



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*September 5, 2021*

*All are welcome to this service of communion;  
All are wanted at the table of the lord.*

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

### **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**

**Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 livestream on our Facebook page.**

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## Opening Hymn: Prosper the Work of Our Hands

Refrain



Pros - per the work of our hands;  
pros - per the work of our hands.  
You are the source of our strength and our life;  
pros - per the work of our hands.

Verses



1. Fa - ther, we of - fer to you  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, light our way;  
3. Spir - it of God, sanc - ti - fy  
1. all that we are and will be.  
2. o - pen our eyes to see you.  
3. all that we do in your name.  
1. Pour out your mer - cy and pour out your grace;  
2. Give us the cour - age to car - ry our cross;  
3. Grant us your wis - dom and grant us your peace;  
1-3. pros - per the work of our hands.

to Refrain

### OPENING ACCLAMATION: from *Feasting on the Word*

**Celebrant:** Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

**People:** We give glory, honor and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.

## GLORIA

*At the early service:*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

*At the later service:*



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria\_\_\_ en - las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,\_\_\_ glo - ry to God\_ on high



y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-qué-llos\_\_\_ que a-ma el Se - ñor.\_\_\_\_\_  
and on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.

## ***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY***

**Celebrant:** May God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

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.**

## ***THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD***

### **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.  
The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.  
Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ***THE RESPONSE***

### **Psalm 125**

#### ***Qui confidunt***

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## THE SECOND READING

### James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church .

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Hymn: Speak Your Word, O Lord

Speak your word, O Lord,— and we shall be healed,—  
we shall be healed,— Lord,— we shall be healed.—  
Call us to your ta-ble and we shall be healed,—  
we shall be healed,— O— Lord.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Christ**

**The Homily: The Rev. Steven Steinberg-Domienik**

*We observe a brief silence for reflection.*

**The Affirmation of our Faith**

*At the early service:*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

*At the later service:*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, O God.

We pray today for all people who struggle for survival: may you bless, comfort and strengthen them. **We pray to you, O God.**

For our state, country and world during this changing time of the pandemic, may we continue to work for the safety of all people as we revise and end social regulations. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of peace in the world that all regional and national violence may end so that all people, groups and nations in conflict may live in harmony. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the world's poor, destitute and homeless: may our political, business and religious institutions work to provide all people with the food, shelter and hope that they need. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of unity, forgiveness and reconciliation in our country, that our diversity may make us strong and our pluralism make us rich. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups in the United States who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasiveness of racism. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all those who are sick or infirmed and for those suffering because of COVID – 19, And for all who have asked for our prayers: **Ena, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz, Janice, Carol, Jennifer, Nina, Frank, Barbara, Helen, Matthew, Jennie, Katherine, Reggie, Pam S, Roy, Karen, Martha, Ollie, Jasmine, Allen, Donna, Tom, Darrell, Marcie, Mark, Annette, Michelle, Frankie, Margaret, Sue, Jeff, Lyndsy, Mary, Dominique, Lianne, Lori, Michael, Amber, Marilee, Eric, Lelsie, Elliott.**

Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch. **We pray to you, O God.**

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace. **We pray to you, O God.**

### Concluding Collect

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

## The Offering Song: Go Down, Moses

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;  
3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;  
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go.  
2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.  
3. and come at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.  
4. and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

## Doxology: To God, Creator

To God, Cre - a - tor, to God, Re - deem - er, to God, Sanc - ti - fi - er  
7 be all glo - ry and praise for - ev - er, be praise for - ev - er, be  
13 praise for - ev - er, A - - - men.

## OFFERTORY BLESSING

Awesome God, Jesus fed thousands of people with seemingly little effort. Yet, we have grave difficulty feeding children in our own country — let alone the entire world. Even while we are praying this prayer, someone has died from starvation and the lack of food. When we share resources with care-giving ministries, your hand is upon our shoulders, just like it was upon Jesus' shoulders the day he fed his followers. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to change lives by becoming generous caregivers of the resources that you first gave to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN. (John 6:1-21)

***Everyone:*** Which we are blessed, we offer our gifts to our God, to carry on the works of Jesus Christ our Lord for all he has given us.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## *Season After Pentecost*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Everyone* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

*Everyone* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

*Everyone at the Early Service*

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

*At the Later Service*

**SANCTUS:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts! Heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na

in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.



# Music for Communion: We Remember You

*Unison*

G/B C D7 Gsus

1 We re-mem-ber you,  
2 Pre-cious, ris - en Lamb,  
we re-mem-ber you;  
Je - sus who was slain,

G Em G/D A/C#

by your sac - ri - fice of love  
now en-throned in glo - ry,  
all glo-ry now is due.  
for-ev - er you will reign.

D G/B C D/C G/B D/F#

At this ta-ble here  
Glad-ly we em - brace  
mer - cy hov - ers near.  
both these signs of grace.

Em7 G/D C Am D7 C/G G

Thanks is of-fered up; in this bread and cup we re-mem-ber you.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### *Everyone*

Gracious God, we thank you for nourishing us with the food of our savior. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit to be beacons of hope and love in your world. For it is through Christ and with all your saints that we offer ourselves and our lives to your service O God. We humbly pray in the name of Jesus your Christ, AMEN.

## BLESSING

### *Celebrant*

May Christ who is human and divine, who is of heaven and earth, give you strength, courage and boldness to do God's will in this world; and may the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be with you this day and forever. AMEN.

## Closing Hymn: 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



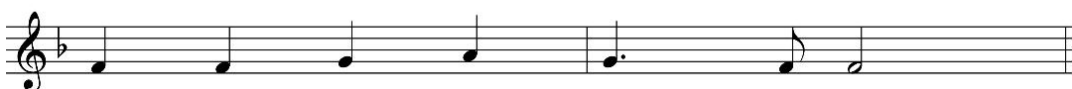
Thus the gift of love suf - ficed. Je - sus says to  
Find him ev - er at their side. Lo, the Prince of  
Un - der - neath a gi - ant star, With the rich - est



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

Priest            Our worship has ended, let our service begin, 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**

For all refugees, especially those at our southern border; for the farmers across our country who are struggling; for Bonnie Perry, our Bishop, for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., our retired bishop; 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 Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; Stewart Wood, our retired bishop; and our whole diocesan household, including Holy Comforter in Dajabon DR, St. John's in Clinton, Holy Cross in Novi; for Gretchen, our Governor; Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz Moorehouse, Janice Kibler, Carol Bales, Jennifer Holland, Nina DiGaetano, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Donna Hanes, Helen Stein, Matthew Bishop, Jennie Berube, Katherine Domienik, Reggie Chrzanowski, Pam Sherry, Roy Lawrence, Karen Blackburn, Ollie Denham, Jasmine Gardner, Allen David Clay, Tom Krell, Martha Houser, Darrell Banks, Marcie Griffin, Mark Hall, Annette Leone, Michelle Grabowski, Frankie Dion, Margaret Marchionda, Sue Schlanbusch, Jeff Lepkowski, Lyndsy O'Malley, Mary Duda, Dominique Czupski, Lianne Neumann, Lori Dodge, Michael Thomas, Amber Bean, Marilee Racine, Eric & Leslie Mix, Elliott, The Seewald Family.

*Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.  
In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.  
Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.*

### **FLOWERS FROM GRACE'S GARDEN**

**If you would like to take home some flower cuttings from our garden, please contact Lori Simon.**

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, September 23, 11 am until 5 pm, here at Grace. To schedule your donation, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/donate](https://RedCrossBlood.org/donate), enter Sponsor Code "grace" and scroll to Grace Episcopal Church.**

### **JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom (*Meeting info will remain as follows each week*)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89732417015?pwd=Z0NkeFQ4L2FFSExYelB3WXovUmFvZz09>  
Meeting ID: 897 3241 7015    Password: 683930    Or call: 312-626-6799**

**The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH**  
*Currently*

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays, online 8:30 & 10:30 am. Visit our website for more information.  
Bible Study: Thursdays at 10 am.

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Community Suppers:**  
Wednesdays at 4:00

**Food Pantry:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 am -12 noon, curbside pickup  
*Serving from 250 - 350 people every month*

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,  
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

*Call the office to learn about helping or giving:  
586-465-4573*

**Grace's Income and Expenses**

**Capital Campaign**

June total expenses: \$20,338.12	August offering income: \$5,559.07	Goal for 2020-22: \$150,000.00
June total income: \$19,840.13	August outreach income: \$482.00	Pledged to date: \$108,850.00
	August rental income: \$00.00	Received to date: \$44,950.00