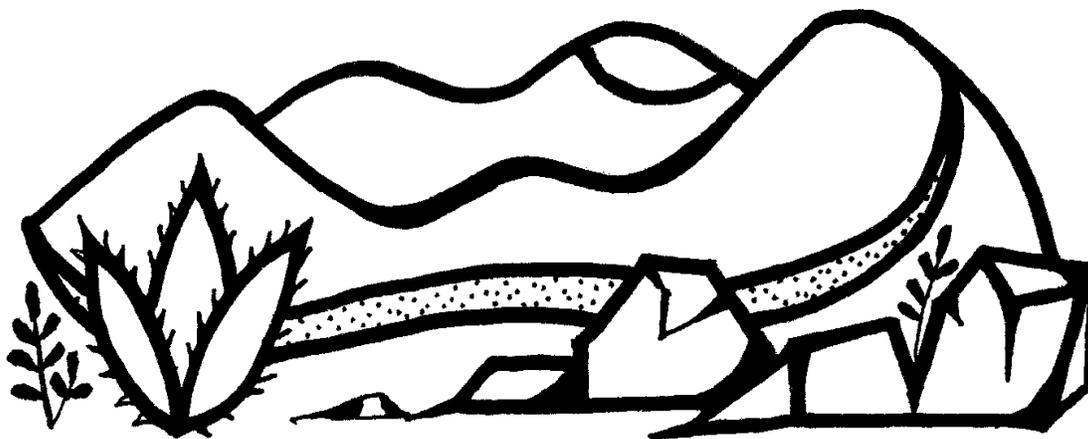


Grace Church in the Mountains

June 26, 2022 | 8:00 am



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Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 2022

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 his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

All: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us,

that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us

and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,

we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us,

and God's love will be perfected in us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A Reading from First Kings

¹⁵The LORD said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. ¹⁶Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi's son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat's son, to succeed you as prophet.

¹⁹So Elijah departed from there and found Elisha, Shaphat's son. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him. Elisha was with the twelfth yoke. Elijah met up with him and threw his coat on him. ²⁰Elisha immediately left the oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and my mother," Elisha said, "then I will follow you."

Elijah replied, "Go! I'm not holding you back!" ²¹Elisha turned back from following Elijah, took the pair of oxen, and slaughtered them. Then with equipment from the oxen, Elisha boiled the meat, gave it to the people, and they ate it. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

+PSALM 16 (read by half verse)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.
⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
⁸I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
¹¹You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the church in Galatia

¹ Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.
¹³ You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. ¹⁴ All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.* ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!
¹⁶ I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. ¹⁷ A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. ¹⁹ The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, ²⁰ idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, ²¹ jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.
²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

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

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

⁵¹ As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, ⁵⁶ and they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me."

He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

⁶¹ Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house."

⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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;

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People

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 ...*[after names from the prayer list are read, you may add your prayers silently or aloud].*
Silence.

I ask your prayers for...*[after names from the prayer list are read, you may add your prayers silently or aloud].* *Silence.*

I ask your thanksgivings for especially ... *Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially... *Silence.*

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence.*

The Presider offers a concluding collect.

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

CONFESSION

Deacon: 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 with you always.

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

Presider: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name. Bring offerings and come into his courts.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider continues until...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Presider continues until...*Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*Presider continues until...*By him, with him, 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,

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,

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.

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 & BLESSING

Let us pray.

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.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN THATCHER HALL FOR THE LAUNCH OF "LEGACY OF GRACE."

SERVING TODAY

Lectors/EMs 8:00 Lori Yerse/Bob Stambaugh, Laura Armour

10:30 Eddie Allison, Mariah Nehus/Mary Lockey, Joyce Brooks

Ushers Daniel Atterholt, Walt Austin

Coffee Hour 8:00 Diana Bahm; 10:30 Diana Bahm, Jim & Donna Gibson

Counters: Joe Root, Kara Melius

Altar Guild Mary Lockey, Margaret Fite, Chris Smith

Eucharistic Visitor: Maureen Hunt calling Ann Damitz

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace:	Peter Zinglensen, Colonel Airth, Peter Nurse, Becki Veach, David Ferguson, Sue Volgas, John and Donna Culp, Lynda Self, Carl Matthews, Melanie Cyre, Carol Ploch, Vickie Pope, Betty Harrison, Marie Shaginaw; and our Homebound Members: Ann DaMitz; Becky Prevost, Elizabeth Weber, Evelyn Overman, Charlotte Dickinson, Katherine Calhoun, Charles Baker.
Friends of Grace:	Deb, sister of Alyson Nelson; Evan, son of Sue Volgas; Alex McFeters, son-in-law of Jim & Elaine Dohms; Greg McFall; Mary, mother of BJ Minturn; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church; Suzanne Scherfer and Jamie Justice, friends of Chris Smith.
For those who have died:	Buddy Corbin, brother of Mary Lou Daily
In our Cycle of Prayer:	St. John in the Wilderness, Flatrock; Province of the Episcopal Church, Sudan

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God

HAPPENING TODAY

- Join us at Coffee Hour for the launch of the “Legacy of Grace” Endowment Campaign
- 9:15 Forum: “Trauma & Resilience,” presented by Patti Tiberi, Certified Prevention Specialist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office is closed tomorrow as our Parish Administrator is away this week and will return to the office on July 5.

Children’s Area: Check out the new space on the right front side of the church. And be sure to join us next week, and each first Sunday @ 10:30 for children sermons.

Restoration in Creation Retreat: July 30 @ Lake Logan. Sign up now for this daylong retreat sponsored by Grace, FUMC & the Creation Care Alliance of WNC. Cost \$20

Come Sweet Death: Dinner and Formation centered on the book of Genesis, Tuesday, June 28 @ 6:00. RSVP to frorion@charter.net or call (828)492-0013.

Creation Care Prayer the first Fridays of every month from 12:00 - 12:30, in the sanctuary. Open to the community.

Asheville Tourists Baseball: Interested in going with us to a game July 1? Let Madison know! More info about ticket prices and carpooling will be available soon once we get a group of 20 or more!

Taizé is a lay-led ministry of Grace. Join us for this quiet, reflective service offered on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Next service: July 3.

July 3 is Pantry Sunday: As the heat index increases and free sources (like water fountains) remain minimal, please help us keep our neighbors-in-need stay well hydrated by donating plastic bottles, pouches, cans, or cartons of beverages and fruit (which do NOT require refrigeration). Protein (in a pop-top can or pouch) is also always appreciated. Food can be placed in the red wagon in the Narthex or by the altar. Offerings will be blessed during the service.

Rector’s Discretionary Fund: On the first Sunday of each month, all loose cash collected is deposited into the RDF. Any checks specifically marked for RDF will also be included. These funds are used to help those in need.

Men’s Breakfast: Due to the July 4th Holiday weekend, the next Men’s Fellowship Breakfast is July 9 @ 9:00.

Parish-wide Grace Church Fair: Saturday, July 23rd 9 till 1. Sign-up to help in Thatcher Hall or online. Donations accepted starting July 5 @ 9 a.m. See insert for details.

Flowers for the Altar: If you would like to provide the altar flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event, please sign up on the calendar clipboard located on the Flower Ministry cabinet in the foyer or email jotur@aol.com.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is fun and very easily done if several friends get together to provide the snack. Cheese and crackers, a box of doughnuts, fruit, and coffee is enough. Coffee Hour . . . a time to get together, mingle, meet new people, and enjoy everyone’s company. Please sign up on Signup Genius or on the board in Thatcher Hall.

THIS WEEK (* indicates all are invited)

Mon., June 27		Parish Admin away; office is closed.
Tues., June 28	12:00 6:00	Noon deadline for eNews & bulletin announcement* Come Sweet Death – Dinner and Formation with Fr. Orion
Wed., June 29	Noon 7:00	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer * Choir Practice
Thurs., June 30	Noon	Marthas Knitting Group on deck* The Gospel according to John
Fri., July 1	Noon	Creation Care Prayer*
Sat., July 2	10:00	Flower Ministry flower arranging*
Sun., July 3	7:00	Taizé service*
Mon., July 4		Office Closed in observance of Independence Day

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