

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

June 6, 2021 10:30am

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on Zoom, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the Zoom invitation, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation. If you are worshipping in the church and wish to use a bulletin on your electronic device, you must download it **before** coming into the church. Please be aware that we are recording this service for later upload to Facebook, YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

For those present in the Church:

Please put your smartphone or other device in airplane mode so that our internet capacity is reserved for our online streaming.

For those on Zoom:

Please mute yourselves before the Prelude begins and immediately after the Peace.

Also remember:

Masks must be worn throughout your time at Grace for the protection of those near you.

Hand sanitizer is available at each of the entrances.

Sit only in the seats marked by bulletins and leave plenty of space between worshipers/families.

At the time of Communion, the Vestry Coordinator will guide your approach to the chancel steps in the center aisle maintaining distance between communicants.

Reservations are required in advance and you will be checked in by the greeter and admitted through the Parish House entrance. If you did not reserve a seat, please check with the Vestry Coordinator to see if an open seat is available.

Baskets are available at the exits for your pledges/contributions.

Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.

At the end of the service, please depart from the church and maintain the six-foot distancing. Conversations should take place outside.

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again.

As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness while the prelude is offered.

We gather to worship

For all music, the congregation is invited to hum as we are led by a quartet of singers.

PRELUDE

It is Well With My Soul

Bliss/Carter

OPENING HYMN 533

How Wondrous & Great

H. Onderdonk/J. Haydn

Priest:

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People:

Glory to God for ever and ever.



THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 12-20, 11:14-15

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vine-yards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

[Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 138

(We read alternately by verse as directed by the lector.)

Confitebor tibi

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; * O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia (sung two times)



THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We stand after a brief silence.

We affirm our faith

THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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]. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.*

We offer prayers

Deacon: Almighty God, ruler of heaven and earth, you have raised us into your eternal life and

> brought into Christ's family all who do your will: When we call you answer us and increase our strength within us; hear us as we pray for the needs of your creation, saying: Make

good your purpose for us; O God, your love endures for ever.

Intercessor: You have filled the Church with your Spirit, O Holy One, and you renew us day by day:

Empower our mission of witness and service, so that your grace, as it extends to more and

more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Make good your purpose for us;

People: O God, your love endures for ever.

Lector: You are on high, yet care for the lowly, and perceive the haughty from afar, Almighty One:

Reveal your glory to those who exercise power and authority and halt their deeds of pride,

greed and violence, so that all the rulers of the earth will praise you.

Make good your purpose for us;

People: O God, your love endures for ever.

Intercessor: Visit this community with your compassion and your grace, that we may glorify your Name

and your word above all things. Make good your purpose for us;

People: O God, your love endures for ever.

Lector: Do not abandon the works of your hands: Look upon those who walk in the midst of

trouble to keep them safe. Make good your purpose for us;

People: O God, your love endures for ever.

Intercessor: We do not lose heart as we pray for those who need our intercession, especially for Audrey

and Barb (Hiller), and for those on our Prayer List. Others? _____.

Make good your purpose for us;

People: O God, your love endures for ever.

Lector: We will give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart, especially for Matthew (Morel)

and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Frani (Beadle),

*Hal (Martin) and *Jayme (Frank); the anniversaries of *Greg and *Karen (Serwich) and *Eric and *Debbie (Kallback); our outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and

those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? ____.

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us into his presence. Hear our prayers for those who have died, especially the anniversary of the deaths of Ora (Blewett), Leslie (Willmarth), Hezekiah (Gear) and Donald (Linsley).

Make good your purpose for us;

People: O God, your love endures for ever.

Deacon: We believe and so we pray, O God, that your glory may enter our lives and infuse the

world with resurrection power, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you, and the

Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(stand or kneel)

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,

and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your

ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

We share the peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We offer our lives and gifts to God

Priest:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

For those at home who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.

PRESENTATION HYMN 209

We Walk by Faith

H. Alford/G. Slater

We share the Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer B



Presider:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing.....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Presider:

We give thanks to you, O God for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After Supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and people:

We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

People: Our father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be

done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. BCP 364

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION

Presider: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst.

All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.

And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Presider: May God, the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side,

and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer,

and Sustainer of Life, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL 594 God of Grace H. Fosdick/ J. Hughes

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises Haleluya!/Raabe

The flowers today are given by Eric & Debbie Kallback.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop-Elect and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Leila (Anwar), Barbara (Bolsen), *Bob (Burton), Rose (Buttell), *Bill (Calvert), Julia & TJ (Cellery), Bishop-Elect Paula (Clark), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), *Jennie (Fjelde), Janet (Groezinger), Susan (Haerle), *Georgia (Hansen), *Jae (Hezlep), Barb (Hiller), *Barb (Hooper), Bishop Joseph, Barb (Kellar), Jean (Kohler), Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), *Alice Maffit, *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), Betty (Montgomery), *Mary (Nelson), Ruth (Niendorf), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Jim (Opelt), Alan (Oyen), Anne (Poston), Lisa (Prindle), Lois (Rafter), N.J. (Replogle), *Karen (Serwich), Melody (Serwich), *Kathy (Shannon), Paula (Simosky), Gary (Smith), *Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Breckin, Marilyn, Dawn H., Katie L., Missy, Katie, Pam, Scott, Jeremy and Audrey.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Frani (Beadle), *Hal (Martin) and *Jayme (Frank); the anniversaries of *Greg and *Karen (Serwich) and *Eric and *Debbie (Kallback); our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

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Ministers of the Service

- * Members and Guests, Celebrants
- * Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, Presider
- * Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
- * Terri Jackman, Lector
- * Donna Davis, Intercessor

- * Robin French, Music Director
- * Nancy Cook, Erben Organist
- * Lynn Giles, Vestry Coordinator
- * Amy Hardwicke & Ann Berry, Altar Guild
- * Charlotte Stryker, Greeter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of June 6th, 2021

HELP WANTED!: An apprentice to work with Zoom at Grace Church.

This is an important part of our Worship Ministry, and more people are needed to keep our live online services coming! It may seem very complicated, but those of us who have been handling it for nearly a year now all had to start from very basic computer skills and learn "on the job." If we have a small team, the responsibilities can be rotated, making it easier for all of us--and making it possible to explore better ways to assure the best audio and visual experience for those worshiping in person and those online. Please contact Lynn Giles if interested and for more information:

lynngiles@lynngilesphotography.com

Adult Inquirer's Class

Our Bishop-elect, Paula Clark will be consecrated on August 28th. Prior to her medical emergency she was Able to attend our Deanery meeting and talked about her intent to hold deanery-wide services to provide Confirmations, and receive new members to the church. By doing this, those wishing to be received or confirmed would not have to wait for her to visit their parish, which might take two or more years.

Because of this, I will be offering an Adult Inquirers Class sometime this summer (dates will be determined by the schedules of those interested in attending). We will be talking about our identity as Episcopalians, the Book of Common Prayer, a brief history of the Anglican/Episcopal church, our creeds, prayer, Baptism, Eucharist, the Trinity (don't come looking for an explanation!), and the Jesus Movement as described by Presiding Bishop Curry. Attending does not commit you to being received.

This is open to anyone in the church or community, although if there is a large response, those considering reception into the Church will be given priority due to limited space (this is an in-person class). The time commitment is about eight hours.

If you are interested in this or would like more information, please contact Rev. Diane Luther at dm20luther@gmail.com, or call (815) 281-2301.

Richard Pepper Memorial Garden

Soon there will be a flurry of activity in preparation for a new garden at Grace. It will be located to the right of the church, along the sidewalk leading to our Meditation Garden. This will be a pollinating garden, featuring a burst of colors to attract our native birds, butterflies and bees. Our new garden will be in memory of Richard Pepper, a generous donator to Grace Church.

Flowers

Please sign up for Sunday flowers on the Flower Chart in the Parish Hall entry. There are many openings from July through the end of the year. Contact Ann Berry if you have questions.

Zoom Poetry Meeting

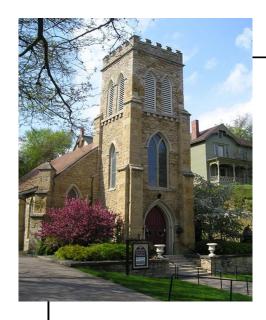
A Zoom Poetry group is meeting on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at poston@sxu.edu or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive information about the meeting.

EfM Meeting is Monday, June 7th at 6:30pm online.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, June 9th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, June 9th, at 10:30am online.

<u>Meditative Prayer</u> meets Friday, June 11th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.





The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop-Elect of Chicago The Rev. Gloria G. Hopewell, D. Min., Rector The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon Nancy Kenney, Parish Administrator

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Scripture Readings for June 13, 2021 Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17 Mark 4:26-34

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