



Grace Church in the Mountains

September 22, 2019 | 8:00 am



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

(Annually discerned by the lay leadership team)

- 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.

WORDS OF WELCOME & SILENCE

Ending with the ringing of a bell.

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people stand.

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

The following is said, all standing

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 you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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.

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. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *You may be seated.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:
“Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”
 (“Why have they provoked me to anger with
their images,
with their foreign idols?”)
“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?
O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Remain seated. Read responsively by half verse, indicated by the asterisks.*

Psalm 79:1-9

¹O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
²They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
³They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
⁴We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
⁵How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
⁶Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
⁷For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
⁸Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
⁹Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A Reading from the letter to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing or kneel.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, José; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially *please add names here.*],
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.

I ask your prayers for _____ *the intercessor adds names from our parish prayer list and pauses for the congregation to add names aloud.*

I ask your thanksgiving for _____ *the intercessor may offer and thanksgiving and pauses for the congregation to give thanks aloud.*

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

All stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says this or something similar:

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

The people stand as the offerings are brought forward.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

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 gifts 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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

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 & Invitation

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Presider says this or something similar to invite the people to Holy Communion.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Please stand.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

When scheduled.

Deacon In the name of our parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that {N.} to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People

We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and 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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying this or some variation

Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Members of Grace Church:** Ben & Joanne, Jim & Eleanor, Al, JoAnn, Tom & Christy, Sallee, Susan & Randy, Orion & Pam, Charlotte, Barb & Weldon, Betsy, Deacon Ray & Peggy and our Homebound Members: Betty Shore, Ken Roach, Evelyn Overman, Dot Reid, Elizabeth Clark, & Katherine Calhoun.
- Friends of Grace:** Dale and Trish, Jeremy, Ethan, Ruth, Anthony, Spencer, Telina, Brenda's caregiver, Nicki, Deborah, Kay, Chris Marcia, Ida, Gretchen, Christy, Martha, Kathryn, Ann, Clint, Roney, Bruce, Carolyn & Rosemary, Major, Elaina, Robert & Joyce, Roxanne, Colin, Laura, Ila, & Leslea, Martha Wilson
- Those who have died:** Harold Miller, father of Cindy Leatherwood; Linda Hammar, wife of Al Hammar
- In our Cycle of Prayer:** St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton, NC; Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Rev'd Stanley Ntagali - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala.

SERVING TODAY

- Altar Guild Melanie Cyre, Mary Lockey
Coffee Hour Valerie & Michael Gracie
Collection Counters Linda Deeb, Alyson Nelson
Lector Carol Lans
Eucharistic Ministers Jim Lynn, Bob Stambaugh
Eucharistic Visitor Jim Treston visiting Elizabeth Clark

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Karen Morris in honor of her husband Richard's birthday and also by Faye Brunner in memory of her wife, Wendy Rae Myers.

Happening Today

Education Hour @ 9:15 am

Sunday Forum in Thatcher Hall: *Episcopal 101* Take a dive deep into the world of the Episcopal Church, its sacraments and liturgy, its polity and governance, its interpretation of scripture, and the church year. A great refresher or a helpful introduction to all Episcopalians! This class will continue for the next three weeks.

Children & Youth Formation: Downstairs, led by parishioner Sarah Yeagin

Lectionary Bible Study – Library – Study this Sunday's Scripture readings. *This group is open to all!*

THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 22 – 29

**indicates open to all*

Monday, Sept. 23	6:30	EfM, Library
Tuesday, Sept. 24	6:00	*Deck Discussions
Wednesday, Sept. 25	9:00 - 12:00	*Open Library Use,
	12:00	*Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Sanctuary
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:00	Children's Chapel Training
Thursday, Sept. 26	10:00	*Marthas Knitting Guild, Marthas Room
	6:00	Sisters of Grace (call Donna Buckner or Mary Lou Daily for location)
Friday, Sept. 27	3:00	*Fabric/Yarn Sale Set up, Thatcher Hall
Saturday, Sept. 28	8:00	*Fabric/Yarn Sale, Thatcher Hall
Sunday, Sept. 29	9:15	Ministry Fair with Potluck Brunch
	2:00	March Against Drugs in our Midst Walk, Courthouse

Announcements

Deck Discussions: Offered this Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Join the Rev. Orion Davis for riveting conversation often plucked from the headlines put into dialogue with our faith.

Fabric/Yarn Sale: This year's parish fair proceeds were enhanced by the donation of a large quantity of quilting fabric and yarn from Jolly (Joada) Michael. We had enough fabric and yarn left for one more sale which will be held **Saturday, September 28th** at the church. The proceeds will also benefit our outreach ministry.

Sew for Haiti: Sew Graceful, our quilting group, is going to be making shorts and dresses for an orphanage in Haiti. If you can help or have fabric to donate, please contact Edwina Costley at 452-9544.

Pathways Dinner: Sept. 30 is the fifth Monday of the month which brings with it another commitment to serve dinner to our neighbors at the Haywood Pathways Center, located at 179 Hemlock Street in Waynesville. We will meet at 4:45 pm to prepare a meal and begin service at 6:00. All ages welcome! To RSVP, please call/text Vicki Gribble (828-400-7616) or Natalie Bayless (650-438-2953).

Giving Garden: Time to tuck in the vegetable and flower beds for the Winter! On Saturday, October 5 around 9:00 come to the Giving Garden for as long or as little as you want. We'll be composting the beds for the winter and tidying up the garden shed. Bring gloves and friends and enjoy the fellowship. Newcomers are welcome.

Ministry Fair: Ever wonder how things get done at Grace? How is God calling YOU? Plan to see what all the excitement is about at the potluck brunch between services next Sunday!

Blessing of the Animals: Our animals bring us blessings and joy. Bring your animals to church on Oct. 6 at 9:15 so they can receive a blessing in return! Invite your friends and neighbors as we remember St. Francis of Assisi.

2nd Annual Green Faith Forum calling attention to Christian engagement and the environment. The former Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church will be the guest of Grace Episcopal Church, Morganton. The Right Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will speak at a public forum, panel discussion, book signing and reception Saturday, Sept. 28 at the church, 303 S. King St. in Morganton. Her topic will be "Climate Change: Grief, Growth, Gratitude, & Grace," and will discuss the Church's role in responding to this crisis through advocacy, stewardship, and sustainability efforts. Her address will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a panel discussion with Bishop José.

Community March Against Drugs in Our Midst: Please join the annual prayer walk on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. starting at the corner of South Main and Academy Sts. Wear your church shirt or bring your church banner. Bus transportation available for those unable to walk the route.

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MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

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