



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 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*

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LIVESTREAMING OF THE 10:30 SERVICE***

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Opening Hymn: Praise God for this Holy Ground

1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
2 Praise God in whose word we find
3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
4 Praise God's Spi - rit who be - friends,
5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

place and peo - ple sight and sound.
food for bo - dy, soul and mind.
all are loved and called God's own.
rais - es hum - bles, breaks and mends.
where God's will is glad - ly done.

Ha - le - lu-jah! Ha - le - lu-jah! Ha - le - lu - jah! God's

(♩) last time
good - ness is e - ter - nal.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 ***Eructavit cor meum***

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn: Your Words are Spirit and Life

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Spir - it and life, Spir - it and life: Your words, O

Lord, are Spir - it and life. Spir - it and life, Spir - it and

life: Your words, O Lord, are Spir - it and life.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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: As a Chalice Cast of Gold



1. As a chal - ice cast of gold, Burn-ished, bright, and
2. Save me from the sooth-ing sin Of the emp - ty
3. When I bend up - on my knees, Clasp my hands, or
4. When I dance or chant your praise, When I sing a



brimmed with wine, Make me, Lord, as fit to hold
cul - tic deed And the pi - ous, bab-bling din
bow my head, Let my spo - ken, pub - lic pleas
song or hymn, When I preach your lov - ing ways,



Grace and truth and love di - vine. Let my praise and
Of the claimed but un - lived creed. Let my ac - tions,
Be dir - ect - ly, sim - ply said, Free of tan - gled
Let my heart add its A - men. Let each cher-ished,



wor - ship start With the cleans - ing of my heart.
Lord, ex - press What my tongue and lips pro - fess.
words that mask What my soul would plain - ly ask.
out - ward rite Thus re - flect your in - ward light.

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.**

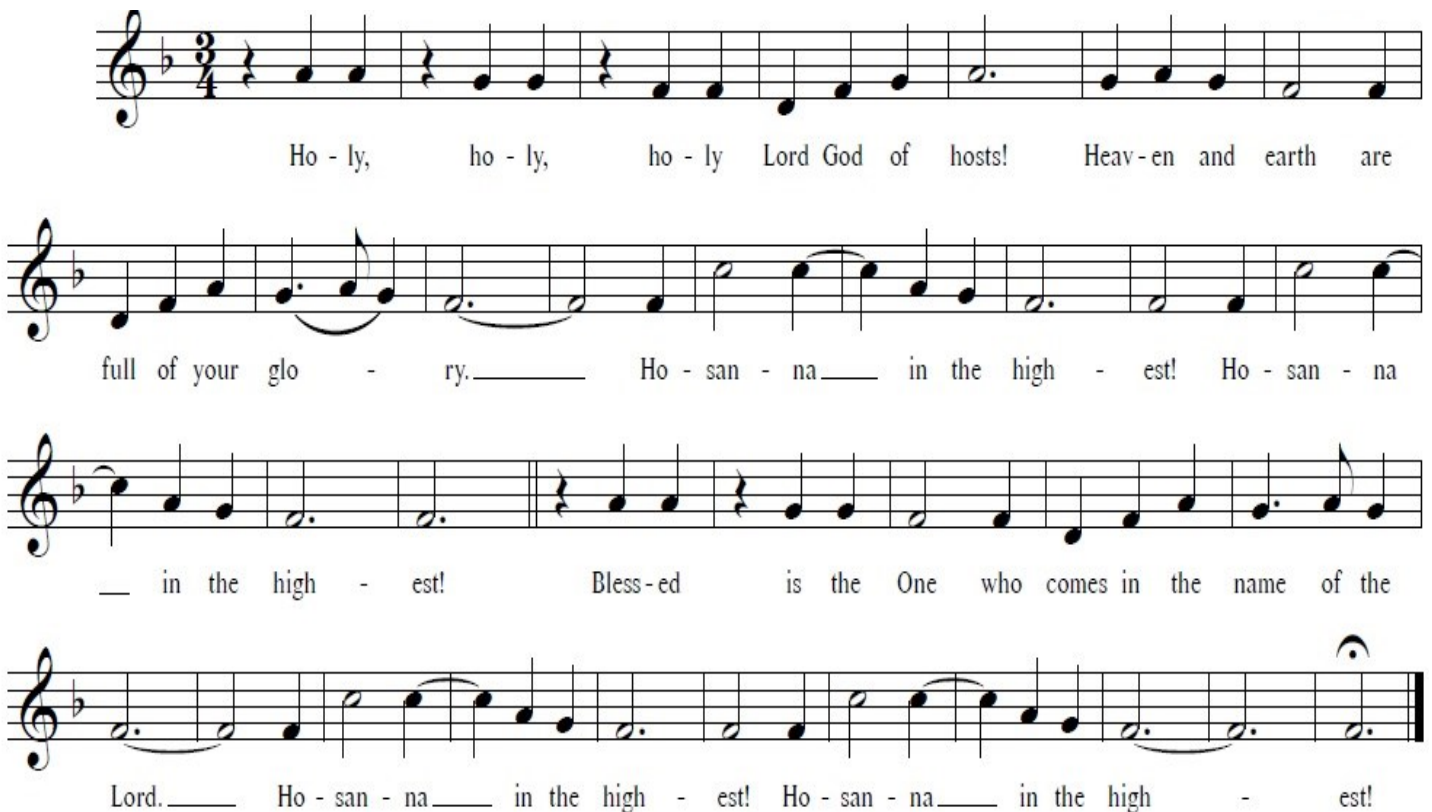
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you 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. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now as our Savior Jesus 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, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

BREAKING OF BREAD

At the Early Service

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***Everyone:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

At the Later Service



Celebrant: *Celebrant* The Gifts of God for all of us, the Holy People of God.

Music for Communion: Gentle Jesus, Risen Lord

Gen - tle Je - sus, ris - en Lord,
Bring - ing gifts of all we are, we come to your ta - ble;
In your bod - y we find life,
Je - sus Sav - ior, liv - ing bread!

with our hearts so full of joy,
gifts of life and love and joy, we come to your ta - ble.
life you give for us to share,
bread of heav - en, bread of hope,

We come, we come, we come to your ta - ble. We come,
we come, we come to your ta - ble.

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: How Firm a Foundation

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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.***

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 23, 11 am until 5 pm, here at Grace. To schedule your donation, visit 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=Z0NkeFQ4L2FFSExYelB3WXoyUmFvZz09>
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 4:30, take-out meals only

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

June total expenses: \$20,338.12

June total income: \$ 19,840.13

August offering income: \$5,559.07

August outreach income: \$482.00

August rental income: \$00.00

Capital Campaign

Goal for 2020-22: \$150,000.00

Pledged to date: \$108,850.00

Received to date: \$44,950.00