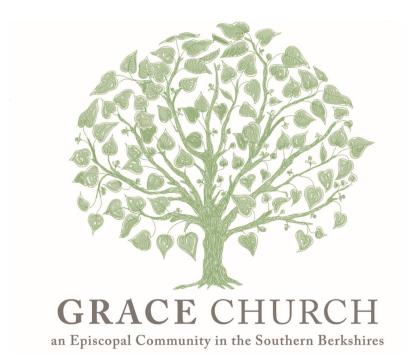
Welcome to Grace Church

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm

and on Zoom



Step into Grace where strangers become friends.

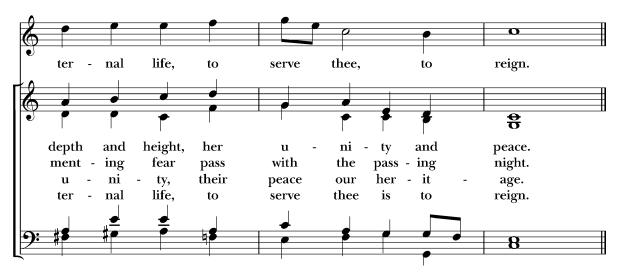
We are an open and affirming church.

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.

The Word of God





Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People The 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. https://octarium.org/american-idyll/

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Collect: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

A Reading from Isaiah

9bIf you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,

from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 103:1-8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits. ³He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities; ⁴He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; ⁵He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's. ⁶The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel. ⁸The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

A Reading from Hebrews

.¹8You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹9and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²0(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

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THE GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

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

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites!

Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

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

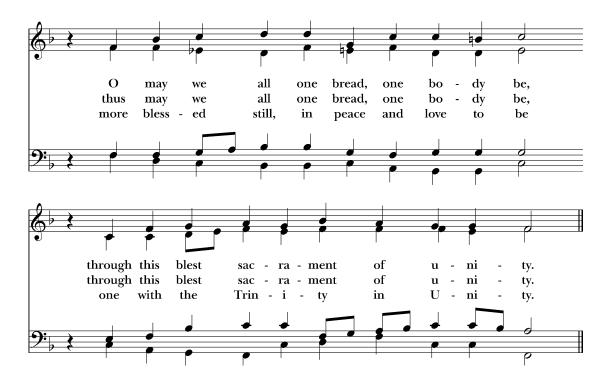
Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant

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





Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Enriching Our

Worship

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

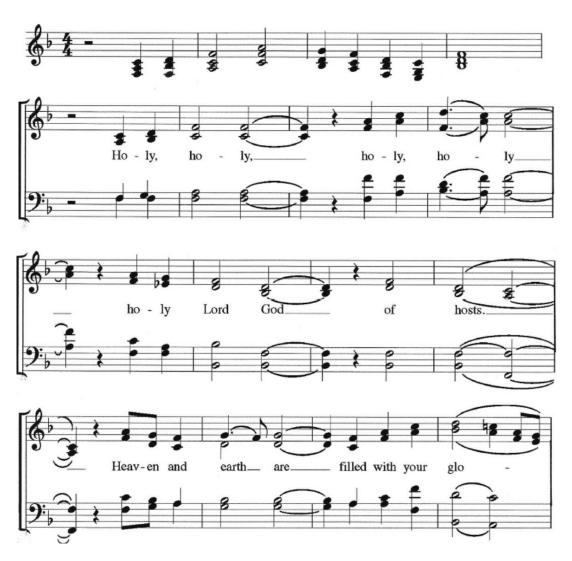
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

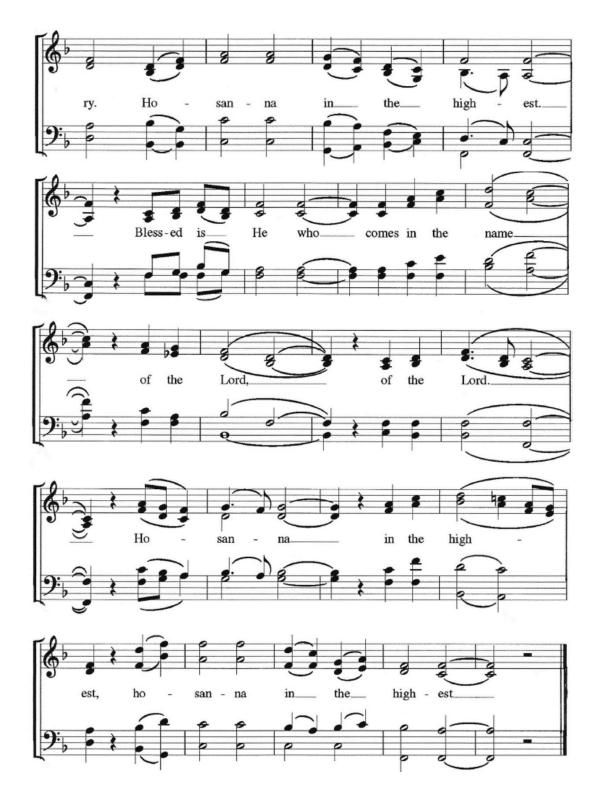
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

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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, a period of silence is kept, then all sing:



Celebrant 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*

COMMUNION ANTHEM I know the Lord's laid his hands on me Arr. Moses Hogan

COMMUNION HYMN Heal me, hands of Jesus WLP 773
1982, music: Carl Haywood (1947-) text: Michael Perry (1942-1996)
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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*

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 the love of Jesus draw you to himself, the power of Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit Be with you always *AMEN*.

CLOSING HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

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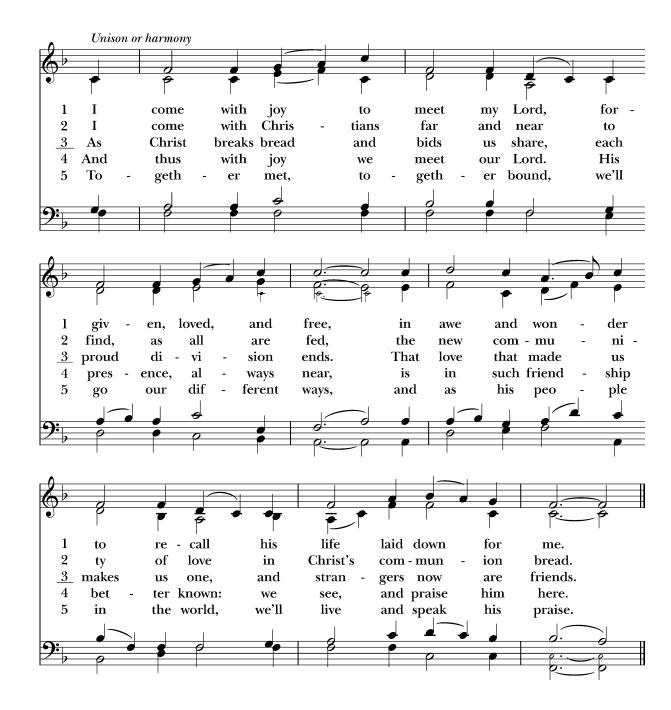
DISMISSAL

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.

POSTLUDE

Flowers are given today by Deborah Holmes in honor of her family



WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	TODAY 8/21	Next SUNDAY 8/28
WELCOME TEAM	Sally Brooke	Sue Gore
	Marcia Doelman	Rick Gore
ACOLYTE	Peter Kirchoff	Robert Forman
LECTOR	Laura Jordahl	Lynn Walker
INTERCESSOR	Robert Forman	Sarah Sieber
CHALICE	Monique Kirchoff	Robert Forman
	Peter Kirchoff	Holly & Caroline Murray
HEALING TEAM	Kathy Clausen	Kathy Clausen
	Pennie Curry	Pennie Curry
$ALTAR\ GUILD$	Debbie Holmes	Sarah Sieber
	Monique Kirchoff	Viola Bagnaschi
$COFFEE\ HOUR$	Booton, Cheek	Haywood, Brooke
TECH	Abe Streeter	Abe Streeter
COUNTERS	Kathy Clausen	Sue Gore
	Pennie Curry	Ian Booton
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Tina Rathbone	The Rev. Stephen White

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 22

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; Patricia O'Hara.

Our world: For the people of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Alabama; for the people of Indianapolis, 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.

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Class of 2024 Anne Andrews, Dutch Pinkston

Class of 2025 Cathy Haywood, Andrea White, Laura Jordahl

CALENDAR

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

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