

Grace Church in the Mountains

September 12, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 am



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Proper 19*)

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

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.

MISSION FOCUS 2021

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

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Seeking Inviting

Belonging Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The LORD God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.

⁵The LORD God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.

⁶Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.
I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.

⁷The LORD God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.
Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

⁸The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?

Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?
Let him approach me?

⁹Look! The LORD God will help me.
Who will condemn me?
Look, they will wear out like clothing;
the moth will eat them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-8 (spoken responsively by half-verse)

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁴Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

⁵The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶Turn again to your rest, O my soul. *
for the LORD has treated you well.

⁷For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. ²We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. ³When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.

⁴Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. ⁵In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly.

Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. ⁶The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell.

⁷People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. ⁸No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!

¹¹Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

²⁸They told him, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets.”

²⁹He asked them, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” ³²He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. ³³Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts.”

³⁴After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. ³⁵All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. ³⁶Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? ³⁷What will people give in exchange for their lives? ³⁸Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *(Be seated)*

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, you spoke, and your words brought endless worlds into existence.

Remind us that our words and our lives matter. May our words and actions partner with each other in your holy purpose.

Silence

Empower the body of Christ to speak your truth to the world. Let our words and our actions be both simple and powerful, kind, and gentle. Bless our leadership with language to encourage your people to deepen their relationship with you.

Silence

Speak peace to the hearts of the world’s leaders. Let their words and actions be those of integrity. Bless the children of all ages and all nations with a future that reflects your justice and loving-kindness. Give your people the courage to speak up for those who have no voice in this world.

Silence

Whisper words of hope and healing to the hearts of those who are ill or anxious and struggle with themselves or with their families. We pray for wholeness for N...(after the names from our prayer list are spoken, please add your intercessions aloud or silently).

Silence

We pray for those who have recently been called home and pray for those who mourn their loss. When words fall short, let our presence reflect your love for them in their grief. *(after the names from our prayer list are spoken, please add your intercessions aloud or silently).*

Silence

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts always be acceptable to you O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

The presider adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Presider: 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

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

Friends, do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *(Hebrews 13:15, 16)*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Presider: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever 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!**

Presider: 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

SERVING TODAY

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| Lector/EM | 8:00 Donna Buckner, Laura Armour/ Janine Geenen 10:30 Linda Miville |
| Counters | Michael Lodico, Clyde Austin |
| Altar Guild | Stephen Hattendorf, Edwina Costley |
| Usher | Daniel Atterholt |

HAPPENING TODAY

No Coffee Hour Today – Join us for the Parish Picnic @ Lake Logan (*see below*)

FORMATION HOUR @ 9:15 am

No Sunday Forum this week

Lectonary Bible Study in the Library and on Zoom (Open to All)

THIS WEEK* indicates all are invited

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| Sun., Sept. 12 | 12:30 4:30 | Parish Picnic* Bring chairs, blankets Grace serves the meal at Pathways |
| Mon., Sept. 13 | 7:00 | Pub Theology |
| Tues., Sept. 14 | Noon 7:00 7:30 | Deadline for eNews & bulletin announcements* Taize Planning Meeting via Zoom Mid-life Grace for Women |
| Wed., Sept. 15 | Noon 7:00 | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer* Choir Practice in person |
| Fri., Sept. 17 | 9:00 | Morning Prayer via Facebook* |
| Sat., Sept. 18 | 11:00 | David Felmet Funerall |
| Sun., Sept. 19 | 5:00 | The Gathering –contemporary worship followed by fellowship meal |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parish Picnic Today @ Lake Logan Everyone is invited to attend the Parish Picnic following the service at the lake.

Bring chairs, blankets and your own food/drink if you did not pre-order your lunch.

- **Directions to Lake Logan:** Lake Logan's office address is at 25 Wormy Chestnut Ln. However, instead of turning left at the first sign you see for Lake Logan (on left), our event is taking place in the field at the second left. (If it is raining, we'll be in Johnson Hall.) Please park in the field (across the bridge and almost immediately turn left into a grassy field with a gravel road). Drop-off for those with mobility issues and handicapped parking is available near the field. We will have folks directing you.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Counters:** We are in need of two more volunteers to help count the Sunday collection. Contact the office if you can help. 456-6029; admin@gracewaynesville.com.
- **Coffee Hour:** Sign up in Thatcher Hall to provide for either service under the tent this month or contact Madison Owen (programs@gracewaynesville.com). No coffee hour today because of the Confirmation service.
- **FB Live Morning Prayer:** We are looking for folks interested in offering this Friday Morning online ministry. For those interested in helping lead, or even just learning more about Morning Prayer, please contact Madison Owen at programs@gracewaynesville.com.

Ministry Fair is scheduled for Sept 19 during Formation Hour: outside under the tent.

The Gathering: Our contemporary service returns next Sunday 9/19 @ 5:00 p.m. The service will be in the Church followed by a Fellowship meal under the tent. All ages welcome. Make plans to join us!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace: Peter Nurse, Harriet Simmons, Betty Harrison, Helen Howey, Vickie Pope; Becky Prevost; Frank Rogers-Witte; and our Homebound Members: Elizabeth Weber, Evelyn Overman, Charlotte Dickinson, Katherine Calloun, & Charles Baker.

Those being confirmed/received/reaffirmed:

Clyde & Walt Austin, Tracy and Diana Bahm, Megan Carpenter, Kim & Mike Cort, Dave Crowder, Mary Beth Dorgan, Amanda Hill, Jesse Nelson, Lorie Ray, Bobby Schmiel, Gene Sloan, Sue Volgas, Christopher Wells.

Friends of Grace:

Gretchen Gorfine, friend of Georgia McManus; Debra & Jimmy Weems, sister & brother-in-law of Carol Linker; John Blount, cousin of Clyde Austin; Aaron Vaughen, son of Pam Vaughen; Mary, mother of BJ Minturn; Jason, son of Margaret Violet; Catterlin, brother-in-law of Joe Root & Natalie Bayless; Allen & Charles Davis, husband and son of Diane Davis; Fr. Matthew Venuti, son-in-law of Paula & Peter Welling; Ken Rich, friend of Gary Roberts; Carmen Suter, Joelle & Jeff Clark, friends of Karlinne Wulf-Lamphear & Ken Clark, her brother-in-law; Paul Mehaffey, grandfather of Jesse Nelson; Gary, cousin of Joyce Brooks; Genevieve Conrad friend of Lorie Ray; Roney Sutton, friend of Melissa VanNoppen; Debby Coughlin, sister of Dale McDonald; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church.

For those with COVID

Robert Pemberton, friend of Rachel Robles.

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