



# *Grace*

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters,  
yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross  
and follow me cannot be my disciple.”*

*~ Luke 14:26-27*

# Welcome to Grace Church

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## WELCOME!

Welcome, we are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning!

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am  
Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House  
Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery  
New Testament Bible Study | 9:15am | Grace Hall  
WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room  
StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room  
Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall  
Rite Two Service | 10:00am  
Coffee Hour | 11:15am | Parish House

## WHO ARE WE?

In our reverent worship space, we warmly welcome people who are at all stages of faith, from those who are curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning, to those who are growing and maturing in their faith. Our sermons convey the truth of the gospel and offer practical applications to everyday life. Our desire is to grow in knowledge and love of God, and infuse His grace and truth into everything we do. Grace Episcopal Church is traditional and liturgical, and we care for our visitors by clearly explaining the heart and history behind our form of worship. We have found a family here, and we want this church to feel like a family for you, too.

## OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

The Episcopal Church has been called the “bridge church,” for we are Protestants who also honor our traditional Catholic heritage as well as contemporary worship. In addition to the Bible, our worship is led by the Book of Common Prayer, which has formed our historical thought and practice in its several editions since 1549. We are deeply sacramental, believing in the Baptism of children and that the Holy Eucharist (Communion) is the central act of worship. All baptized Christians may receive communion.

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings  
Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.  
Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street in the Church Office building for children ages 0-3 years. We offer our WonderKids program for children ages 4-6 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. Our Story Makers classroom is for ages 7-9. And we also offer Connect Youth for ages 10-13.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand*

## PROCESSIONAL

### GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming;  
Now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken-  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame-  
Call to us now and we shall awaken-  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
We are the old, who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty-  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong-  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly-  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;  
Here we will take the bread of new birth;  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters;  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you,  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### PROCESSION

*We start our services with a procession of ministers and servers who have chosen to serve God and his people in their act of corporate worship. The procession is led by the cross, reminding those serving and those worshipping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE WORD OF GOD

*You are invited to voluntarily make the sign of the cross on your body - to cross yourself - as a means to tell God again, and remind yourself, that you belong to him. You can do this at any time it seems meaningful to you. Often we sign ourselves when the names of the Trinity are used, in reference to the resurrection of the dead, and when saying "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."*

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining-  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever-  
Gather us in and make us your own-  
Gather us in, all peoples together-  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

**Celebrant**

**Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**People**

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

## COLLECT OF PURITY

**Celebrant**

**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.  
*Amen.***

## SONG OF PRAISE

### GLORIA

*Refrain:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to His people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

*Refrain*

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

*Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

*Refrain*

Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

## THE FIRST READING

## JEREMIAH 18:1-11

Reader

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*This prayer is a moment to catch the theme of the service today. If you grasp it, your participation in worship will be enhanced, and you'll see God connecting the pieces of the gospel with your life.*

## THE FIRST READING

*The First Reading is always an Old Testament passage. The OT forms a foundation for the New Testament and gives us many examples how God has led his people, displaying his essence and character.*

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Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

### THE PSALM

*We read a psalm responsively each service as an expression of our emotions before the Lord. The Psalms contain all of our common emotions that derive from our day to day experiences. Read it recognizing that being honest before God, and each other, has great godly benefit.*

Reader

The Psalm for today is from Psalm 139, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
***you know my sitting down and my rising up;***  
***you discern my thoughts from afar.***

You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
***and are acquainted with all my ways.***

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
***but you, O LORD, know it altogether.***

You press upon me behind and before \*  
***and lay your hand upon me.***

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
*it is so high that I cannot attain to it.*

For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
*you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
*your works are wonderful, and I know it well.*

My body was not hidden from you, \*  
*while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.*

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
*they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.*

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
*how great is the sum of them!*

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the  
sand; \*  
*to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.*

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

## THE SECOND READING

## PHILEMON 1-21

Reader

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to  
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

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When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

*Please Stand*



## GRADUAL HYMN

### TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

### THE GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People*

*Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king,

### GOSPEL READING

*Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. Reading his spoken words from the center of the congregation proclaims that grace and truth come through Jesus Christ.*

*When we make a little cross on our head, mouth and chest we are reminding ourselves that Jesus' gospel reforms our thinking, cleanses our speech and conforms our hearts to his truth and love.*

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### THE SERMON

*God's Word is living and active, and cuts to the heart. That's why we read it, proclaim it, listen to it, meditate upon it, and take the time to make it understood.*

### THE NICENE CREED

*If you are looking to unite around one set of beliefs for the Christian life, this would be it. It is broad enough to capture the essentials of our faith and narrow enough to be a definitive statement of biblical truth.*

will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

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

### SERMON

**JOSH REED**

### THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of the 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.***

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*Please kneel or be seated as able*

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### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader

For all the people in their daily life and work;

**People**

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Reader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People**

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People**

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People**

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Reader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People**

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Reader

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Justin, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People**

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

Reader

For those who are unable to be present and who join in our worship from home;

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray these established prayers to ensure that we cover important aspects of our lives and the world with corporate prayer. Listen to each prayer carefully, saying the words silently, so that your spoken Amen will ring true in your heart and be added to the prayers of the saints.*

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For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;  
And for all those we name from our hearts.

*You may add your own petitions*

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

**People**

***For your mercy is great.***

Reader

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

*You may add your own thanksgivings*

Reader

We will exalt you, O God, our King;

**People**

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Reader

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

*You may add your own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People**

***Who put their trust in you.***

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People**

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **CONFESSION**

*We recognize our sins before God as a church body, recognizing our humanity and our weekly, daily, momentary need for the Lord and the cleansing blood of Christ. You will notice after some months of confession and absolution that you start to feel clean throughout the week, as if you've been washed and renewed. The 16th-century reformers thought the proper way to approach God was via confession.*

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Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

**People**

*And also with you.*

*Please be seated*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

## MADE FOR MORE

I know who I am, 'cause I know who You are.

The cross of salvation was only the start.

Now I am chosen, free and forgiven.

I have a future and it's worth the living.

*Refrain:*

'Cause I wasn't made to be tending the grave.

I was called by name, born and raised back to life again.

I was made for more.

So why would I make a bed in my shame

when a fountain of grace is running my way?

I know I am Yours and I was made for more.

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### ABSOLUTION

*Having heard the Word of God proclaimed, which has led us to confess our sins, it is now time to receive some assurance that God has forgiven the sins of those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ. It is Christ's power that forgives, embodied by the pronouncement of the priest, that makes tangible the truth that God has removed the barrier between him and us.*

### THE PEACE

*Exchanging the peace is an ancient custom of God's people. We do it after Confession and Absolution which means we can give the same forgiveness to others that we have received from God. A demonstration that we have renewed relationships in Christ, it also prepares us to together receive Communion as the Body of Christ.*

### OFFERTORY

*What will you give to God? The money he gave to you? The time he has allotted for you today? The abilities with which you were born? Your next breath? Combine your offering with those around you, and see what God can do with and through our church.*



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Hallelujah, You called out my name, so I'll sing out Your praise.  
Hallelujah, You buried my past, I'm not going back.

*Refrain*

*Please Stand*

## THE DOXOLOGY

**HYMN 380, VERSE 3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### COMMUNION

*By taking Communion we obey the Lord's words to his disciples to remember his goodness to us and to proclaim that he is coming again. Jesus turns a simple earthy action - eating bread and drinking wine - into a magnificent celebration for his people. In Communion, Jesus is with us, and we are with each other. Sounds like a party!*

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

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

*The celebrant offers a preface and concludes saying...*

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.  
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Lord, we sing Your praise.

*Please kneel as able*

### Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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

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my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### **People**

***We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.***

### **Celebrant**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*When you pray this prayer, the one Jesus taught his disciples, and that all Christians everywhere pray, reflect on the words, recognizing you are actually talking to your Heavenly Father. Pray it afresh, as if for the first time.*



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Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**

*Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### CANVAS AND CLAY

In my mother's womb,  
You formed me with Your hands.  
Known and loved by You  
Before I took a breath.  
When I doubt it, Lord, remind me  
I'm wonderfully made.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.

*Refrain:*

You make all things work together  
For my future and for my good.  
You make all things work together  
For Your glory and for Your name.

There's a healing light  
Just beyond the clouds.  
Though I've walked through fire,  
I see clearly now.  
I know nothing has been wasted,  
No failure or mistake.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.

*Refrain*

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### EUCCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

*Please follow these instructions when you go up to receive communion:*

- 1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.*
  - 2. Walk up the center aisle.*
  - 3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.*
  - 4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.*
  - 5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*
- If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.*

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### PRAYER TEAM

*Praying with a friend or minister during Communion is a powerful way to experience the presence of Christ. Our clergy and prayer warriors invite you to ask for a breakthrough in your life. The Lord awaits the requests and prayers of his people.*

When I doubt it, Lord, remind me  
I'm wonderfully made.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.  
And I know nothing has been wasted,  
No failure or mistake.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.

*Refrain*

## GOD IS ON THE THRONE

God is on the throne  
He reigns forevermore  
Just think about it  
Just think about it

Why should I worry?  
Why should I fear?  
Why should I run  
When Jesus is here?  
I'm safe in His arms  
Safe in His heart  
And nothing can take me away from His love

*Refrain:*

God is on the throne  
He reigns forevermore  
Just think about it  
Just think about it  
God is always good  
He loves like a father should  
Just think about it  
Just think about it

When I am anxious, when I'm afraid  
I find the strength when I call on His Name  
I'm safe in His arms, safe in His heart  
And nothing can take me away

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

He's the King of power, King of kings  
He is the Lord over everything  
To Him be the glory, the honor and praise  
Forever and ever, amen always

*Refrain*

Hallelujah, He reigns  
Hallelujah, He saves  
Hallelujah, always  
He's never gonna let me down

*Refrain*

## LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

Savior I come  
Quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom  
Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as lost

*Refrain:*

Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I  
Tempted and trialed  
Human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin and death  
Now you're risen  
Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as lost

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

*Refrain*

To your heart  
To your heart  
Lead me to your heart  
Lead me to your heart

*Refrain*

## **TAKE UP YOUR CROSS**

Take up your cross,  
the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross,  
let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart,  
and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross,  
heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross,  
on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross,  
then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross,  
and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Please kneel as able*

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## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 Lord. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and may the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## RECESSIONAL

### YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God;  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, oh God.

*Refrain:*

Your grace is enough-  
Your grace is enough-  
Your grace is enough, for me.

### THE BLESSING

*When you bless someone, you give them life-changing words. The priestly blessing will impact your day with heaven's power. Be sure to receive it with an open heart.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

Great is Your love and justice, God;  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,  
And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, oh God.

*Refrain*

So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, oh God.

*Refrain*

Heaven reaching down to us.  
Your grace is enough for me.  
God, I see Your grace is enough,  
I'm covered in Your love,  
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

## THE DISMISSAL

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*As if we haven't gotten the message yet from the rest of the service, the Deacon urges us to take our love for God and each other into the rest of the world. This can only happen if we walk through the red doors in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.*

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People**

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by James and Jeanne Henningsen in gratitude to God for the greatest blessing they've ever received, their incredible daughter, Juliana.  
Happy 18th birthday, sweet girl!

## THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Do you want to invest in building a better, stronger marriage? Join us and register for the Marriage Course! This course is designed for couples who are married or are thinking of getting married in the near future. It is based on Christian principles but crafted for couples with or without a Christian faith.

The Marriage Course runs over five sessions, and each session begins with sharing dinner as a couple, followed by a fun, insightful video covering topics that are relevant for every couple like The Art of Communication or Resolving Conflict.

You will:

- Learn practical tools to deepen your connection and keep the spark alive.
- Gain insights from interviews with leading psychologists and authors, as well as learning from your hosts, Fr. Frans and Erin van Santen.
- Enjoy private, intimate conversations as a couple giving you the space to engage openly and honestly throughout each session.

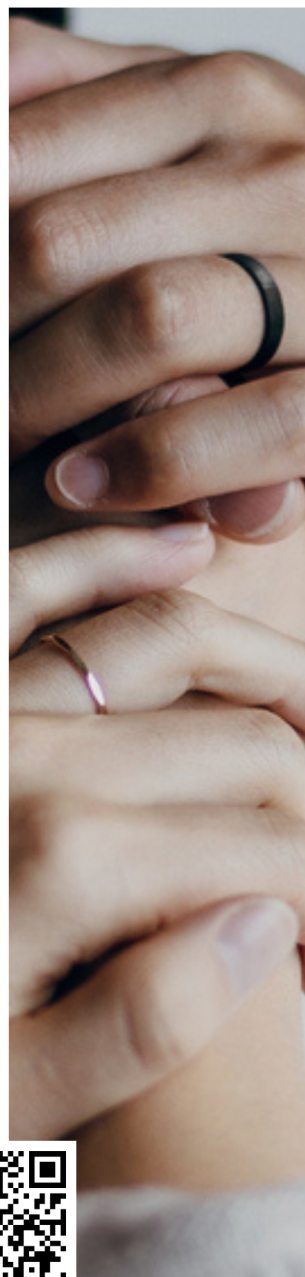
**When:** Wednesday nights from 5.30PM to 7.30PM, starting September 24 - October 22.

**Where:** Parish House, 503 SE Broadway Street, Ocala FL 34471

**Costs:** \$50 per couple or family

**We are providing dinner as well as a Children's Program at the Church Office, ages 0-13.**

Register now with the QR Code or at [www.graceocala.org/opentable](http://www.graceocala.org/opentable)



## RECIPES NEEDED FOR GRACE COOKBOOK!

Share Your Favorite Recipes!

Be part of the Grace Cookbook – Coming Soon!

We're collecting recipes for the upcoming Grace Cookbook, and we want yours! Whether it's a cherished family favorite, a holiday tradition, or your go-to weeknight meal – we want to hear the story behind it. Because every recipe tells a story.

Submission Deadline: September 30

The cookbook will be available for purchase at this year's Bazaar!

Submit as many recipes as you'd like  
Don't forget to include why this recipe is  
meaningful to you!

To submit your recipe please email  
Peggy Bourne at [Peggy@graceocala.org](mailto:Peggy@graceocala.org)

Scan the QR code below to access the recipe  
template and submit your entry!







## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN INVITE YOU TO LUNCH WITH CORRIE TEN BOOM

Please join ECW this Saturday, September 13, at 11:30 in the Parish House for lunch and a delightfully entertaining and informative visit with Corrie Ten Boom. Local historian and actress Dee Collier will present a first-person characterization of the famous Dutch resistance figure whose family helped many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during the holocaust in World War II by hiding them in their home. She was eventually caught and sent to a concentration camp, which she survived. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, recounts the story of her family's efforts.

This is not just for the ladies. Everyone is invited so bring your family and friends. Lunch will be catered and served promptly at 11:30. We need a head count for food so please RSVP with the QR Code or to the church office (352)622-7881 or Carolyn Ayres at (352) 286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com.

You don't want to miss this special treat!

There will be a brief very important ECW business meeting following the program.



## CULTURES & CUISINE SEPTEMBER 20 | 5:30 PM | PARISH HOUSE

It's that time again—Culture and Cuisine is right around the corner, and we need your help! The event will be held on Saturday, September 20th, and we are looking for cooks to share their favorite dishes.

This year we will be highlighting four regions:

Italian  
Greek  
Indian  
Mexican/Latin American



If you would like to bring a dish, please sign up on the sheet located outside the church.

All are invited to come and enjoy this wonderful evening of food and fellowship.

To RSVP to attend, please scan the QR code provided or call the church office (352) 622-7881.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 20 Cultures & Cuisine
- 21 Vision Sunday  
Coffee Hour
- 24 The Marriage Course  
Open Table Kids
- 25 Vestry Meeting
- 28 Coffee Hour

### **OCTOBER**

- 1 The Marriage Course  
Open Table Kids
- 4 Fr. Frans Organ Concert
- 5 Coffee Hour+  
DOK Meeting
- 8 The Marriage Course  
Open Table Kids
- 12 Coffee Hour
- 15 The Marriage Course  
Open Table Kids
- 16 TBRI Training with  
The Pearl Project
- 19 Pumpkin Carving &  
Corn Boil
- 22 The Marriage Course  
Open Table Kids
- 23 Vestry Meeting

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### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9/14/25**

Nursery:  
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:  
Mollie Miranda & Alizon  
Morales

Storymakers:  
Catie Hourigan  
Volunteer Needed!

Connect:  
Matt Merchant & Erin van  
Santen

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### **Next Week's Bible Readings**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

## **PINK SHEETS!**

Pink Sheets will be available once again this Sunday. Whether you haven't filled one out yet or need to update your information, these forms help the church stay connected with our congregation, send out the weekly Grace To You Newsletter, and include you in our online directory.

Peggy Bourne will be available in the Parish House during coffee hour if you have any questions, would like help filling out the form, or want to learn more about the directory.

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## **VISION SUNDAY**

Mark your calendars for Vision Sunday on September 21! Following both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services, Fr. Frans and Josh Reed will share Grace Episcopal Church's Vision—who we are and where we are going.

Your Vestry and Church Staff have prayerfully worked on this for quite some time, and we are excited to present it to you. You will get to hear more about Open Table (a new Wednesday evening ministry), plans for a future office building, the Residency and the impact of growth on our church community. We look forward to sharing this vision with you and walking together into the future God is calling us toward.

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## **TEEN GROUP HOME VISITS**

We are so excited to begin our visits with the group homes again this year. Our first visit will be on Saturday, September 20th. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Dianna Labeur at (352) 229-2717.

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, September 7 - Office Closed**

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House  
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery  
9:15am: Josh's Bible Study, Grace Hall  
9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room  
9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room  
9:45am: Connect (10-13), Grace Hall  
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream  
11:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House  
12:00pm: DOK Meeting, Grace Hall

**Monday, September 8**

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, September 9**

12:00pm: Fr. Frans Bible Study, Zoom

**Wednesday, September 10**

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

**Thursday, September 11**

**Friday, September 12 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, September 13 - Office Closed**

11:30am: ECW Lunch with Corrie Ten Boom, Parish House

**Sunday, September 14 - Office Closed**

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House  
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery  
9:15am: Josh's Bible Study, Grace Hall  
9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room  
9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room  
9:45am: Connect (10-13), Grace Hall  
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream  
11:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

2 Deborah Soukup  
4 Karl Hop  
9 Richard Kent  
Juliana Henningsen  
10 Erik Rauba  
Avery Ausley  
12 Barbara McGhee  
13 Erin Dotson  
Jeanne Henningsen

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If you would like to make a prayer request for either the weekly prayer list or the DOK private prayer list please email Deacon Susan at [prayers@graceocala.org](mailto:prayers@graceocala.org). And include which list you are requesting.

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If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans please contact Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881 or [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@graceocala.org)

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If you would like to meet or talk to our Children's Minister, Catie Hourigan, you can contact the church office at 352-622-7881; or by email at [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@graceocala.org)

**- Grace Church Leadership -**

**HEAD**

Jesus Christ

**BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

**WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector  
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon  
Josh Reed: Director of Ministry  
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator  
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

**VESTRY**

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Treasurer  
Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Stephen Ayres Todd Craig Kristin Dean  
Lise Kent Amy Robertson

**MUSICIANS**

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Bartosic  
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Jamille Brewster

**SERVERS**

**Ushers:** Victor & Vivian Barone  
**Reader, First Reading/Psalm:** Matt Merchant & Liam Sanchez  
**Reader, Second Reading/PoP:** Greg Harrell  
**Acolytes:** Walker Harrell, Elizabeth Hart, Shealy Harrell  
**Chalice Ministers:** Stephanie Harrell  
**Prayer Team:** Michelle Curry  
**Altar Guild:** Lise Kent, Lynda Peek, James Perdue, Jeannie Piotrowski  
**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel,  
Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen  
**VPOD:** Lise Kent

**Weekly Services on Our Campus**

**Sunday 8:00am—Rite I**

**Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music**

**Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace**

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