

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.  
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 15, 2021

10:30 AM

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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*150<sup>th</sup> Committee remembers the Feast of Mary today along with a new ministry as we look to our future here at Grace and the future of how our service may turn with words, songs and technology at ours and our future members hands....*

## SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The honor paid to Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, goes back to the earliest days of the church. Two Gospels tell of the manner of Christ's birth, and the familiar Christmas story testifies to the church's conviction that he was born of a virgin. In Luke's Gospel, we catch a brief glimpse of Jesus' upbringing at Nazareth, when the child was in the care of his mother and her husband Joseph.

During Jesus' ministry in Galilee, we learn that Mary was often with the other women who followed Jesus and ministered to his needs. At Calvary, she was among the little band of disciples who kept watch at the cross. After the resurrection, she was to be found with the Twelve in the upper room, watching and praying until the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

Mary was the person closest to Jesus in his most impressionable years, and the words of the Magnificat, as well as her courageous acceptance of God's will, bear more than an accidental resemblance to the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount.

Later devotion has claimed many things for Mary beyond the brief description that is given in Holy Scripture. What we can believe is that one who stood in so intimate a relationship with the incarnate Son of God on earth must, of all human beings, have the place of highest honor in the eternal life of God. A paraphrase of an ancient Greek hymn expresses this belief in very familiar words: "O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia."

The window by the organ, is when Jesus says his goodbye to his earthly Mother. Just before he ascends to heaven. It was given to Grace church by Julia Kieffer MacArthur in 1905 in memory of her husband Benjamin Russell MacArthur.

And now let us silence our electronic devices as we begin our journey into the future.

## Opening Song: For Builders Bold



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

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be - gin-ning with you and  
start - ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I  
make all things new, my prom-ise is true, for I am Christ the way.

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## **Collects**

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **1<sup>st</sup> reading**

### **Proverbs 9:1-6**

#### **Wisdom Gives a Feast**

Wisdom has built her house with its seven columns.  
She has prepared the meat and set out the wine. Her feast is ready.

She has sent her servant women to announce her invitation from the highest hills:

“Everyone who is ignorant or foolish is invited!

All of you are welcome to my meat and wine. If you want to live, give up your foolishness  
and let understanding guide your steps.”

### **Psalms 34:9-14**

Honor the Lord!

**You are his special people.**

No one who honors the Lord  
**will ever be in need.**

Young lions may go hungry or even starve, but if you trust the Lord,  
**you will never miss out on anything good as I teach you to respect the Lord.**

Do you want to live  
**and enjoy a long life?**  
Then don't say cruel things  
**and don't tell lies.**  
Do good instead of evil  
**and try to live at peace.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **Ephesians 5:15–20**

Act like people with good sense and not like fools. These are evil times, so make every minute count. Don't be stupid. Instead, find out what the Lord wants you to do. Don't destroy yourself by getting drunk, but let the Spirit fill your life. When you meet together, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, as you praise the Lord with all your heart. Always use the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to thank God the Father for everything.

**Gospel Song:** It's Not Our Table by Amy Saari

# It's Not Our Table

Amy Saari

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It's not our ta - ble, it's the Lord's. It's not

3  
our ta - ble, it's the Lord's. So if you are hun - gry, — just

6  
come and eat. — It's not our ta - ble, it's the Lord's. **Fine**

9  
And He gives be-cause He loves, He gives be-cause He loves, He gives be-cause He — loves.

13  
And we serve be-cause we love, we serve be-cause we love, we serve be-cause we — love. It's not **D.S. al Fine**

## **Gospel**

**John 6:51-58**

**21st Century King James Version**

I am the living Bread which came down from Heaven. If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever; and the Bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Then Jesus said unto them: “Verily, verily I say unto you, unless ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Who so eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the Last Day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that Bread which came down from Heaven, not as your fathers ate manna and are dead; He that eateth of this Bread shall live for ever.”

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**Learning about the Lessons....Pastor Steve**

**Through the “Grace” of God.....**

**COMMISSIONING OF OUR NEW MINISTRY “TECHONOLGY MINISTRY”**

**Celebrant**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into on  
Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our  
purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this  
congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Today we honor and commission Kris Eckert, Ann Farrell, Dave Farrell, and Jill Cottrell



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## **The celebrant addresses the sponsor/s.**

### ***Celebrant:***

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

***Sr Warden:*** I believe they are, and I present to you (Kris Eckert, Jill Cottrell, Ann Farrell, Dave Farrell) for the ministry of Technology in the Diocese of Michigan.

## ***The celebrant addresses the candidate(s).***

***Celebrant*** You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

***Candidate/s:*** I will.

***Celebrant*** Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

***Candidate/s:*** I will.

## **The Commissioning**

*The celebrant addresses the congregation.*

### ***Celebrant: Let us pray together***

There are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit, and there are varieties of

service, but the same LORD; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.

***Celebrant:***

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;

***People***

*Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

***Celebrant:***

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to the Technology Team Ministry in your Church; and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory and the salvation of souls, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, and by the constancy of their faith and the innocence of their lives may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***People: Amen.***

***Celebrant:***

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you (*Kris, Jill, Ann, Dave*) as the first Technology Team Ministers of Grace Church and give you this certificate as a token of your ministry.

### **Prayers of the Community:**

God invites us to hold the needs of the world, friends and loved ones before Him. And so, loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Almighty God we pray for the churches around the world and here in the United States. We pray today for your blessing to be upon this congregation both in church and watching at home, and for your presence to be seen vividly in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for all in authority that they may never be tempted to abuse or misuse their power. We pray for those in areas around the world affected by wildfires and for those involved in the plans to slow global warming. We are all members of God's family and ask for guidance to show us the way to live more sustainably.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God we pray for our own communities and all of our neighbors. We thank you for our families and friends, raising before you those we know with particular needs. May your peace and love surround them, bringing with it comfort and strength.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we thank you for those we know who are on the road to recovery and for the miracle of healing. We pray for all who minister to the sick and infirm, at home, in hospital and care homes. We name before you now that... **Ena, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz, Janice, Carol, Candy, Jennifer, Nina, Frank, Barbara, Donna, Helen, Matthew, Jennie, Katherine, Reggie, Pam S, Roy, Karen, Martha, Ollie, Janet, Jasmine, Allen, Donna, Tom, Jessica, Darrell, Marcie, Mark, Annette Michelle, Frankie, Margaret, Norm, Brenda, Jeff Lindsy, Mary, Lianne, Michael, Lori** and those we know who are ill or in need of our prayers asking that through these prayers they may all experience a real sense of your healing presence.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have died. You gave them breath and loved them through their journey of life. As you did with Mary, receive them now at the end of that journey into your eternal presence and may they rest in everlasting peace. We pray for members of our own and church families especially John Merlo and Janet Seewald who have died and whose anniversary we remember now.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church, and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into the loving care of his family. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Risen Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

# Offertory Song:

## Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above



1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma -  
 2. The cause of joy to all be - low, O Ma -  
 3. O gen - tle, lov - ing, ho - ly one, O Ma -



ri - a. Hail, Queen of mer - cy and of love,  
 ri - a. The spring through which all grac - es flow,  
 ri - a. The God of light be - came your Son,



O Ma - ri - a. Tri - umph, all ye  
 O Ma - ri - a. An - gels, all your  
 O Ma - ri - a. Tri - umph, all ye



Cher - u - bim, Sing with us, ye Ser - a - phim,  
 prais - es bring, Earth and heav - en, with us sing,  
 Cher - u - bim, Sing with us, ye Ser - a - phim,



Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn: Sal - ve,  
 All cre - a - tion ech - o - ing: Sal - ve,  
 Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn: Sal - ve,



Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Re - gi - na.  
 Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Re - gi - na.  
 Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Re - gi - na.

Text: *Salve, Regina, mater misericordia*; c.1080; tr. *Roman Hymnal*, 1884; st. 2-3 adapt. by M. Owen Lee, CSB, b.1930  
 Tune: SALVE REGINA COELITUM, 8 4 8 4 777 4 5; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968

## Offertory Blessing

### AN OFFERING PRAYER

***Celebrant:***

Almighty God;  
you give seed for us to sow,  
and bread for us to eat;  
make us thankful for what we have received;  
make us rich to do those generous things  
which supply your people's needs;  
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.

***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***

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you  
thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts as we sing/say:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son; On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

With thanksgiving and hope we sing/say:

***Glory to you, Lord Christ;  
your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim;  
your coming we await;  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.***

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ,  
and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first, to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.



Blessing, honor, and glory be yours, here and everywhere,  
now and forever. Amen.


**Celebrant:** Let us be bold as we say together the prayer our  
Lord gave us.

Our Father in Heaven, let your holy name be known, let  
your kingdom come, and your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven. Give us today the bread that we need, and forgive  
us our wrongs, as we forgive those who have done wrong  
to us. Do not lead us into trial, but save us from evil. AMEN

## Communion Song: *I AM SATISFIED*


### I Am Satisfied

*Verses:*



1. I	am	sat - is -	fied, _____	Oh,	I	am	sat - is -	fied. _____	I
2. Noth -	ing	shall I	want, _____	Oh,	noth -	ing	shall I	want. _____	I
3. Christ	is	all I	need, _____	Oh,	Christ	is	all I	need. _____	I
4. I	am	sat - is -	fied, _____	Oh,	I	am	sat - is -	fied. _____	I

5




tast-ed the life	and	drunk of the joy, _____	and I am sat - is - fied. _____	(to v. 2)
tast-ed the life	and	drunk of the joy, _____	and noth - ing shall I want. _____	(to bridge)
tast-ed the life	and	drunk of the joy, _____	and Christ is all I need. _____	(to bridge)
tast-ed the life	and	drunk of the joy, _____	and I am sat - is - fied. _____	(end)

9


2, 3.

*Bridge:*




Break-ing bread, break-ing bread with my broth - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ break-ing

12



bread, break-ing bread with my sis - ters; break-ing bread, break-ing bread with each

15



oth - er 'till ev - 'ry one of us is sat - is - fied. \_\_\_\_\_

To Verses

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### **Closing Prayer:**

**Celebrant:** *Let us say to together our ending prayer for today.*

**God, you saw it fit for us to gather in this place and worship you. It is not because we are perfect people but because you are an awesome God that is worthy of our worship. Thank you for making us worthy to stand before you to worship you through your son Jesus Christ. Lord, as we close this meeting, may our worship be acceptable before you today. Thank you for the wonderful time that we have shared. May we continue in your word and use it for the glory of your holy name. In Jesus' name, we believe and pray, Amen.**

### **Blessing:**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# Closing Song

## GOD OF FUTURES YET UNFOLDING

Mary Louise Bringle

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991



1. God of fu - tures yet un - fold - ing, ev - er  
2. God of ev - 'ry fresh cre - a - tion, tend us  
3. God of res - ur - rec - tion splen - dor, burn a -



mak - ing all things new: grant us path - ways  
with a gar - d'ner's hand. On your peo - ple  
way the haze of fear. Clear our hearts to



in our wan-d'ring, light when dark - ness  
pour your Spir - it, wa - ter on a  
face to - mor - row bright with hope's un -



dims our view. O - pen doors when dread de -  
thirst - y land: 'til we spring like grass - y  
fad - ing cheer. Through the fu - ture's vast un -



feats us. Set dis - cour - aged cap - tives free.  
mead-ows, pop - lar trees by flow - ing streams.  
fold - ing, in each new cre - a - tion's breath,



God of fu - tures yet un - fold - ing,  
God of ev - 'ry fresh cre - a - tion,  
God of res - ur - rec - tion splen - dor,



help our blind - ed eyes to see.  
re - a - wak - en E - den's dreams.  
shine in tri - umph o - ver death!

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## **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 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, Candy Dixon, 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, Janet Seewald, Jasmine Gardner, Allen David Clay, Donna Chapman, Tom Krell, Jessica Wilhite, Martha Houser, Darrell Banks, Marcie Griffin, Mark Hall, Annette Leone, Michelle Grabowski, Frankie Dion, Margaret Marchionda, Norm & Brenda Zawierucha, Jeff Lepkowski, Lyndsy O'Malley, Mary Duda, Lianne Neumann, Lori Dodge, Sue Schlanbusch.

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.

### **SERVICE ON UPCOMING SUNDAY**

On August 22, there will be TWO services 8:30 and 10:30 am.

*Host/Hostess needed for Coffee Hour*

### **The MINISTRIES of GRACE 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=Z0NkeFQ4L2FFSExYeIB3WXoyUmFvZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 3241 7015 Password: 683930 Or call: 312-626-6799

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

### **SERVICE ON UPCOMING SUNDAY**

On August 22, there will be TWO services 8:30 and 10:30 am.  
(Need someone to Host Coffee Hour)

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Community Suppers:  
Wednesdays at 4:30, take-out meals or dine in.



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



## The Past



## Today



## Possible Future?



### Grace's Income and Expenses

July total expenses: \$20,826.90

July 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: \$98,850.00

Received to date: \$40,895.00