

Grace Weekly: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 17, 2018

Children's Chapel will take place during the first half of the 10:30 service.

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*



***Prelude**

Prelude in G major

Felix Bartholdy-Mendelssohn

***Gathering Hymn 657**

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8: 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 20 (Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.)

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| 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble,* the Name of the God of Jacob defend you; | he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand. |
| 2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion; | 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,* but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God. |
| 3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice; | 8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright. |
| 4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans. | 9 O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call. |
| 5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the LORD grant all your requests. | |
| 6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; * | |

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 11-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

***Sequence Hymn 598** Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth *Mit Freuden zart*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

***Anthem at the Offertory** *For the beauty of the earth* John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

***Communion Hymns 620** Jerusalem, my happy home *Land of Rest*
(Insert) Sweet, Sweet Spirit *Doris Akers*

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

***Postlude** *Fugue in C major* Felix Bartholdy-Mendelssohn

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Ben & Joann, Bill, Bill, Diane & Maribeth, Bob, Linda & Al, Don & Ann, Charlotte, Jim & Eleanor

Friends of Grace: Andy, Ashley, Barbie, Becky, Billy, Bob, Carol, Dick, Drew, Fred, George, Jackie, James, Jesse, John, Joseph, Kent, Liana, Lori, Madeleine & Dakota, Mahalia, Mazie, Megan, Norris, Rina, Sascha, Spencer, and Tommie.

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) and the Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon; St. Alban's, Hickory

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Jim Crowder, Pam Davis, Ann-Cherie & David Dye, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Madison Owen, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: Gretchen Tope, Edwina Costley, Posy Williams

Coffee Hour: The Fellowship Committee in celebration of Father's Day

Collection Counters: Tony Sexton & Bill Collins

Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers: Georgia McManus, Melanie Walt, Harper Bishop (10:30)

Lectors: Janine Greenan (8:00); Lauri SoJourney, Bob Vogt (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Deeb, Gretchen Tope, Lorelai Yerse (8:00)
Mary Lockey, Melanie Walt, Donna Buckner (10:30)

Ushers: Les Taylor, Lisa Hardeman, Edwina Costley (10:30)

Eucharistic Visitor: Joyce Brooks, visiting Dot Reid

The altar flowers are given today by Ginger Lambeth to the Glory of God in celebration of the Lambeths' 52nd wedding anniversary.

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

***Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service.** Children will be dismissed after the Procession and will return at the Offertory. Don't let them miss this kid-friendly, interactive version of the liturgy!

***Adults (9:15):** "Exploring Joy, Part II." Mike Shirley continues discussing the insights of Bishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.
Episcopal Church 101 in the Library. This week's topic is the Prayer Book and Liturgy.

Announcements

Noontime Noshing on Monday, June 18, 11:30 - 1:30. Pack a lunch or pick up take-out and join us for good company and conversation in Thatcher Hall or on the deck, weather permitting. All are welcome, newcomers especially invited. Hosted by the Welcoming Committee.

Cursillo Meet-Up on Monday, June 18 at 10:00 am in the library. Anyone who has participated in Cursillo or similar weekend is welcome to join a small group exploring the possibility of planning a reunion. Contact Sami Felmet with questions: scfelmet@gmail.com

ECW Continental Breakfast and Meeting, June 23 on the deck from 9:30 – 11:00 am. All are invited to share in planning for Tablescape Luncheon and Christmas Tree Cookie Sale! Fair Booth sign-ups will also be available.

Parish Fair Updates: Continued sign-ups needed in Thatcher Hall, especially for intake help July 9th – 25th, for electronics and sports equipment set-up on the lawn Friday, July 27th from 9 am – 12 noon, and for sales assistance on the day of the Fair, July 28th from 9 am until 1 pm. If donated items need to be stored in the garages at Grace church before intake begins, please contact Fred Deeb (828-620-1917). There will be a **Fair Preview Party** Sunday, July 22nd from 2 pm – 5 pm. This is the time for those working during the Fair to buy items. Your family and friends are invited to share this opportunity to purchase items before Fair Day.

Deck Discussions returns on the last Tuesday of the month for fellowship and conversation on the deck off of the parish hall. Adults are encouraged to bring any snacks and beverage of choice which often adds to the liveliness of the discussion. We meet at 6 pm for social time, and around 6:30 Orion Davis will suggest a topic (which often provides an hour of energetic conversation). We hope you will join us on *Tuesday, June 26*.

A Pilgrimage to Ireland: Orion Davis is planning a pilgrimage to Ireland the beginning of May next year. If you have any interest in learning more about this spiritual adventure, he will have an orientation and information session in the library on *Sunday, June 24 at 12 noon*.

United Way Day of Caring, September 13, 2018. We are looking for someone to lead our group of volunteers. Our church would be assigned a project based on the skill level of our volunteers. We would be asked to complete the project on September 13. Other churches, businesses and organizations would also be working throughout Haywood County on this day. The project may involve yard work, painting, building a ramp or other minor home repairs. Joining together as a church team and as part of a huge effort in Haywood County can surely do some amazing things! Do you feel called to serve as a team leader helping our neighbors in Haywood County? If so, contact Vicky Gribble from the Outreach Committee (828-400-7616 or vgribble@mountainprojects.org).

EEDF representative needed: Our church recently gave a generous donation to the Diocese of WNC Episcopal Economic Development Fund (EEDF). The EEDF addresses issues of local and global poverty through loans in populations currently underserved and underfunded by mainstream lending institutions. We need someone to serve on the EEDF committee as a representative from the Western Deanery. We would love to have Haywood County representation on this important committee! Contact the rector or Vicky Gribble from the Outreach Committee (828-400-7616 or vgribble@mountainprojects.org).

The Pigeon Center is in need of donations for their upcoming summer program. Items include pots, pans, and other kitchenware that the children can play with in their new playground “mud kitchen” (no sharp items please), play vehicles (tricycles, ride-on plastic cars, etc.) and signs for their outdoor roadway, and gently used or new prizes for the children to “buy” at the Do-Right Store (think dollar store toys, individually wrapped snacks, etc.). Please drop items in Thatcher Hall to be collected. Contact Madison Owen (mrowen1@catamount.wcu.edu or 803-553-8527) for more information.

Gatherings this Week: June 18 – 23

(= open to all to attend)*

- *Noontime Noshing, Monday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Thatcher Hall
- *Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *Congregational Care Team Cooking Day, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Kitchen
- *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Choir Room
- Grief & Hope Class, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Library
- *Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- *Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
- *Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, Panacea Coffee House
- *Grace Giving Garden Workday, Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *ECW Meeting, Saturday, 9:30 am – 11:00 am, Deck

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