



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 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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Opening Hymn: Christ Has Promised to be Present



1 - 4. Christ has prom - ised to be pres - ent



When we gath - er in his name. He, the Ho - ly
When God's mer - cy we pro - claim. He, the Guid - ing
When in pain we cry his name. He, the Wound - ed
In our fail - ures, joys, or fame. He, the Ris - en



One, will cleanse us From our sin - ful - ness and shame.
One, will teach us Words of wis - dom in his name.
One, will touch us With his Spir - it's heal - ing flame.
One, will save us Through his pow'r - ful, glo - rious name.

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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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The Gospel Hymn: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil-dren of the
world; Red and yel-low, black and white, They are pre-cious in his
sight, Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil-dren of the world; Red and yel-low, black and white, They are pre-cious in his sight, Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mark 9:30-37

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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, Ollie, Jasmine, Allen, Donna, Tom, Darrell, Marcie, Mark, Annette, Michelle, Frankie, Margaret, Sue, Jeff, , Dominique, Lianne, Lori, Michael, Amber, Marilee, Eric, Leslie, Elliott, Neville, Roseanne, Sally, Bud.**

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.**

150th Anniversary Celebration

Remembering and Honoring the Leaders of the Many Outreach Programs here at Grace

Matthew 25: 35-40

‘For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you cared for me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these my brothers, you did to me.”

Through the grace of God, we celebrate the leaders of our eight outreach programs today. These programs define who we are as a church family. The leaders of these programs have shown themselves to be faithful to their mission and they accomplish that mission on a regular basis whether it be daily, weekly, or annually. Because of them, Grace church is recognized in the community as a loving church, one that feeds, clothes, houses, and loves those in need.

We recognize and honor:

Blessings in a Backpack. Donna Oakley

Warming Center. Lori and Ernie Simon

MCREST. Martha Houser

Sunday Community Supper. Dave and Ann Farrell

Wednesday Community Supper. Kirsten Blackburn

Food Pantry. Gaye Gillespie

Prison Ministry. Mary Williams

Parish Nurse Program. Shirley Lappi

We thank you and your many volunteers for your ongoing service. You are an inspiration to all of us.

150th Anniversary Song: Through the Grace of God by Amy Saari

Bm A G D D/C#
Let me tell you what we can do through the grace of God. Let me

3 Bm A G D D/C# Bm A
tell you what we can do through the grace of God. We can love our neigh-bor through the

6 G D D/C# Bm A G D
grace of God. To - day and for - ev - er, through the grace of God.

THE PEACE

NOTE: We are sharing the peace in COVID safe ways, so we ask that you do something other than hug or shake hands.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

The Offering Song: I Come With Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, Un -
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound By



giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus
find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
seen, but ev - er near, Is in such friend - ship
all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to



to re - call, In love laid down for me.
ty of love In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
makes us one, And stran - gers now are friends.
bet - ter known, A - live a - mong us here.
give the world The love that makes us one.

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.**

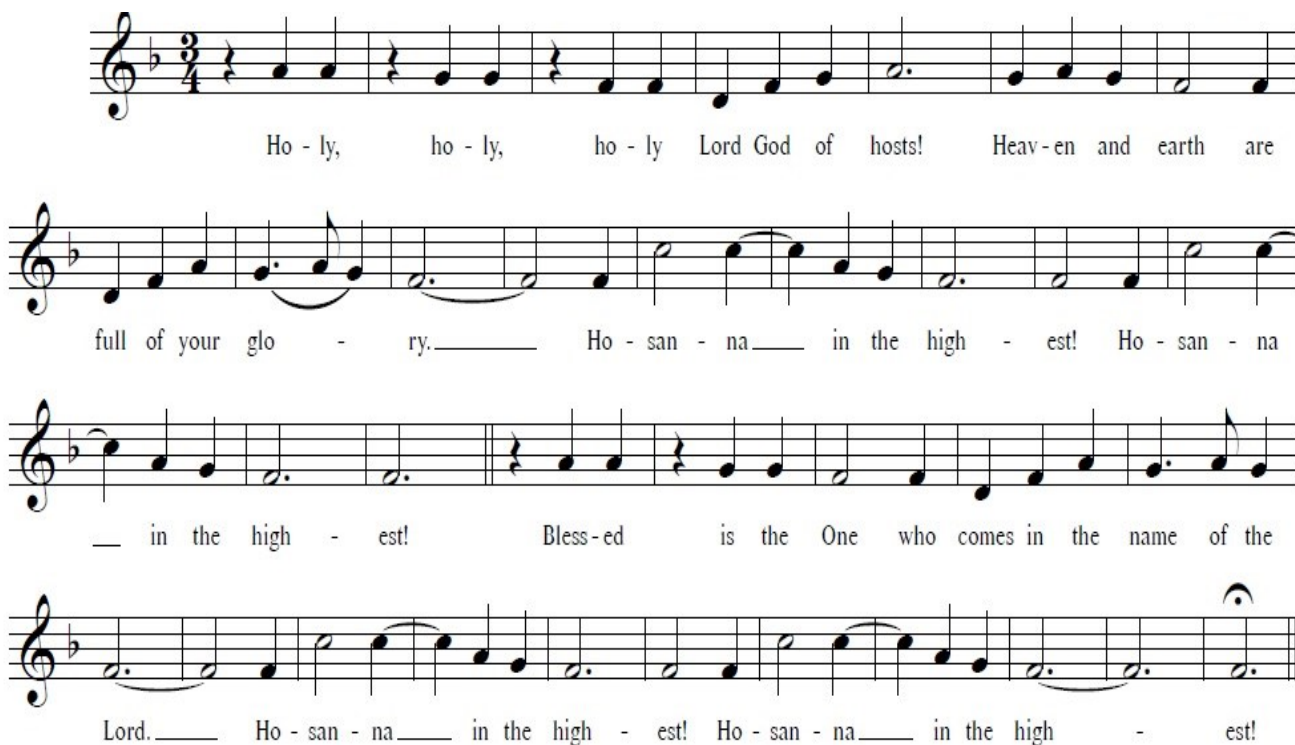
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you 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



Priest: Al-le - lu - ia! _____ Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.



All: There - fore let us keep the feast! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Music for Communion: At the Table of Jesus

Refrain



At the ta - ble of Je - sus we are nour - ished and fed By the



bless - ing cup and heav - en's liv - ing bread. At the



ta - ble of Je - sus earth and heav - en are wed. To a



hun - gry world, by our God we are led.

Verses



1. Where love and char - i - ty are found There God is a - mong us; God's
2. Now, as we gath - er all as one, Di - vi - sion is end - ed, com -
3. Joined with the an - gels and the saints, Be - hold - ing God's glo - ry and



good - ness a - bounds. As Christ gath - ers man - y as one,
mun - ion be - gun. Let fear, an - ger, ha - tred now end.
tast - ing God's grace, We'll sing praise in God's ho - ly place,



D.C.

Let our hearts be glad and re - flect God's love.
Let us dwell in love as our God in - tends.
And with heav - en's hosts we'll come face to face.

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: Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a

wea - ry land; My Je - sus is a rock in a

wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Verses

1. No man can do like Je - sus, Not a
 2. When Je - sus was on earth, The
 3. † Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, Him

mum - bling word he said; He went walk - ing down to La -
 flesh was ver - y weak; † He gir - dled him - self with
 whom I love so well; † He has the palm of vic -

za - rus' grave, And he raised him from the dead.
 a tow'l, And washed his dis - ci - ples feet.
 to - ry, And the keys of death and Hell.

D.C.

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, Darrell Banks, Marcie Griffin, Mark Hall, Annette Leone, Michelle Grabowski, Frankie Dion, Margaret Marchionda, Sue Schlanbusch, Jeff Lepkowski, Dominique Czupski, Lianne Neumann, Lori Dodge, Michael Thomas, Amber Bean, Marilee Racine, Eric & Leslie Mix, Elliott, The Seewald Family, The Sarns Family, Neville & Roseanne Thompson, Sally Wheeler, Bud Denham.

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.

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Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom (*Meeting info will remain as follows each week*)

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