

Welcome to Grace Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm

and on Zoom



GRACE CHURCH

an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

Step into Grace where strangers become friends.

We are an open and affirming church.

Every one of every age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice.

No matter where you are in your spiritual journey—you are welcome here.

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN

I come with joy

H304


Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Amen.

EASTER TROPARIAN

Christ is risen from the dead

Celtic Alleluia

MHSO20

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! _____

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down

death by death and up - pon those

in the tombs be - stow - ing life. _____

Repeat Alleluia

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be

saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
 praise him in the heights.
²Praise him, all you angels of his; *
 praise him, all his host.
³Praise him, sun and moon; *
 praise him, all you shining stars.
⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
 and you waters above the heavens.
⁵Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
 for he commanded, and they were created.
⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, *
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
⁹Mountains and all hills, *
 fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, *
 creeping things and wingèd birds;

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹²Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
¹³Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

WLP848

Alleluia

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse

Cantor

The cantor will sing the verse appointed for the day.

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³¹At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tina Rathbone

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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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Doug; for our priest, Tina; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God

Pray that they may find and be found by God

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

For whom else shall we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and the People greet one another by sharing a physically distanced sign of Christ's peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

The Holy Communion

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Now the green blade riseth

H204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.
People And of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer IV from *Scottish Prayer Book*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you call us to a new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing this hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS

S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.



People and celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

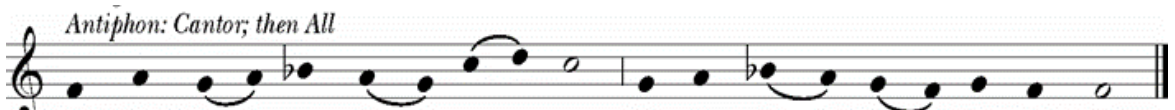
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM


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Antiphon: Cantor; then All

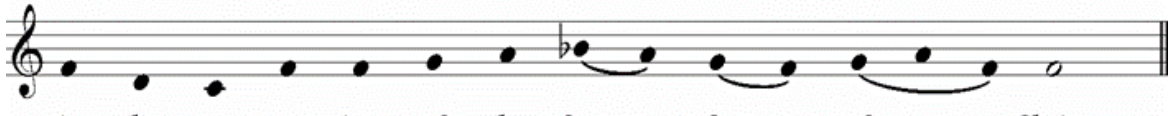


Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

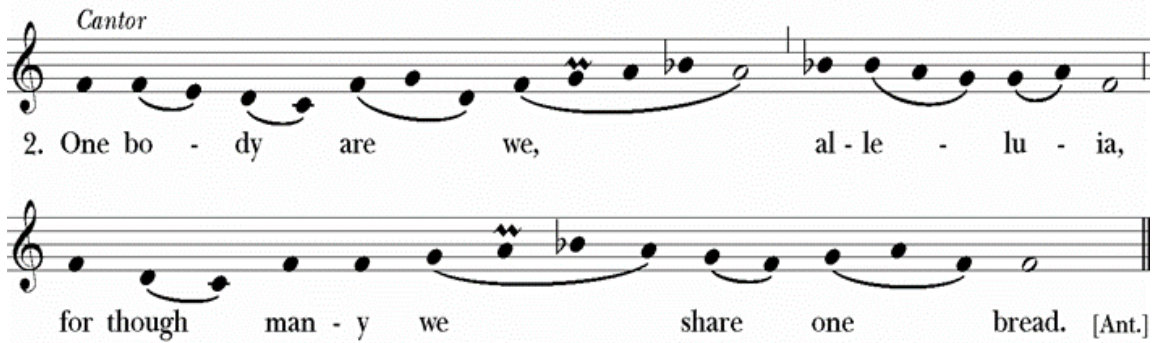
Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



Celebrant
The People

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

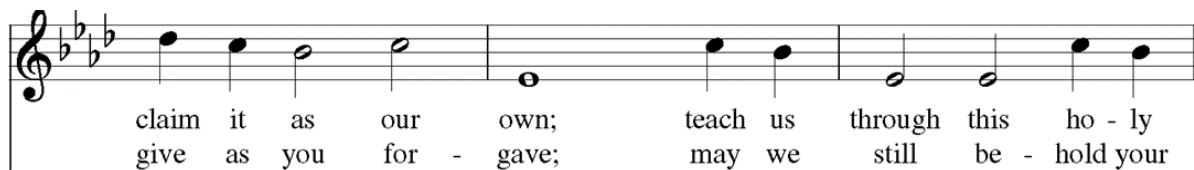
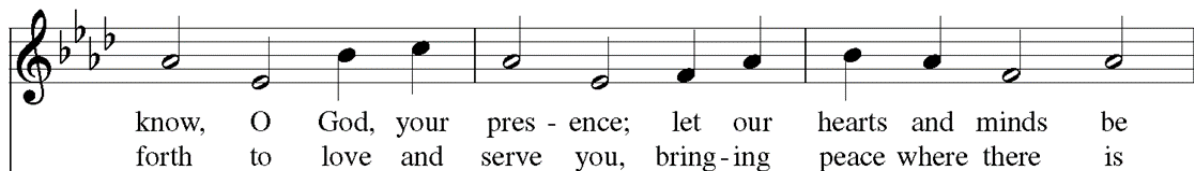
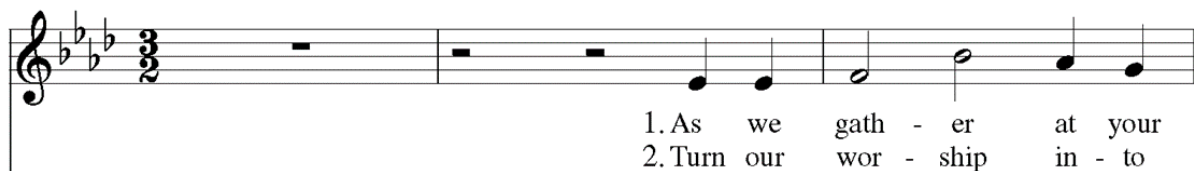
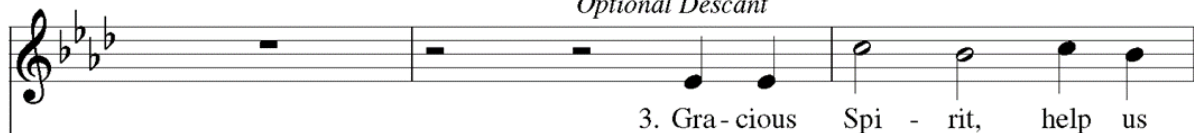
All Are Welcome at God's Table.

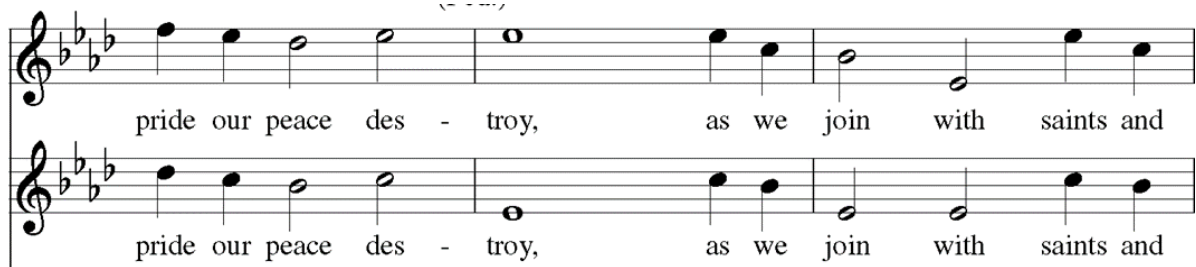
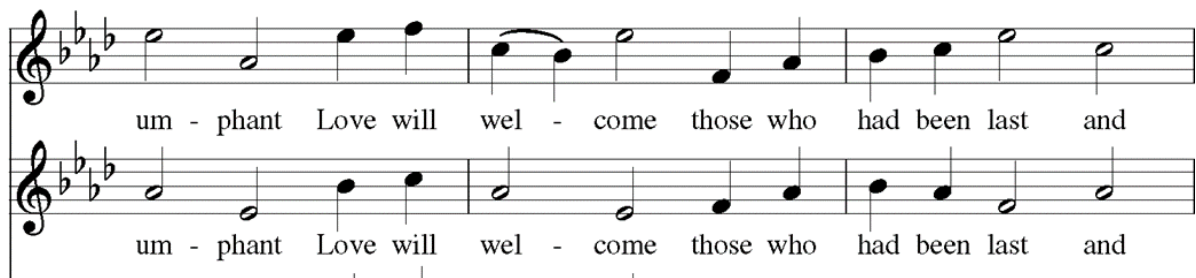
Gluten-free bread is available. Please let the priest know if you would prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast.

The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

If you can't physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

*Optional Descant*



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with 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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child you refresh your promises to all of us. Through each child you remind us to take care of all you have created.

We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world. Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship.

Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus the Christ. *Amen.*

BLESSING

Celebrant: God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Soon and very soon Andraé Crouch; arr. Jack Schrader

*Flowers are given today by Dindy Anderson
in loving memory of Elizabeth Jane Dalton and Mary & Albert Dalton*

WORSHIP LEADERS

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WELCOME TEAM

TODAY 5/15

Rick Gore

Marcia Doelman

Peter Kirchoff

Laura Jordahl

Pennie Curry

Monique Kirchoff

Kathy Clausen

Sue Gore

Debbie Holmes

Cathy Haywood

Kirchoff, Way

Abe Streeter

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Margaret Layton

Next SUNDAY 5/22

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Cathy Haywood

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Sarah Sieber

Holly & Caroline Murray

Steve White

Pennie Curry

Cathy Haywood

Margaret Layton

Haywood, Cheek

Abe Streeter

Sue Gore

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ALTAR GUILD

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TECH

COUNTERS

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Dindy Anderson, Doreen Hutchinson, Anne Andrews, Mark Anderson, Stacey Thomas, Claire and Mark Thomas, Meredith Haider, Linda White, Rosemarie Blakely, Marina Bowens, Charles Folger, Barbara Gore, and Barbara Turner.

Others we Love: All those grieving the death of Ed Hunt; all those grieving the death of Nelda Curry; Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother; Deborah McCurdy; Joy Milani, dear friend of Dindy Anderson; Rino Aldrighetti, beloved friend of Steve White; the Hardenberg family, friends of Lynn Walker; Conrad Harper, friend of John Ericson; two-year-old, Wyatt Hicks; Michael Pine, Pennie's beloved Godson.

Those who have died: Ed Hunt, brother-in-law of Anne Andrews; Faustino Gonzalez Nasario; Ruth Thornton, a dear friend Steve and Andrea White; Richard Edelstein, husband of Pat and beloved friend of our congregation; Hugh Pecon; Nelda Curry; Sam Raymond; Sara Keene; Vanessa Neves, daughter of Patti Poulos, friend of many in the congregation; Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes; Ruth Crawford; Neil Brandt, brother of Linda White; Jim Santolin, a dear friend of Rick & Sue; Larry Cheek, John's brother; Kay Lindstrom, a beloved member of Sarah Sieber's family.

Our world: For the people of Ukraine and of Russia, that Peace may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish around the world. For the people of the Holy Land, and of Afghanistan and Haiti, who continue to struggle with insecurity, violence and burdens almost too great to bear. For all victims of gun violence,

and for those who inflict gun violence on others. For people who are suffering from COVID, those who have died, those who mourn, caregivers, and hospital workers, For all who are alone, or afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants and all our neighbors, near and far.

The many ministries of our local community, especially: for our partners at St. Paul's and the Revs. Libby Wade, Jane Tillman, and the Rev. Sam Smith as he prepares to lead the parish of All Saints, Worcester; Christ Trinity, and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home.

And we offer thanks: for all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. Especially Nancy Fishell.

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Class of 2024 Anne Andrews, Dutch Pinkston

Class of 2025 Cathy Haywood, Andrea White, Laura Jordahl

CALENDAR

ONGOING

Wednesdays	Contemplative Eucharist ¹ & ³	10:00 AM
Thursdays	Centering Prayer ¹ & ³	5:00 PM
Sundays	Worship Service ² & ³	10:00 AM

Sunday services are at Crissey Farm; all other services are in the chapel at 67 State Road. If you are unable to join us in person, please visit our website, www.graceberkshires.org, for zoom links.

The Office/Chapel ¹ / Crissey Farm ² / On Zoom ³

*For more information about the Grace Church's regular work and worship, please visit **Tuesday's Child** newsletter on the website.*

Grace Church worships and gardens
on the traditional land of the Mohican people.

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