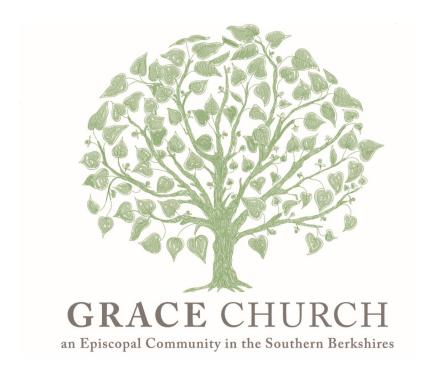
# Welcome to Grace Church

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm and on Zoom

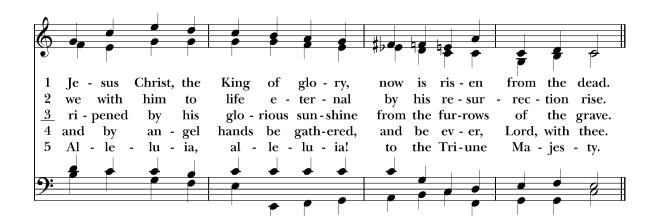


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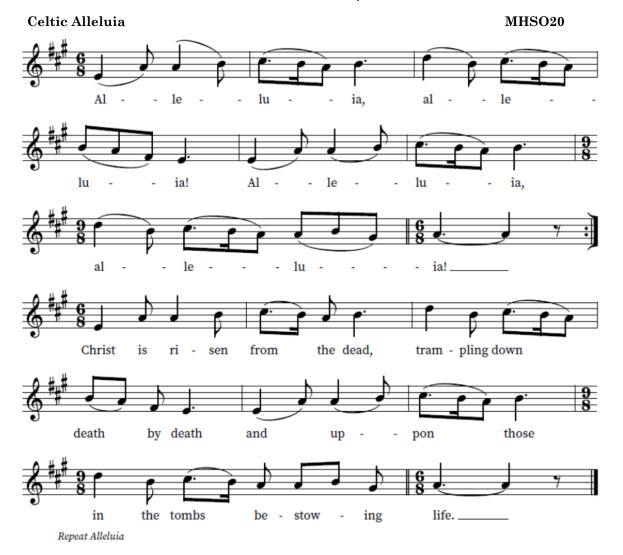
Every one of every age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey—you are welcome here.

# The Word of God





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



#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you,

that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### THE FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's peoplePeople Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 67

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

<sup>2</sup>Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth her increase; \*
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

<sup>7</sup>May God give us his blessing, \*

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

#### THE SECOND READING

# Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

<sup>10</sup>In the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

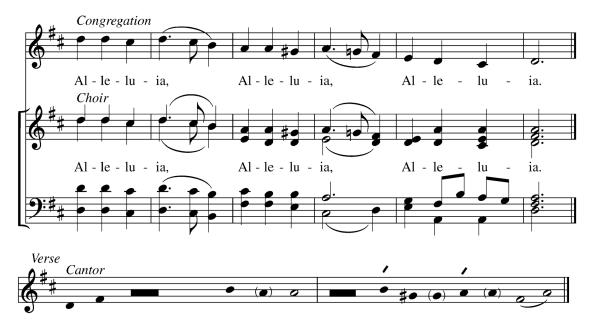
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People Thanks be to God.

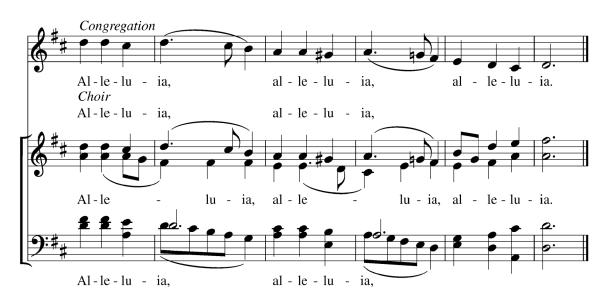
# SEQUENCE HYMN

**WLP848** 

Alleluia



The cantor will sing the verse appointed for the day.



THE GOSPEL John 5:1-9

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to JohnPeople Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Tina Rathbone

#### 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.

#### 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.

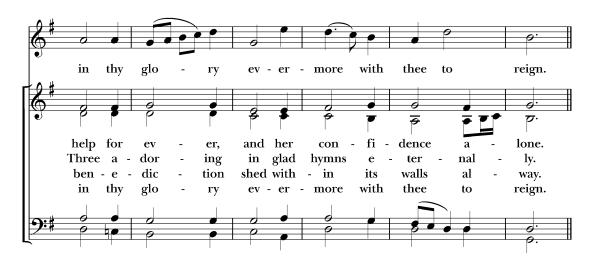
# The Holy Communion

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

OFFERTORY HYMN H518

Christ is made the sure foundation





Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Scottish Prayer Book

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

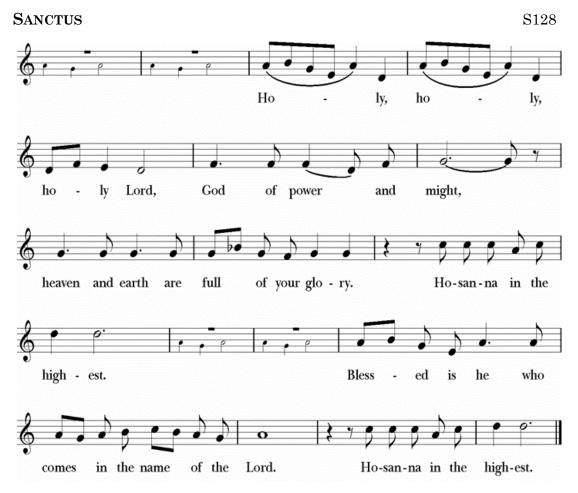
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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.



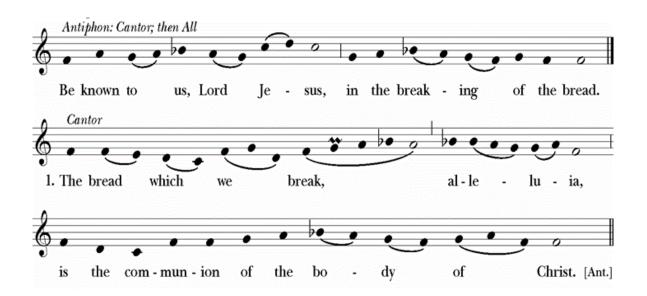
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

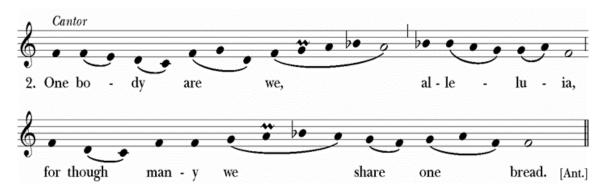
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

S 171





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.



#### 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*.

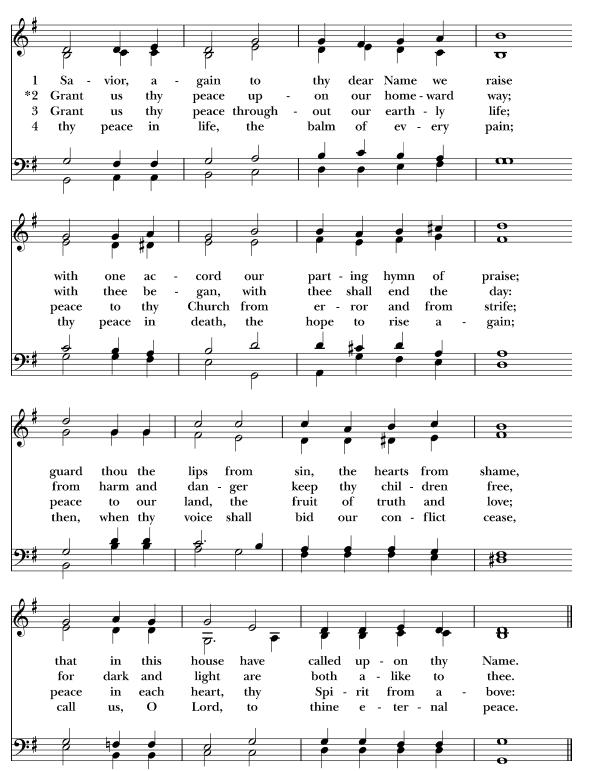
#### BLESSING

*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*.

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

H345



#### DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. People

POSTLUDE Jesus Christ reigns as King **Ernst Pepping** 

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# Flowers are given today by Tom & Paula Doyle in loving memory of Sarah Quinn Doyle and Nancy Wyman Heady

# WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	<b>TODAY 5/22</b>	Next SUNDAY 5/29
WELCOME TEAM	Sally Brooke	Sue Gore
	Carol Way	Rick Gore
ACOLYTE	Cathy Haywood	Robert Forman
LECTOR	Robert Forman	Pennie Curry
INTERCESSOR	Sarah Sieber	John Cheek
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HEALING TEAM	Steve White	Ted Cobden
	Pennie Curry	Kathy Clausen
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	Margaret Layton	Sarah Sieber
COFFEE HOUR	Haywood, Cheek	Gore, Fishell/Siep
TECH	Abe Streeter	Abe Streeter
COUNTERS	Sue Gore	Ian Booton
	Ian Booton	Margaret Layton

#### 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, especially those who died last week in Buffalo, New York, 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 Eric Jordahl.

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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 <sup>1 & 3</sup> 10:00 AM
Thursdays Centering Prayer <sup>1 & 3</sup> 5:00 PM
Sundays Worship Service <sup>2 & 3</sup> 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, <a href="https://www.graceberkshires.org">www.graceberkshires.org</a>, for zoom links.

The Office/Chapel <sup>1</sup>/ Crissey Farm <sup>2</sup>/ On Zoom <sup>3</sup>

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

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