work to - geth - er, They with Christ him -
3. Let the seek - er nev - er fal - ter Till the truth is

way of Christ; Thus the first dis - ci - ples found him,
self a - bide, But the lone - ly work - ers al - so
found a - far With the wis - dom of the a - ges

Thus the gift of love suf - ficed. Je - sus says to
Find him ev - er at their side. Lo, the Prince of
Un - der - neath a gi - ant star, With the rich - est

those who seek him, I will nev - er pass you by;
com - mon wel - fare Dwells with - in the mar - ket strife;
and the poor - est, Of the sum of things pos - sessed,

Raise the stone and you shall find me;
Lo, the bread of heav'n is bro - ken
Like a child at first to won - der,

Cleave the wood, and there am I.
In the sac - ra - ment of life.
Like a king at last to rest.

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 Gherisi; 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; Matthew Smith; Robert Tuten; Daniel Ranger; Gary Keranen; Leslie Sasges; Louise Lambert; Norris Satterly; the Wagenknecht family; Dan Kotesky; Judy Kuase; Brian Negran; Sue Culver.

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!

GARDEN UPDATE

Thank you to all the helping hands we had this year. The moonflowers really took off, so we hope to plant more next year. As the weather cools, we'll start getting the gardens ready for spring, harvesting and planting seeds. More flowers means fewer weeds! You may see leaves left behind; that's good for the soil.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at Grace **this 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 the Protection of Aid Workers

Merciful **God**, who in Jesus **taught us** to see the stranger lying wounded by the road as our neighbor, **we give you thanks** for **all who carry** food, medicine, shelter, and hope into places marked by war and disaster. We give thanks especially for those who **serve at personal risk**, crossing lines of conflict and entering places others must flee. **We lament** that **humanitarian workers** have been **killed**, injured, threatened, or prevented from reaching those in need. We remember **especially South Sudan**, where more than 36 humanitarian workers and contractors have been killed this year. Receive the dead into your eternal peace; **comfort their families** and colleagues; and strengthen those who continue their work amid danger and grief. **Grant** governments and armed groups the **wisdom and restraint** to protect humanitarian workers and allow aid to reach all who need it. Lord, when violence tempts the world toward indifference, do not let compassion become another casualty of war. **Make us neighbors** to one another, following Jesus Christ, who came among us not to be served but to serve. Amen.