

Grace Church in the Mountains

October 24, 2021 | 8:00 am



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (*Proper 25*)

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

by

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: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Be seated)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

(A reading from the prophet Jeremiah)

⁷The LORD proclaims:

Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob;
shout for the leading nation.

Raise your voices with praise and call out:

"The LORD has saved his people,
the remaining few in Israel!"

⁸I'm going to bring them back from the north;

I will gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the disabled,
expectant mothers and those in labor;

a great throng will return here.

⁹With tears of joy they will come;

while they pray, I will bring them back.

I will lead them by quiet streams

and on smooth paths so they don't stumble.

I will be Israel's father,

Ephraim will be my oldest child.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

+PSALM 126(spoken responsively by half-verse)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³Then they said among the nations, *

"The LORD has done great things for them."

⁴The LORD has done great things for us, *

and we are glad indeed.

⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *

like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶Those who sowed with tears *

will reap with songs of joy.

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

(A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews)

²³ The others who became priests are numerous because death prevented them from continuing to serve. ²⁴ In contrast, he holds the office of priest permanently because he continues to serve forever. ²⁵ This is why he can completely save those who are approaching God through him, because he always lives to speak with God for them.

²⁶ It's appropriate for us to have this kind of high priest: holy, innocent, incorrupt, separate from sinners, and raised high above the heavens. ²⁷ He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day like the other high priests, first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ The Law appoints people who are prone to weakness as high priests, but the content of the solemn pledge, which came after the Law, appointed a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴⁶ Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" ⁴⁸ Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

⁵⁰ Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

⁵² Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (Be seated)

THE NICENE CREED (please 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

We humbly bring our prayers before you and ask you to make of us what you created us to be: faithful followers, vessels of your love. We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers of gratitude for all you are and all you have done for us. Work through us, O God, and increase in us faith, hope, and charity. We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We hear you calling us, your church, to get up and keep moving. Expand our vision of your mission in the world, and don't let fear of discomfort hold us back. We pray for all who follow you, for those who bear the joys and burdens of leadership, for those who are crying out for more of you. We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the freedoms and abundance many of us enjoy in this land. May we not take them for granted and keep them to ourselves. Give us courage to participate in civic life and to speak up for those values you have instilled in us for the good of all people. We pray for wisdom our president, the Congress, and courts of this land. May they conduct themselves with integrity. We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We lift to your presence those who are in the throes of physical pain or anxiety, difficult relationships and the weight of financial insecurity. Be their hope and their strength. Make them whole. We pray today for...(after the names from our prayer list are spoken, please add your intercessions aloud or silently). We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We praise you for the lives of those who have gone before us and now have come to eternal joys and unending glory with you and the host of heaven. We pray for those who have died...(after the names from our prayer list are spoken, please add your intercessions aloud or silently). We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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: Holy food for Holy people.

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.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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

Lector/EM	8:00 Lori Yerse/Donna Buckner, Lori Yerse 10:30 Eddie Allison/Susan Williams, Mary Lockey
Counters	Kara Melius, David Nedved
Altar Guild	Mary Lockey, Tiffany Plemmons
Ushers	Daniel Atterholt
Coffee Hour	8:00..... / 10:30 Diana Bahm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace: Iris Durell, Mike and Mary Hartman, Carol Ploch, Betsy Stecher, Linda Sexton, Carol Feichter, Harriet Simmons, Betty Harrison, Vickie Pope; and our Homebound Members: Frank Costley, Becky Prevost; Elizabeth Weber, Evelyn Overman, Charlotte Dickinson, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker.

Friends of Grace: Suan Pruvit, friend of Brian Schaefer; Taylor, Son of Debbie and Alan Joyce; Cecilia Berg, mother of Diane Franklin; 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; Allen & Charles Davis, husband and son of Diane Davis; Fr. Matthew Venuti, son-in-law of Paula & Peter Welling; Joelle & Jeff Clark, friends of Karlinne Wulf-Lamphear & Ken Clark, her brother-in-law; Gary, cousin of Joyce Brooks; Roney Sutton, friend of Melissa VanNoppen; Paul Mehaffey, grandfather of Jesse Nelson; Debby Coughlin, sister of Dale McDonald; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church.

Thanksgivings: For the Birth of Jonah Matthew Loman, Grandson of Crystal & Kent Clary, and for the successful shoulder surgery of Michael Lodico!

HAPPENING TODAY

FORMATION HOUR @ 9:15 am

Adult Formation- 6 Week Forgiveness Workshop: Continues with week 4.

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

Children and Youth Programs: Little ones up to 2nd Grade meet in the nursery for Godly Play with Dawna Keilman. 3rd grade and up meet in the Martha's room for a Youth Hangout with Daniel Yeargin and Madison Owen.

Coffee Hour will be on the deck today following each service.

The Arts Ministry invites you to a plein air art gathering today from 1:00 to 4:00 pm out in the garden. Everyone should bring their own art supplies, and Suzy Leclair will facilitate. We would love to see all kinds of artistic disciplines, including music, poetry, knitting, crochet, etc. as well as the visual arts. We hope people will come and be inspired by all the beautiful fall colors around us!

THIS WEEK* indicates all are invited

Tues., Oct. 16	Noon	Deadline for eNews & bulletin announcements*
Wed., Oct. 27	Noon 7:00	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer* Choir Practice in person
Thurs., Oct. 28	10:00 7:00	Marthas Knitting Group via Zoom* Mid-life Grace for Women

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Altar Guild : Do you like to help behind the scenes? The Altar Guild prepares the altar beautifully each week for our liturgies. Learn more by contacting Melanie Walt (mgmwalt@gmail.com) or indicate your interest on the “Responding through Grace” Time and Talent commitment card.

“Warming Ways” project: This year the focus will be to help those affected by the recent flood. Coats of ALL sizes plus scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats are needed. New and gently used items may be placed in the collection containers through Monday, November 8th.

“Responding through Grace” Annual Stewardship Campaign: Did you know that a description of all our ministries is now available online? Check it out by clicking the “Responding through Grace” image on our homepage: www.gracewaynesville.com. **Please Note:** We are moving away from pledge envelopes and will order only enough for those who mark “yes” on their “Responding through Grace” commitment card. Feel free to do so if you want to continue using envelopes for your pledge donations.

All Saints Day “Cloud of Witnesses” The Arts Ministry will help decorate the sanctuary with our “Cloud of Witnesses,” so please send or bring in the photos of your favorite saints of the saints of your lives by Monday, November 1st (admin@gracewaynesville.com). Join us at Adult Formation on Nov. 7th for storytelling and sharing as we remember the saints of our lives.

Please help the staff: If you use the church building, please be sure you have calendared it with the office. And remember to clean up and lock up after you’re done. Thanks!

LOOKING AHEAD: Nov. 14 Newcomer Luncheon Noonish
Nov. 22 Turkey Distribution @ FUMC; volunteers needed
Nov. 24 Festive Noon Eucharist followed by a Family Friendly lunch.
Dec. 19 Greening of the Church/Christmas Party
Christmas Eve Services 4:00pm Children’s Pageant; 7:00pm & 10:00pm Eucharist

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MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Dale McDonald, Sr. Warden (2021)	Michael Lodico, Jr. Warden (2022)	Laura Armour (2023)
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