Welcome to Grace Church

The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2025

10:00 a.m. at Berkshire South Community Center 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.

At the sound of the bell, we invite you into silence in preparation for worship.

PRELUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Southern Harmony, 1835, Restoration; setting by John Carter (b. 1930)

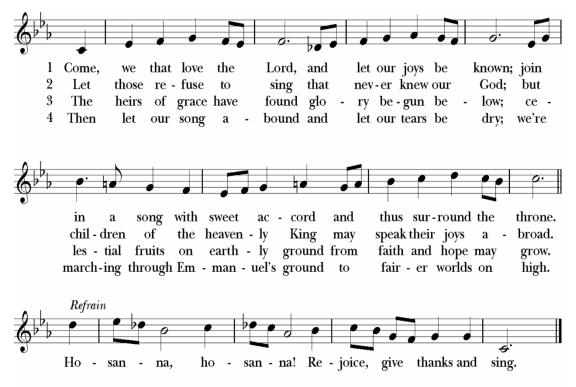
WELCOME

The Rev. Libby Wade

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN: H 392

Come, we that love the Lord



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Vineyard Haven, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

Glory to God for ever and ever.

SONG OF PRAISE: LEVAS 130

Vs. 1 - 3



- 3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
- 4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Let us read the Psalm together.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

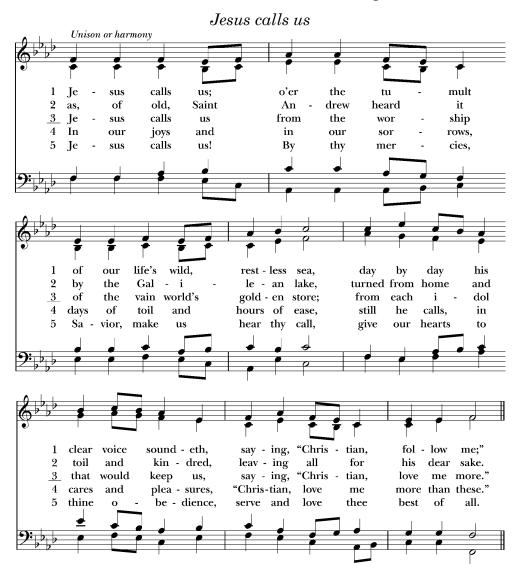
By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: H 550

Vs. 1-3 before the Gospel, Vs 4 & 5 after



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: Restoration, melody from The Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Hymnal 1982, after The Southern Harmony, 1835

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Libby Wade

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Redeemer, Jesus Christ, the only Child of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, One in Being with the Creator: Through the Redeemer all things were made. For us and for our salvation Jesus Christ the Redeemer came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary, and became human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate. suffered, died, and was buried, and, on the third day, rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God. Jesus Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and the Reign of God will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from God the Creator who with the Creator and the Redeemer, is worshipped and glorified and who 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

The Book of Common Prayer, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Loving God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

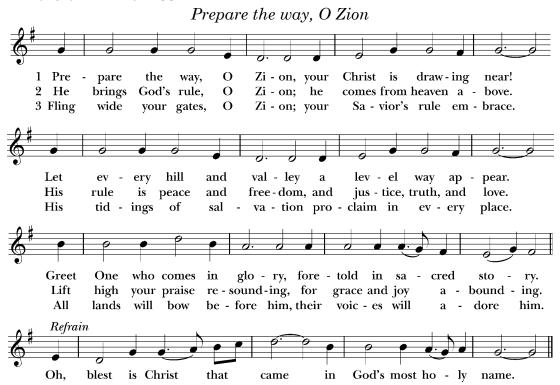
Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment briefly with the congregation, please come to the microphone.



The Holy Communion

Celebrant Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN: H 65



Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999) Music: *Bereden väg för Herron*, melody rom *Then Swenson Psalmboken*, 1697

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

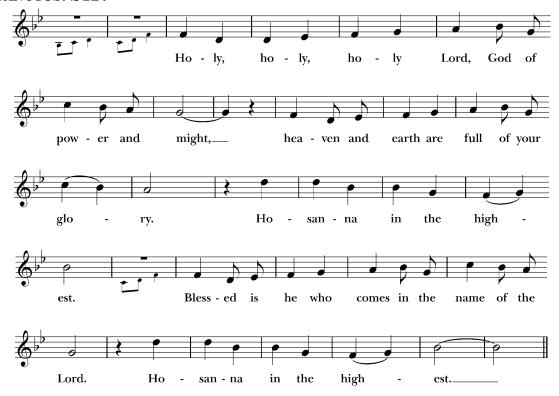
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 shout with joy:



SANCTUS: S127



Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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!

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.

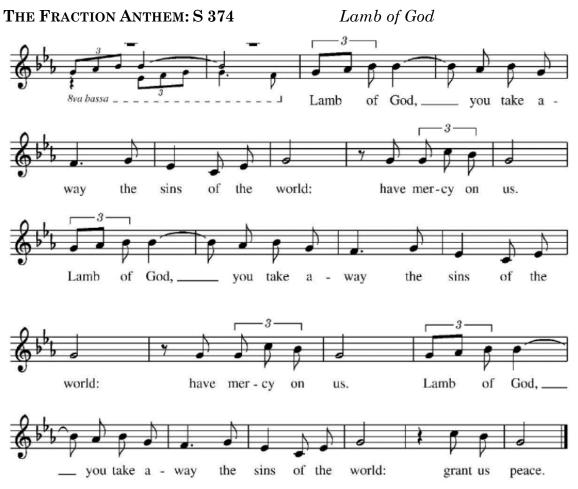
People Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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





Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Celebrant 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 cannot 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: LEVAS 144



Words: E.W. Blandy (1848-1915) Music: John S. Norris (1844-1907)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of life, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Let us pray.

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.

A COLLECT FOR TRANSITION

Let us pray.

God of abundance and wisdom, you have blessed Grace Church with love and respect for one another and with joy in our community. Help us to discern your will and to be open to your guidance as we seek a new rector for our parish. Grant us the ability to hear your voice as we listen to one another. Give us wisdom and patience, mutual respect, and clarity of vision, that we may choose and receive a priest who serves with warmth and humor, inspiration and faithfulness, and who will lead us where you are calling Grace Church to serve the mission of Jesus in this time and place. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS See insert.

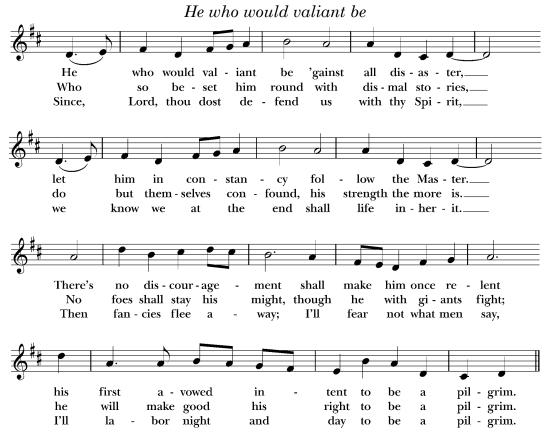
BLESSING

Celebrant

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, and the blessing of God, our Creator, Liberator, and Sustainer be with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: H 565



Words: Percy Dearmer (1868-1936), after John Bunyan (1628-1688) Music: Monk's Gate, Sussex folk melody; adapt. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams ((1872-1958)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power

of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Day by Day

From "Godspell" by Stephen Schwartz (b.1948)

The Congregation is requested to stack the chairs as they are able during the Postlude.

If you wish to listen (or dance!) to the Postlude, draw near the keyboard.

Flowers are given today by Viola Bagnaschi In Loving Memory of Emily



GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Charlene Peet; The Rev. Marc Britt; Ian and Mary Booton; Anne Andrews; Rick and Sue Gore; George Raymond; Dindy and Mark Anderson; Linda White and her grandchildren, Claire, Mark, and Johnny; David Hamill; Doone Marshall; Meredith Haider; Rosemarie Blakely.

Others we Love: Zach Pezzano, son of Doreen Hutchinson's colleague; Paul Haywood, Sue Gore's brother; Jeanne Murray, Tom Murray's sister; Genevieve Rainy, Monique Kirchoff's daughter; Susie, Mike, and Emily Silver; Fran Hunt, Anne Andrew's sister; Michal Snyder, Dessida's sister; Sarah Sieber's cousins, Caleb and Rachael Davis who are grieving the loss of their beloved baby Oliver; Elizabeth Brannan; Rick and Sue Gore's nephew, Jordan, the Andre family, and Nick; Anne Kistrup and Pam Reed, Lynn Walker's friends; Susan Bunce, Mary Booton's sister; Doone Marshall's granddaughter Bex; George Laye; Molle Cheek, John and Lee Cheek's sister-in-law; Kevin White, Steve White's brother; Robert Rywkin, Monique Kirchoff's brother; Dick and Fleming Rutledge; George and Tracey Brooks; Richard Cherneff; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Bishop Michael Curry; Jerry and Karen Ericson, John Ericson's parents; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Laura Fallon, Jainee McCarroll's friend; Hannah Peabody, Caroline Murray's friend; The Rev. Donald Peet; Joan Mulhern, Rob Clausen's sister; Pamela Drumm; Antonia Poulos, friend of Jainee McCarroll; The Rev. Francie Hills; Barbara Turner; Michael Silver; Barbara Gore; Caren Bunce, Mary Booton's cousin; Oliver Davis, Sarah Sieber's cousin; Cyndi Isaacs, June's niece; Vonnie Frye; Tommy Laroque; Jainee McCarroll's friends, Bruce Baum and Doug MacKenzie; Mimi Alford's brother, Jimmy; Jayden (JJ) Andre; Lois Young.

Our world: For the people of Iran, Lebanon, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, the Sudan, and all other places of violence and war, that peace and

justice may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish. For all victims of hatred in this country; for all victims of gun violence and also for those who inflict gun violence on others. For all who are alone, 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 Rev. Samuel Vaught, the Rev. Jane Tillman, and the Rev. Libby Wade; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home.

In the sixth century, **the "filioque" clause** referring to the Holy Spirit crept into the Nicene Creed in the Church in the West (Roman) without consultation or agreement from the Church in the East (Orthodox): "...Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father **and the Son**." The Episcopal Church meeting in general Convention in 1994 agreed to remove the clause in the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer. In the meantime, since Grace Church prints the creed text in our bulletins, we have removed the clause and adjusted musical settings to put the Episcopal Church's intention into practice.

CALENDAR ALL IN-PERSON + ON ZOOM

Wednesdays, 10:00 am: Contemplative Eucharist at Grace Church Chapel Thursdays, 5:00 pm: Centering Prayer at Grace Church Chapel Sundays, 10:00 am: Worship Service at Berkshire South Community Center

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On the traditional land of the Mohican people.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	Today 6/29/2025	7/06/2025
WELCOME TEAM	Mary Booton Sarah Sieber	Anne Andrews Carol Way
ACOLYTE	Louise Peterson	Peter Kirchoff
LECTOR	Laura Jordahl	Doreen Hutchinson
INTERCESSOR	Holly Murray	Meredith Haider
CHALICE BEARERS	Louise Peterson Mackenzie Kendall	Peter Kirchoff Caroline Murray Holly Murray
HEALING TEAM	Ted Cobden Pennie Curry	Ted Cobden Sue Gore
ALTAR GUILD	Louise Peterson Cathy Haywood	Peter Kirchoff
COFFEE HOUR	Anderson/Cheek	Murray/Fishell/Seip
COUNTERS	Matt Marcos Carol Way	Sue Gore Gino Furio
TRANSPORT	Mackenzie Kendall	Dindy Anderson
SUNDAY SCHOOL	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden: Pennie Curry Junior Warden: Matt Marcos Treasurer: Sue Gore

Clerk: Doreen Hutchinson

Class of 2026 Mary Booton, Gino Furio,

Meredith Haider, Laura Jordahl

Class of 2027 Jainee McCarroll, Kevin Rosero Class of 2028 Mackenzie Kendall, Evie Starr

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Bishop of Western Massachusetts: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Fisher Gideon's Garden Directors: Joel Jorgensen and Jack Kamps

Choir Director: John Cheek Keyboardist: Lee Cheek

Parish Administrator: Mackenzie Kendall