Welcome to Grace Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm

and on Zoom

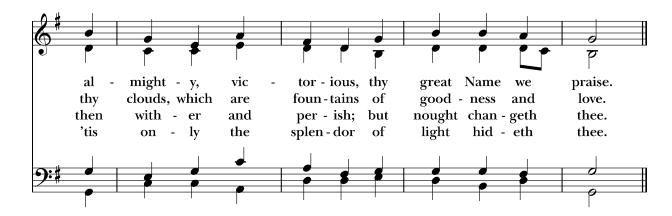


Step into Grace where strangers become friends. We are an open and affirming church.

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** Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish, nourish the life of the world in our care Words/music by C. Gibson, S. Murray; arr. A. Mendoza

The Word of God





PresiderBlessed are you holy and living OnePeopleYou come to Your people and set them free.Amen.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A Reading from Amos

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. *Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- ²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.
- ³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.
- ⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
⁸The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
⁹The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

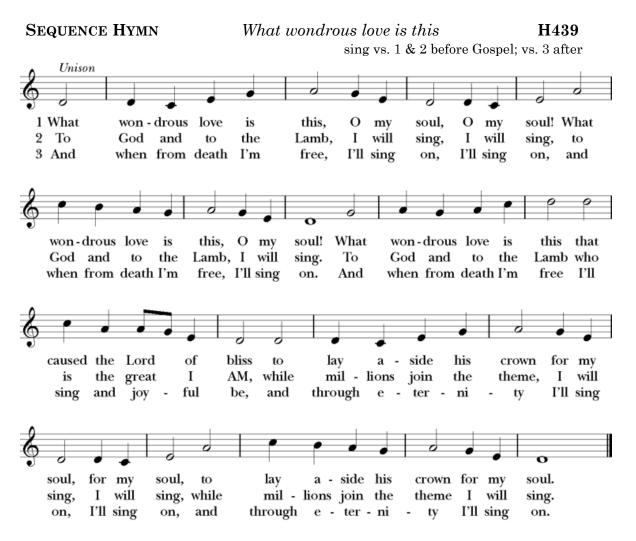
A Reading from First Timothy

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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



THE GOSPEL

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

Ms. Mary Anne Grammer

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

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community:

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in making people whole. We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Give comfort to those who mourn. Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

CONCLUDING COLLECT Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through 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

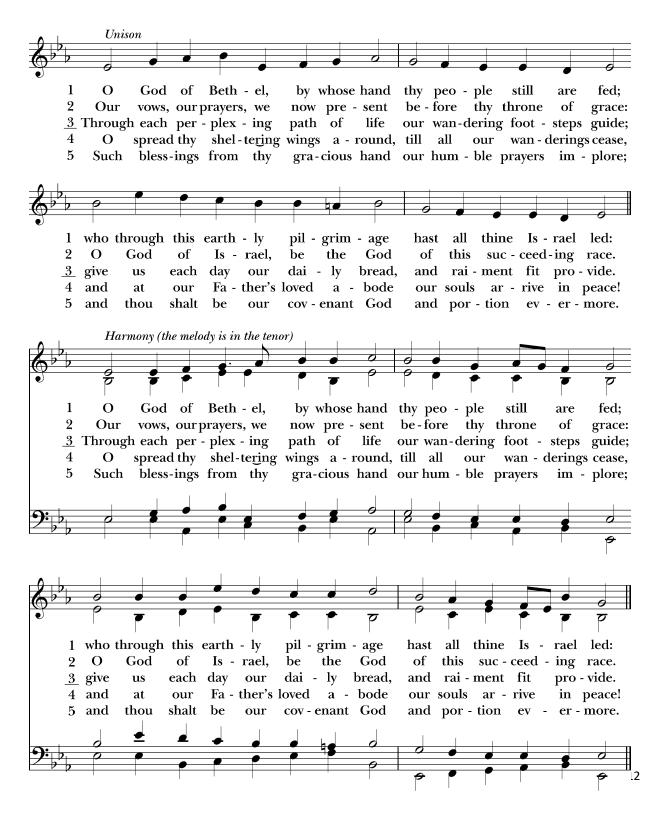
A GRATITUDE MOMENT

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN	O, God of Bethel, by whose hand	H709
		(next page)



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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer III

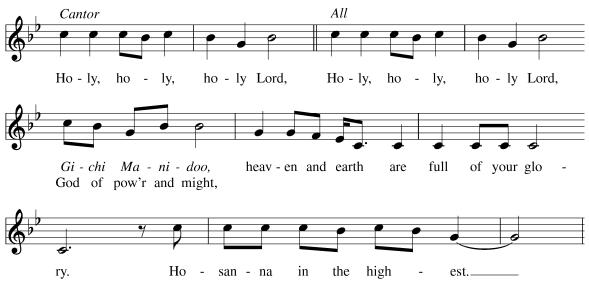
Enriching Our Worship

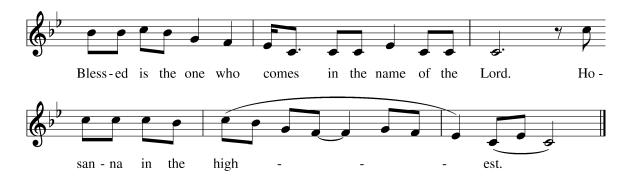
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

SANCTUS

WLP855





Today's Sanctus:

St. Paul, MN, composer Monte Mason chose elements of Ojibway songs from the Red Lake Community in Minnesota for his Red Lake Eucharist, composed for the the Diocese of Minnesota some 30 years ago. Parts of this Eucharist are still used today in the Episcopal Church of St. John's in Red Lake. When Mason first introduced the music to St. John's, they immediately changed the tempo of the Sanctus to one that resonated with their cultural heritage.

The celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

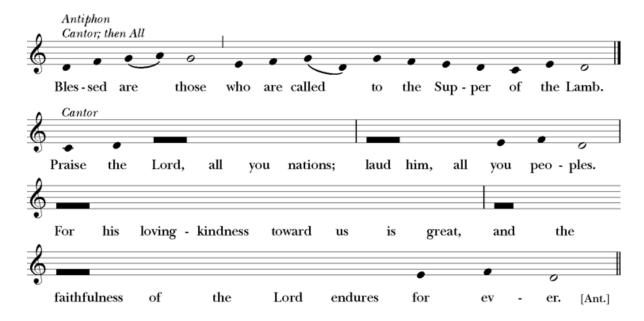
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. *AMEN*

As our Savior 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 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**

COMMUNION HYMN

I will trust in the Lord

LEVAS193 (next page)

Flowers are given today by Tom & Paula Doyle in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary

Grace Church worships and gardens

on the traditional land of the Mohican people.

Music: from riteplanning.com. Copyright © 2021 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-715788. All rights reserved. Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-715788. All rights reserved



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever 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.

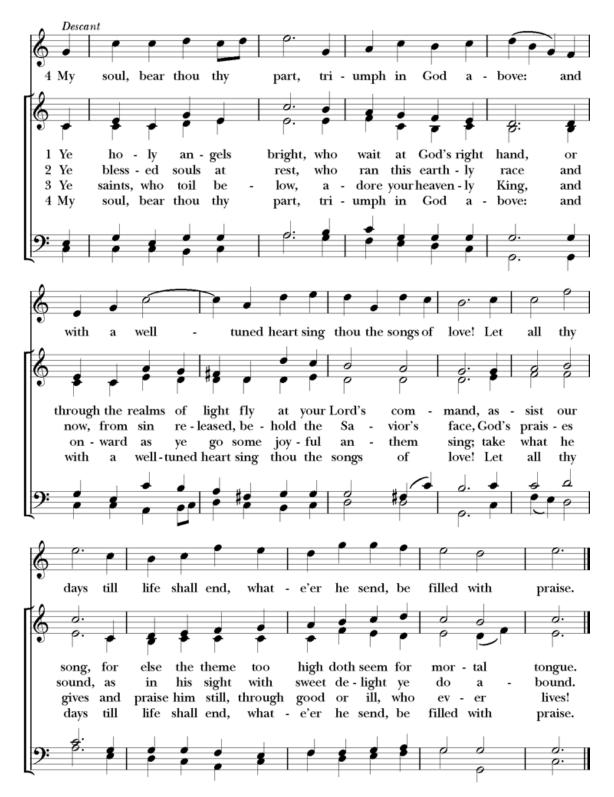
We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world. Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship.

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 H	YMN Ye holy angels bright	H625 (next page)	
DISMISSAL		(nom pago)	
CelebrantGo in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. AlleluiaPeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.			
POSTLUDE	I've got peace like a river Negro Spiritual an	rr. Mark Hayes	



WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	TODAY 9/25	Next SUNDAY 10/2	
WELCOME TEAM	Sally Brooke	Sally Brooke	
	Marcia Doelman	Doreen Hutchinson	
ACOLYTE	Joel Jorgensen	Kathy Clausen	
LECTOR	Meredith Haider	Pennie Curry	
INTERCESSOR	Sarah Sieber	Doreen Hutchinson	
CHALICE	Joel Jorgensen	Kathy Clausen	
	Kathy Clausen	Lynn Walker	
HEALING TEAM	Pennie Curry	Sue Gore	
	Ted Cobden	Pennie Curry	
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Holmes	Sarah Sieber	
	Margaret Layton	Joel Jorgensen	
COFFEE HOUR	Anderson/Way	Gideon's Garden Celebration	
TECH	Abe Streeter	Abe Streeter	
COUNTERS	Sue Gore	Pennie Curry	
	Sarah Sieber	Ian Booton	
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Tina Rathbone	The Rev. Tina Rathbone	

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Cathy Haywood; Linda White; Stacey Thomas, and her children, Claire, Mark and Johnny; 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 Jack Stedman, Wendy Reeve and Ed Hunt; 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; Michael Pine, Pennie's beloved Godson; Sophia, who is grieving the sudden death of her son; Linda Tornicelli.

Those who have died: Wendy Reeve, Cathy Haywood's sister; Jack Stedman; Queen Elizabeth II; 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; Patricia O'Hara.

Our world: For all places of violence and war around the world, that Peace may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish. 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 and those who mourn. 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; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home.

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Bishop of Western Massachusetts: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Fisher

Rector: The Rev. Tina Rathbone <u>RevTina@graceberkshires.org</u> (617) 852-4916

Gideon's Garden Directors of Farming: Mx. Annalise Clausen Mr. Joel Jorgensen gideonsgarden@graceberkshires.org (413) 644-6572

> Interim Choir Director: Mr. John Cheek <u>cheekbass@gmail.com</u> (413) 446-8863

Keyboardist: Ms. Lee Cheek <u>lee.cheek@yahoo.com</u> (413) 854-1095 Parish Administrator: Ms. Jean Chapin <u>Office@GraceBerkshires.org</u> (413) 644-0022

GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION 67 State Road / PO Box 114 Great Barrington MA 01230 Voice Mail (413) 644-0022 E-mail: Office@GraceBerkshires.org Visit us on the web at **www.graceberkshires.org**

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden	Kathy Clausen
Junior Warden	Pennie Curry
Treasurer	Sue Gore
Clerk	Mary Anne Grammer
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

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, <u>www.graceberkshires.org</u>, 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.

Gideon's Garden next Sunday.

Worship will be at

10:00 am

ll are welcome!