

Welcome to Grace Church
The First Sunday of Creationtide
The Feast of Labor

September 6, 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

To a Wild Rose
Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)

WELCOME

The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN: H 8

Morning has broken

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for a unison or harmony setting. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven, 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. like the first dew - fall on the first grass. born of the one light E - den saw play! Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing.

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - every morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.

Music: *Bunesan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

Celebrant

This is the day the Creator has made.

People

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

COLLECT FOR PURITY

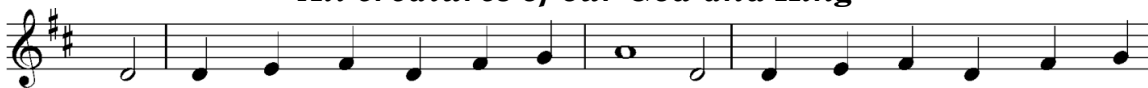
Celebrant and People

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: H 400

Vs. 1

All creatures of our God and King



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns efreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All-loving God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in our labor and leisure that it may be for the common good of all Creation; and, as we seek the proper share for all, make us supportive of the rightful needs of all creatures who live and love on this earth; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 38:27-32a

²⁷ So it is with every artisan and master artisan
 who labors by night as well as by day;
those who carve the signets of seals—
 each is diligent in making a great variety;
they set their heart on painting a lifelike image,
 and they lose sleep in order to finish their work.

²⁸ So it is with the smith sitting by the anvil,
 intent on his ironwork;
the breath of the fire melts his flesh,
 and he struggles with the heat of the furnace;
the sound of the hammer deafens his ears,
 and his eyes are on the pattern of the object.

He sets his heart on finishing his handiwork,
 and he loses sleep to complete its decoration.

²⁹ So it is with the potter sitting at his work
 and turning the wheel with his feet;
he always lies down anxious about his work,
 and his every work is taken into account.

³⁰ He molds the clay with his arm
 and makes it pliable with his feet;

he sets his heart to finish the glazing,
and he takes care in firing the kiln.

³¹ All these rely on their hands,
and all are skillful in their own work.

³² Without them no city can be inhabited,
and wherever they live they will not go hungry.

Reader
People

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

Psalm 107: 1-9

Let us read the Psalm responsively by verse.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴ **Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;**

⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶ **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;**

⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸ **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-14

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN:

Vs 1-2 before Gospel

Vs 3 after Gospel

Those who love and those who labor



1. Those who love and those who la-bour fol - low in the way of
2. Where the man - y work to - geth - er, they with Christ him - self a -
3. Let the seek - er nev - er fal - ter, till the truth is found a -



Christ; Thus the first di - sci - ples found him, thus the gift of love suf -
bide. But the lone - ly work - ers al - so find him ev - er at their
far. With the wis - dom of the a - ges un - der - neath a gi - ant



ficed. Je - sus says to those who seek him, I will
side. Lo, the Prince of com - mon wel - fare dwells with -
star, With the rich - est and the poor - est, of the



nev - er pass you by; Raise the stone and you shall
in the mark - et strife; Lo, the bread of heaven is
sum of things poss - essed, Like a child at first to



find me; cleave the wood, and there am I.
brok - en in the sac - ra - ment of life.
won - der, like a king at last to rest.

Words: Geoffrey Dearmer 1893-1996

Music: *Domhnach Trionoide*, traditional Gaelic melody

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-24

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

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

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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 the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

I ask your prayers for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

I ask your prayers for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink. Especially the people of Nepal and the Grand Canyon.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

I ask your prayers for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Priest Holy God, you alone are unutterable, from the time you created all things that can be spoken of. You alone are unknowable, from the time you created all things that can be known. All things cry out about you: those that speak, and those that cannot speak. All things honor you: those that think, and those that cannot think. For there is one longing, one groaning, which all things have for you. All things that comprehend your plan pray to you and offer you a silent hymn. In you, the One, all things abide, and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all.

Gregory of Nazianzus

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

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 “To live, we must daily break the body and shed the blood of Creation. When we do this knowingly, lovingly, skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament. When we do it ignorantly, greedily, clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration.” *Wendell Berry*

OFFERTORY HYMN: H 424

For the fruit of all creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,
done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
God's will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that



earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
love has found us, thanks be to God.

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.

Music: *East Acklam*, Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes

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 in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here among the ancient Appalachian Mountains, beside the Housatonic and Green Rivers, where we alongside our fellow migratory creatures live and work and rest and play. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, Black Bear and Beaver, Turkey and Cedar Waxwing, Sycamore and Lady Slipper, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

SANCTUS: WLP 858

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. *Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner (1936-2013); harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with those who labor and hunger for bread and roses, and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

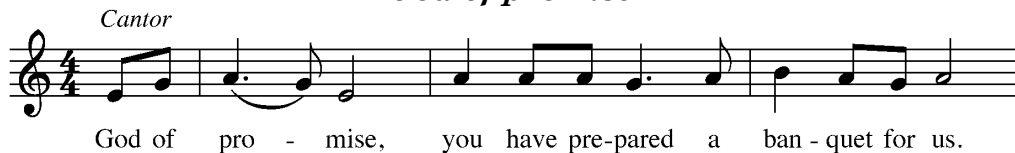
And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, and teaches us still, we pray in the language of our hearts,

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: EOM 131

God of promise



Setting: Jonathan Dimmock from *Missa Appalachia*

Celebrant
People

Behold what you are.
May we become what we receive.

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 158

Make me a blessing

1. Out in the high - ways and by - ways of life, _____
 2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love, _____
 3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need, _____

1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad; _____
 2. Tell of His power to for - give; _____
 3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you; _____

1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife, _____
 2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove _____
 3. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed, _____

1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad. _____
 2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live, _____
 3. Un - to your mis - sion be true. _____

Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,
 Out of my life May Je - sus shine;
 Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I pray,
 Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day.

Words: Ira B. Wilson (1880-1950)

Music: George Schuler (1882-1973)

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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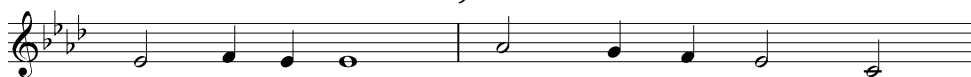
BLESSING

Celebrant

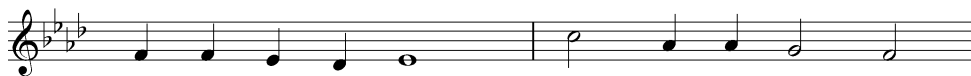
The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: H 451

Come, labor on



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e -	my	is
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves the gold - en grain?	And to each ser - vant
2	snatch the seed a - way;	while we in sleep our
3	may do ser - vice here:	by feeblest a - gents
4	Gos - pel glad - ness bear:	re - deem the time; its
5	o'er our path - way lie,	and a glad sound comes



1	does the Sav - ior say, "Go	work to - day."
2	du - ty have for - got, he	slum - bered not.
3	may our God ful - fill his	right - eous will.
4	hours too swift - ly fly. The	night draws nigh.
5	with the set - ting sun, _____	"Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

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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

Cortège

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

***Flowers are given in gratitude for all
those who labor while others sleep***

*O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live
in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day,
who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never
forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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 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 9/6/26	Next Week 9/13/26
WELCOME TEAM	Edward Cabot Mary Booton	Mackenzie Kendall Carol Way
ACOLYTE	Peter Kirchoff	Jacob Greer
LECTOR	Dindy Anderson	Susan Bunce
INTERCESSOR	Kathy Clausen	Sarah Sieber
CHALICE BEARERS	Peter Kirchoff Matt Marcos	Jacob Greer Rick Gore
HEALING TEAM	Kathy Clausen Ted Cobden	Kathy Clausen Ted Cobden
ALTAR GUILD	Peter Kirchoff Monique Kirchoff	Jacob Greer Mackenzie Kendall
COFFEE HOUR	Dindy Anderson Fishell/Siep	Kendall/Greer Doreen Hutchinson
COUNTERS	Matt Marcos Gino Furio	Sue Gore Carol Way
VESTRY CLOSER	Matt Marcos	Mackenzie Kendall

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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Gideon's Garden Director:	Jack Kamps
Choir Director:	John Cheek
Keyboardist:	Lee Cheek
Parish Administrator:	Mackenzie Kendall

Grace Church worships and gardens
On the traditional land of the Mohican people.

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THE SEASON OF CREATION

(CREATIONTIDE)

Beginning on **September 1st** and running through the Feast of St. Francis on **October 4th**, the Season of Creation (aka Creationtide) is a new eccumenical season in the life of the wider Church. The movement to recognize this new season began in the 80s in the Orthodox Church. Over the decades it has grown into a worldwide celebration shared among Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican (Episcopal), Roman Catholic, and other branches of the faith. This season invites us to be mindful of our continuing role of giving and receiving care in God's ever new action of Creation.

Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, is an official resource that was written over the course of 3 years (2022-2025) that offers a whole host of prayers for the celebration of this season. The Liturgical Committee of Grace Church has worked prayerfully with this resource to offer the liturgies of this season to the Glory of God. May these prayers help you root your heart in the sacred every day presence of God among these holy hills and valleys.

As one old hymn goes, "Christ still walks these wooded hills..." May we be ever mindful of this truth as we love and serve this community, sustained by the Grace of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nepal Red Cross

Your donation helps the Nepal Red Cross provide urgent relief, first aid, safe water and other essential support to families affected by a devastating flash flood and landslide. Consider donating today. Every contribution can make a difference. Donate through the Red Cross at nrcc.org/highlight/9/

Worship at Office Sep 20th

Sunday, September 20th, Berkshire South is unavailable. We will gather for worship at the Grace Church Office, 67 State Rd, Great Barrington and on Zoom.

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 Kirchoff!

Graceful Gathering

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

Gideon's Garden

We have hit 8,000 lbs of donated food this year!

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

Berkshire South Winter Coat Drive

Help keep others warm by donating gently-used coats, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, boots, snow pants, and blankets. Find collection boxes throughout the Southern Berkshires, including the primary drop-off location in the Berkshire South lobby. The public is welcome to select items for free at our distribution event.

Donations Accepted Aug 31 - Oct 21

Giveaway Event: Oct 23, beginning at 4:30pm

For questions regarding the coat drive, please email skandt@berkshiresouth.org