Welcome to Grace Church

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm

and on Zoom



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.

PRELUDE



PresiderAlleluia, Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!Amen.



* May be sung as a round.

Heleluyan (Alleluia) is a sacred song of praise of the Muscogee ("Creek") peoples. Considered a Muscogee national hymn, some versions of Heleluyan boast verses that refer to the tragedy of removal of the Creek peoples from Alabama and Georgia to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears. It is said to be the most popular Muscogee "Creek" hymn sung in churches in Oklahoma. <u>https://octarium.org/american-idyll/</u>

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.

Collect: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹²For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants. and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

Psalm 66:1-8

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

sing the glory of his Name;

sing the glory of his praise.

²Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

³All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name."
⁴Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
⁵He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.
⁶In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.
⁷Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;
⁸Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 6:7-16

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

We the Lord's people H51 sing vs. 1 & 2 before Gospel; vs. 3 & 4 after



THE GOSPEL

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

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people add their prayers either silently or out loud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN*

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd 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.





CelebrantAll things come from you, O Lord.PeopleAnd of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS











The celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept, then all sing:

FRACTION ANTHEM

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LEVAS 269
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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**



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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*

Music: Linstead, Traditional Jamaican Melody, arr. Doreen Potter (1925-1980).

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: May almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with God's own blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit forever. And may God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *AMEN*.

CLOSING HYMN	Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing	H334
		(facing page)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Jesus said: As the Father sent me so I send each one of you. Go in peace to do the work of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDENow thank we all our God
Johann Crüger; arr. John Carter



Flowers are given today by Marcia Doelman in loving memory of Family and Friends

WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	TODAY 7/3	Next SUNDAY 7/10
WELCOME TEAM	Sally Brooke	Bob Pohl
	Doreen Hutchinson	Anne-Marie Pohl
ACOLYTE	Kathy Clausen	Robert Forman
LECTOR	Pennie Curry	Sue Gore
INTERCESSOR	Doreen Hutchinson	Pennie Curry
CHALICE	Kathy Clausen	Robert Forman
	Lynn Walker	Cathy Haywood
HEALING TEAM	Sue Gore	Ted Cobden
	Pennie Curry	tbd
ALTAR GUILD	Sarah Sieber	Viola Bagnaschi
	Margaret Layton	Debbie Holmes
COFFEE HOUR	Gore, Fishell/Seip	Haywood, Brooke
TECH	Abe Streeter	Abe Streeter
COUNTERS	Sue Gore	Rick Gore
	Ian Booton	Sarah Sieber

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Margaret O'Clair, Mark Anderson, Dindy Anderson, Doreen Hutchinson, Anne Andrews, 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; the Hardenberg family, friends of Lynn Walker; Conrad Harper, friend of John Ericson; Michael Pine, Pennie's beloved Godson; Sophia, who is grieving the sudden death of her son; Linda Tornicelli.

Those who have died: Rino Aldrighetti, beloved friend of Steve White; 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 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Alabama; for the people of Buffalo, Uvalde, Ukraine, Russia, and all places of violence, that Peace may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish around the world. For all victims of gun violence in this country, 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; the Rev. Sam Smith as he begins his ministry at 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 month, especially: Ed Hutchinson, Cathy Haywood, Harold Robitaille, Jr., Annie Macheski, Sarah Sieber, Lynn Walker, Bob & Cathy Haywood, Steven & Andrea White.

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Class of 2023	Dindy Anderson, Holly Murray, John Cheek
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}	$5:00 \ \mathrm{PM}$
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.

"The Kingdom of God has come near to you." -Luke 10:9b

Grace Church worships and gardens

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