



Grace Church in the Mountains

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Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:30 am
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome! / ¡Bienvenida!

We are honored by your presence as we gather as God's people to worship in the "beauty of holiness" through our ancient liturgy, contemporary prayers, and vibrant community.

Audio and visual aids, as well as "worship bags" for children, are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Following the service, please join us in Thatcher Hall for coffee and fellowship!

Missional Priorities

(adopted at 2019 Vestry retreat)

- To steward God's creation faithfully.
- To develop a vibrant ministry to children, youth and young adults.
- To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors.

Today, our 9:15 am Adult Forum is on the topic of discernment. One of my favorite writers, Eugene Peterson writes:

"...there is far more to following the way of Jesus than knowing right from wrong - the Ten Commandments sort of thing. And there is more to it than believing rightly, as outlined in the Apostles' Creed. Discernments needs to be made continuously between this and that, when and how. Conditions on the road are constantly changing, companions and friends are a movable feast, the devil's seductions come in a bewildering variety..."

Part of the journey in Epiphany (the Church season between Christmas and Lent) is becoming more familiar with the ways that Jesus showed up in the world 2,000 years ago, so that we can spot how his Spirit shows up in our lives today.

In the Gospels of Epiphany-tide, Jesus shows up as an infant in an unmarked cave with foreign dignitaries offering them the best they have to honor this shocking king. We find him in the Jordan River inviting us into the baptismal life of perpetual truth-telling and peace-making and resource-sharing. He shows up at a wedding, providing more abundantly more good wine than could be imagined or paid for or hopping into Peter's boat, asking him to go into deep waters and catch more fish than ever before. Jesus shows up offering abundance where all we expect is "not-enough-ness." In today's Gospel, Jesus shows up in a field telling us that the way of God is "everything to do with this world, but almost nothing in common with it," elevating those who mourn, who are hungry, who are bullied, who are poor.

My prayer for us this week is that we continue to get to know who Jesus was 2,000 years ago, so that we can wisely discern his presence in our lives, in this parish, in our families, today.

- Joslyn+

Words of Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*Song of Praise *Venite*


1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord;— let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion.— 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing—
— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.— 3. For the
Lord is a great God,— and a great King a - bove all
gods.— 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,—
— and the heights of the hills are his al - so.— 5. The
sea is his, for he made it,— and his hands have

mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his
pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.
— Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All *O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse~
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Response: Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ-whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 133

O Light of Light

Elmhurst

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*
Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We be-lieve in one God, the
Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, ma-ker of hea-ven and
earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in
one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-
got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion
he came down from heav-en: by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit
he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late;
he suf-fered death and was bur-ied. On the third day he

rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed
in - to hea - ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.
He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the
dead, and his king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the
Fa - ther and the Son. With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shipped and
glo - ri - fied. He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in
one ho - ly cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.
We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins.
We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, —
and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men. —

The Prayers of the People

Leader With all our heart and our mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. In Jesus you have made the cursed shrub of desolation to be our tree of life. Cut us away from trust in ourselves, and water our parched and withered hearts with the streams of your love. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

O God, you brought life out of death through the Red Sea waters and through the death and resurrection of our Lord. Call all the peoples of the world out of futile living and believing, that we all may come home in your dominion of justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Holy One, in Jesus you touched the troubled and unclean. Reach out and touch all who are troubled (especially N.). Heal our diseases. (Look on especially N.) Remove the evil spirit of racism. Let your power cleanse us that we may sing praises to you alone. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Gracious Lord, your mercy encompasses all creation. Stretch out your gracious hand even as we deny and distort your presence in our midst. Fill us with the hunger which makes us dependent on you alone. May our lives extend your healing hand to all the world. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Lord, from creation to covenant and from prophets to present day, you have judged those who seek consolation in their possessions. Bless us with the poverty which opens us to your dominion. Call us away from a life which hoards and squanders your creation. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Abba God, you came to us little and vulnerable. Make us see and become one with the poor that we may share in your dominion. Make us see and become one with the hungry that we may find our satisfaction in serving others. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Celebrant Give us, O God, tears of sorrow for this world. May our laughter grow out of trust that you are indeed Lord of heaven and earth. May we leap for joy in you, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant/ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence may be kept.)
Deacon

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen*

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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Offerings are bid by the priest. The bread and wine are brought forward as the collection plates circulate and the choir sings an anthem.

Offertory Anthem

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place

Gordon Young

Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard;
Let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!
Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard;
Let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia!
O may we join the heavenly choir that through the ages will sing on;
In praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia!

Please stand as our financial offerings are presented at the altar, and we sing:



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.

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you." This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our loaves of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

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 Breaking of the Bread & the Fraction Anthem

CANTOR OR CHOIR

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my *All*

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Invitation

The Priest invites all those gathered to partake in God's gift of bread and wine.

Communion

Ushers will direct you forward to receive the body and blood. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available.

A Communion Hymn is sung as the bread and wine are distributed. All are encouraged to sing.

Communion Hymn 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Blessing May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 296 **We know that Christ is raised and dies no more** *Engelberg*

Dismissal

The Deacon or Priest sends us forth with one of the following, or other, dismissals.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude **Fugue in F Major (WTK Vol. 2)** **J.S. Bach**



In Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Ben & Joanne, Jim & Eleanor, Christa & Family, Linda & Al, Nan, Sami, Tom & Christy, Ken, Barbara, Robert & Laura

Those Who Have Died: Jane Hipps

Friends of Grace: Ronald & Linda, Ashley, Becky, Benn, Billy, Carol, Carol, Christopher, Dale & Trish, Diane, Dick, Drew, Ed & Chris, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellen, the Hallmark family, Howard, Ila, Isabel, Jackie, James, Jennifer, Jo & Kate, Joell and family, John, Mary, Matt & Marcia, Maxcy, Melene & Ron, Mickie & Howard, Norris, Pam, Randy, Rebecca and family, Robert, Robin, Rosemary, Sarah, Scott & family, Sharon, Spencer, Sue, the Taylor family, Dale, J.R. and grandson, Dwain, Gary, Pat

In our Cycles of Prayers this week, we pray for: The Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Most Rev. Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

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## Serving Today

**Choir:** Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Adele Novotney, Kenneth Ratcliffe, Ann Rothermel, Meg Smith, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

**Altar Guild:** Melanie Walt, Georgia McManus, Jim Lynn, Lauren Sutton, Mary Lackey

**Coffee Hour:** Joe Root and Natalie Bayless

**Collection Counters:** Laurel Destry, Chas Lawrence

**Crucifer, Server, & Torchbearers:** Jack Geist, Melanie Walt, Lucy Hill, Simon Hill

**Lectors:** Madison Owen, Kenneth Ratcliffe

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rachel Robles, Betsy Stecher, Melanie Walt

**Ushers:** Dale McDonald, Marcia McDonald, Frank Blevins

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Connie Mozelewski visiting Evelyn Overman, Deacon Ray visiting Ken Roach

*Today's flowers were given to the glory of God by  
Ginger and Walt Lambeth in honor of Shelby Kenton's second birthday*

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Happening Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Adults: The Art of Discernment - Br. John Zeller

Children: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (*Downstairs, Age 3 – Kindergarten*)
Godly Play (*Downstairs, Grades 1 – 4*)

Youth: Rite 13 (*Across from Library, Grades 5 – 7*)
Journey to Adulthood (*Rector's Office, Grades 8 – 12*)

Education Standing Committee meeting, 12:35 – 2:00 pm, Library

Announcements

Mardi Gras Luncheon: March 3, 12:15 pm in Thatcher Hall. All are welcome for this celebration with authentic New Orleans fare.

Flowers: If you would like to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary on Sundays, please sign up on the flower chart that is available in the parish hall. You may do them in honor or in memory of a person or event. Thank you for considering this service to Grace Church in the Mountains.

Noontime Noshing: Monday, 11:30 am, Thatcher Hall. All are welcome. Bring a lunch and enjoy good company and conversation.

Survival Challenge: Can YOU survive one month in poverty? Do you have what it takes to survive making minimum wage – or less? The NC Poverty Simulation is an educational event aimed to raise awareness about the complexities of living in poverty in North Carolina. Wednesday, February 27, 1:00 – 4:30 pm at Woodland Baptist Church. Free, but registration is required. Woodland Baptist Church, 545 Crabtree Road, Waynesville. Please email Alice Ensley (aensley@mountainprojects.org) to register.

Support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haywood County: Register a team for Bowl for Kids Sake on March 16. 10:00 am – 12:00 noon or 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Contact 828-273-3601 for more details.

Lay Weeders: Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, to start working on the property in preparation for the Icons in Transformation exhibit. Everyone welcome. “Rain date” set for Saturday, March 23.

Icons in Transformation: Grace Church will be hosting an internationally acclaimed art exhibit from April 28 until June 16. A variety of lectures, showings, and contemplative prayer times will be available. Tell your neighbors. You won't want to miss this!

Upcoming Adult Forums:

February 24 – Sexual Abuse & The Church (Joslyn Schaefer & Earle Pratt)
March 3 – Arts & the Inner Life: Exploring Abstract Expressionism with Dr. Rob Viau

Gatherings this Week: February 17 - February 23, 2019

(* = open to all to attend)

Cursillo Reunion, 10:00 am, Library
Noontime Noshing, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Thatcher Hall
Education for Ministry, Monday, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, Library
*Dream Group, Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Library
Icon Sponsorship meeting, Tuesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
Vestry meeting, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Library
Safe Schools Program Training, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Thatcher Hall
* Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
* Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
* Marthas Knitting Guild, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.,
call Donna Buckner or Mary Lou Daily for location

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina
The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector
The Rev. Br. Raymond Escott, OSB, Deacon
The Revs. Orion Davis, Earle Pratt, & Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates
Charles M. Banks, Director of Music
Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor
Dawna E. Wade, Parish Administrator

Members of the Vestry

Linda Deeb (2019)
Rob Viau (2019)
Paula Welling, Sr. Warden (2019)

Crystal Clary (2020)
Mary Hartman, Jr. Warden (2020)
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