

Welcome to Grace Church
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 16A
August 23, 2026

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

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

PRELUDE

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Negro Spiritual arr. John Carter (b. 1930)

WELCOME

The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN: H 525

The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1893-1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1816-1876)

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.
 Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Heleluyan


He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;

he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

* *May be sung as a round.*

Setting: Muscogee (Creek) Native American, tr. Charles Webb (1933-2026)

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the

Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader
People

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

Psalm 124

Let us read the Psalm responsively by verse.

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

**2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

**6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober

judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: H 254

Vs 1-2 before Gospel
 Vs 1-2 after Gospel

You are the Christ, O Lord

1 You are the Christ, O Lord, the
 2 Oh! Pe - ter was most blest with

3 Son of God most high! For ev - er be a - dored that
 4 bless - ed - ness un - priced, who, taught of God, con-fessed the

Name in earth and sky, in which, though mor - tal
 God - head in the Christ! For of your Church, Lord,

strength may fail, the saints of God at last pre - vail! ____
 you made known this saint a true foun - da - tion - stone. ____

This hymn may be sung as a two- or four-part canon with entrances alternating between treble and male voices.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.
 Music: *Wyngate Canon*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

THE NICENE CREED

Enriching our Worship Translation

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Miguelina our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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.**

CONFESSION

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.**

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

This week for our Gratitude Moment we will hear from Juan Diego on how Grace has impacted his life.

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 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to
self to reign and as priests, his
sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn
sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.
round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1722-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (1939-2025)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: WLP 855

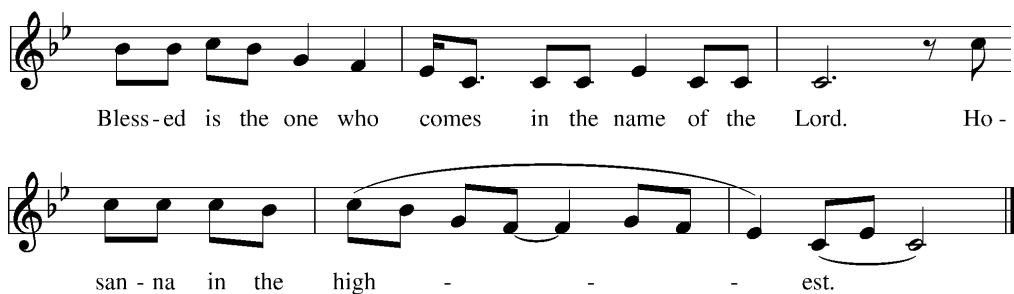
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Cantor *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Gi - chi Ma - ni - doo, heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
God of pow'r and might,

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____



Setting: Monte Mason (b. 1949) after melodies found in *Chippewa Music* by Frances Densmore

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and

ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, and teaches us still, we pray in the language of our hearts,

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 FRACTION ANTHEM: WLP 878

Whoever comes to me

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the voice part, with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers the first line of the melody and the first two lines of the piano accompaniment. The second system covers the second line of the melody and the third and fourth lines of the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst."

Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and

who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

Setting: Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

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.

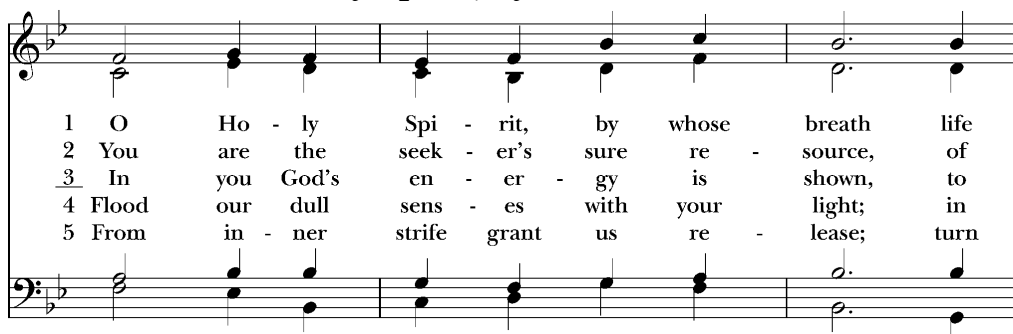
The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

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:

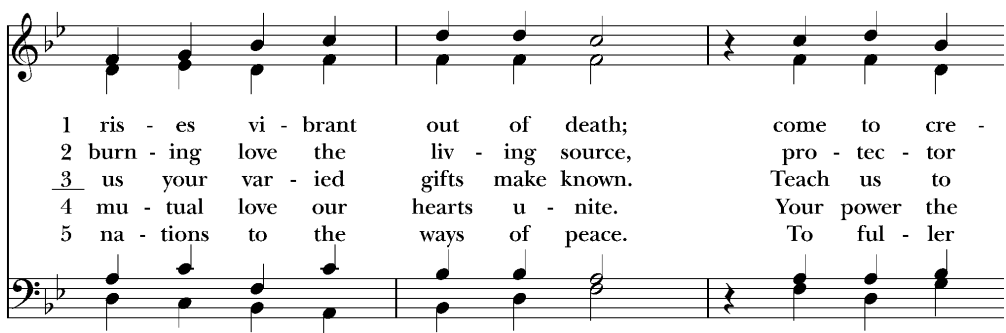
Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: H 501

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath



1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life
 2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of
 3 In you God's en - er - gy is shown, to
 4 Flood our dull sens - es with your light; in
 5 From in - ner strife grant us re - lease; turn



1 ris - es vi - brant out of death; come to cre -
 2 burn - ing love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor
 3 us your var - ied gifts make known. Teach us to
 4 mu - tual love our hearts u - nite. Your power the
 5 na - tions to the ways of peace. To ful - ler



1 ate, re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.
 2 in the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life.
 3 speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear.
 4 whole cre - a - tion fills; con - firm our weak, un - cer - tain wills.
 5 life your peo - ple bring that as one bo - dy we may sing;

6 Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
 and to the Spirit: God the Lord,
 to whom all honor, glory be
 both now and for eternity.

Words: Att. Rabanus Maurus (776-856); tr. John Webster Grant (1919-2006), alt.; para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus* Music: *Komm, Gott Schöpfer*, melody from *Eyn Enchiridium*, 1524; harm. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual 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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: H 521

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Descant

4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and
 2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -
 3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be
 4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in
 fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -
 ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our
 Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

ter - nal life, to serve thee, to reign.

depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.
 ment - ing fear pass with the pass - ing night.
 u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.
 ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

Words: Howard Chandler Robbins (1876-1952)

Music: *Chelsea Square*, Howard Chandler Robbins (1876-1952); harm. Ray Francis Brown (1887-1964); desc. Lois Fyfe (1927-2014)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Jesus said “as the father sent me, so I send you.” Go in peace to
join in the work of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Tu es Petrus
“You are Peter”
Gabriel Fauré ((1845-1924)

Flowers are given today by:

Pennie Curry

In appreciation for the youth of Gideon’s Garden

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Richard Starr; Kirk and Connie Garber; David Pixley; Cathy Haywood; Edna Leavenworth; Pennie Curry; Aicha and Matt Marcos; Rick and Sue Gore, and the Haywood family; Louise Peterson; Charlene Peet; The Rev. Marc Britt; Anne Andrews; George Raymond; Dindy and Mark Anderson; Linda White and her grandchildren, Claire, Mark, and Johnny; David Hamill; Rosemarie Blakely.

Others we Love: Pat Murray, grandmother of Caroline Murray; Lenny Clough, brother-in-law of Dindy Anderson; Judy Davis, grandmother of Jacob Greer; Lisa Solomon, friend of David Pixley; Jack Starr, father of Richard Starr; Julia DePeyster, friend of Lea Richardson; Ada Gómez, mother-in-law of Rev. Jimmy; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Doreen's sister, Linda Manardi; Paul, neighbor of Gina and Phil; Susie, Mike, and Emily Silver; Fran Hunt, Anne Andrew's sister; Michal Snyder, Dessida's sister; Anne Kistrup and Pam Reed, Lynn Walker's friends; Susan Bunce, Mary Booton's sister; George Laye; Fleming and Dick Rutledge; Tania Guerrero and her baby daughter Eugenia Marie Ayala Guerrero; David Rodriguez Ovalle, Sergio Rodriguez's father; Richard Cherneff; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Bishop Michael Curry; Sara Miles and her wife Martha; Jerry and Karen Ericson; James Driscoll; Livia Driscoll; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Lisa Leavenworth, Fred Harris, Dick Rutledge, Dale Peterson, Hawa Kiebre and Salif Tiri Ouedraogo, mother and father of Aicha Marcos; Kathy O'Brien, Pennie Curry's sister; Paul Haywood, Sue Gore's brother; The Rev. Donna Larson former Rector of St. George's; Hannah Peabody, Caroline Murray's friend; The Rev. Donald Peet; Pamela Drumm.

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 Mampong Babies' Home; and The Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell, our Bishop.

WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	Today 8/23/26	Next Week 8/30/26
WELCOME TEAM	Louise Peterson Carol Way	Sue Gore Rick Gore
ACOLYTE	Kathy Clausen	Louise Peterson
LECTOR	Holly Murray	Doreen Hutchinson
INTERCESSOR	John Cheek	Kathy Clausen
CHALICE BEARERS	Kathy Clausen Louise Peterson	Louise Peterson Mackenzie Kendall
HEALING TEAM	Ted Cobden Penny Curry	Ted Cobden Kathy Clausen
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Clausen Sarah Sieber	Louise Peterson Mackenzie Kendall
COFFEE HOUR	Holly Murray Fishell/Siep	Sue Gore Debbie Holmes
COUNTERS	Carol Way Viola Bagnaschi	Rick Gore Kathy Clausen
VESTRY CLOSER	Phil Burt	Kevin Rosero

CALENDAR

ALL IN-PERSON + ON ZOOM

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

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden:	Matt Marcos
Junior Warden:	Evie Starr
Treasurer:	Sue Gore
Clerk:	Doreen Hutchinson
Class of 2027	Jainee McCarroll, Kevin Rosero
Class of 2028	Mackenzie Kendall
Class of 2029	Dindy Anderson, Phil Burt, Lynn Carlson

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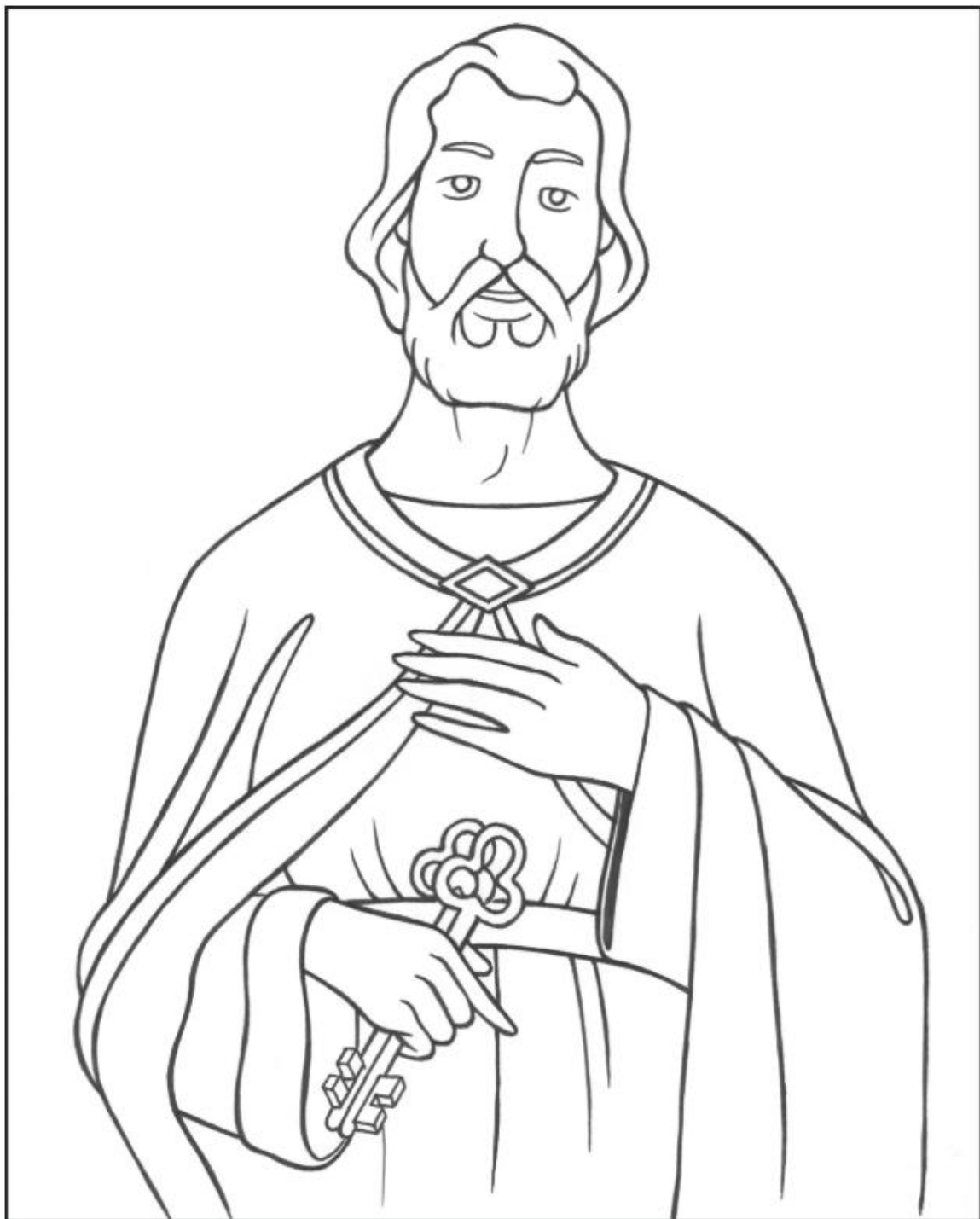
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Gideon's Garden Director:	Jack Kamps
Choir Director:	John Cheek
Keyboardist:	Lee Cheek
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal Train

There are still slots on the Meal Train for Christina as she is recovering from hip surgery. Sign up from the email or call the office and we will help sign you up on an empty day!

Back to School Gift Cards

We are collecting gift cards for our local middle and high schoolers for back to school! If you would like to contribute, bring a \$25-\$50 Visa gift card to the church office or put it in the offertory plate on Sunday! Our last day of collection is **August 24th**!

Lee Food Pantry

Saturday, **August 29th** will be the fifth Sunday of the month, so it is Grace Church's turn to staff the Lee Food Pantry! Contact Sue Gore to volunteer!

Voices of Freedom

Sunday **August 30th**, 2:00pm at First Congregational Church in Lee. Hosted by Multicultural Bridge and the Town of Lee, Voices of Freedom celebrates black history and women's voices in the American Revolution.

Books and Bread

Join us on **September 9th** at **6pm**, join us for appetizers and a discussion of All Things Great and Small by James Herriot. Questions? Contact Peter Kirchhoff!

Graceful Gathering

Join us on **September 14th** from **noon-1:30pm** at Lea Richardson's house in Stockbridge. Bring your lunch!

Gideon's Garden

Volunteer Hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9am-12noon