

Grace Church in the Mountains

October 2, 2022 | 8:00 am

GRACE WAYNESVILLE

Seventeenth 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.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery for ages 0-5 is available from 9:15 until 11:45. A special children's pew is available up front.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE – A Song of our True Nature – St Julian of Norwich

All: Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, *
our trespasses and our humiliations.
Christ also revealed his blessed power, *
his blessed wisdom and love.
He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; *
he raises us in spirit
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; *
God is the true father and mother of natures.
We are all bound to God by nature, *
and we are all bound to God by grace.
And this grace is for all the world, *
because it is our precious mother, Christ.
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ
for the honor and nobility of all, *
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

(A reading from the prophet Habakkuk)

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² LORD, how long will I call for help and you not listen?

I cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you don't deliver us.

³ Why do you show me injustice and look at anguish
so that devastation and violence are before me?

There is strife, and conflict abounds.

⁴ The Instruction is ineffective.

Justice does not endure
because the wicked surround the righteous.

Justice becomes warped.

2 I will take my post;

I will position myself on the fortress.

I will keep watch to see what the Lord says to me
and how he^[a] will respond to my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said,
Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet
so that a runner can read it.^[b]

³ There is still a vision for the appointed time;
it testifies to the end;
it does not deceive.^[c]

If it delays, wait for it;
for it is surely coming; it will not be late.

⁴ Some people's desires are truly audacious;^[d]
they don't do the right thing.

But the righteous person will live honestly.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

+PSALM 37:1-10 *(read by whole verse)*

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from Paul's letter to Timothy

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

²To Timothy, my dear child.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. ⁴When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. ⁵I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. ⁶Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled. ⁸So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. ⁹God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. ¹⁰Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. ¹¹I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. ¹²This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. ¹³Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

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

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

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, ‘Come! Sit down for dinner?’ ⁸Wouldn’t you say instead, ‘Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink?’ ⁹You won’t thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? ¹⁰In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, ‘We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.’”

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;
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

The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor: In the beginning, **God was.**

Here and now, **God is.**

In the future, **God will be.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence* God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. *Silence* God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. *Silence* God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings, please add your prayers of thanksgiving aloud or silently.... God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. *Silence* God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially [names from our prayer list]..please add others silently or aloud. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**
Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died especially [names from our prayer list] please add any others silently or aloud. *Silence* God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION

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

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

PRESENTATION *(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)*

Presider: Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen

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...

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:

**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... 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.

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: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

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.

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.

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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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.

SERVING TODAY

Lectors/Ems: 8:00 Linda Sexton/Lori Yerse, Mary Beth Dorgan

10:30 Mariah Nehus, Eddie Allison/Jack Geist, Melanie Walt

Ushers: Daniel Atterholt,

Eucharistic Visitor: Chris Smith visiting Elizabeth Weber

Counters: Joe Root, Gene Sloan

Acolytes: Vesper & Xander Forbes

Altar Guild: Barbara Mauldin, Betsy Stecher, Mary Lou Daily

Coffee Hour 8:00 10:30 Suzanne Leclair

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace:	Ginny Moe, Frank Rogers-Witte, Paul Daniel, Vickie Pope, Betty Harrison, Sue Volgas, and our Homebound Members: Becky Prevost, Elizabeth Weber, Evelyn Overman, Charlotte Dickinson, Katherine Calhoun, Charles Baker.
Friends of Grace:	Lana, cousin of Gary Roberts; Darrell Loman, relative of Kent and Crystal Clary; Lisa Miller, friend of Betty Harrison; Evan Volgas, son of Sue Volgas, Nicole Kott friend of Joslyn; Greg McFall; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church; Jamie Justice, friend of Chris Smith.
For those who have died:	Louise, mother of Mary Lou Daily

In our Cycle of Prayer:	On this World Communion Sunday, we pray for all our Ecumenical relationships; The Anglican Church of Canada.
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Artwork on windows courtesy of Marie Shaginaw (upper) & Patty Coulter (lower).

HAPPENING TODAY

- **9:15 Forum Oct. 2: *Renewal*.** Join Creation Care Ministry for the second part film and discussion series on the film *Renewal*. Offering a profound message of hope, *Renewal* tells stories of individuals and communities driven by the deepest source of inspiration, their religious and spiritual commitment, to become stewards of our planet.
- **Godly Play:** For children 1st – 5th grades downstairs @ 9:15.
- **Youth Group: @ 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.**
- **Taizé:** Join us tonight for this service of candlelight, chant and contemplation @ 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Weekend:

- **Creation Care Prayer** the first Friday of every month from 12:00 - 12:30, in the sanctuary. Open to the community.
- **Labyrinth:** Join us Saturday, Oct. 8 @ 9:30 for the installation of the labyrinth on the front lawn. Can't do the "heavy lifting?" Help with lunch or refreshments instead. Contact Mariah Nehus (501) 909-6369 or sign up online.
- **Blessing of the Animals** will be held Oct. 9 at 4:00 pm outside in the back by the fire pit. All are welcome to bring their pets to receive a special blessing. Invite your friends Snacks for ALL creatures provided!

Upcoming Formation:

- **9:15 Forum Oct. 9: *Meditation – 3 Approaches*.** Led by Mary Beth Dorgan, Emily Chatfield – Lusto & Patrick Johnson.
- **Manna & Mercy:** 6-week Bible study for Youth Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 in Community Room downstairs.

Grace's Got Talent: Calling all musicians, comics, dancers, poets, singers, magicians, story tellers, contortionists. October 22, 2022, 4 – 6 pm get ready for Grace Church's first Talent Show. Adults, children, family ensembles are invited to perform. Anyone wanting to show off their talent, please contact Barbara Rowe at browe5012@yahoo.com or 828-246-9212. Snacks and drinks provided for this family fun event.

All Saints Day: On November 6, we will celebrate one of the Church's seven Principal Feasts, We will remember the saints of Grace that have gone on before us this past year. If you have a loved one you have lost this past year that you would like remembered, please send a picture to admin@gracwaynesville.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. Sign up using the QR code in the Narthex or on the list near the kitchen.

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 in Thatcher Hall near the Hallway door or use the QR code in the Narthex.

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!

THIS WEEK (* indicates all are invited)

Sun., Oct 2	7:00	Taizé: Join us for this service of Chant, Contemplation and Candlelight*
Tues., Oct. 4	8:00 12:00	Lectionary Bible Study with Joslyn* Noon deadline for eNews & bulletin announcement*
Wed., Oct. 5	Noon 6:30 7:00	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer* Manna & Mercy, a 6-week Bible study for Youth. Meets downstairs. Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct 6	10:00	Marthas Knitting Group in the Marthas Room*
Fri., Oct. 7	Noon	Creation Care Prayer – Join us for * (cont'd on back)

Sat., Oct. 8	9:30	Labyrinth Installation*
Sun., Oct. 9	4:00	Blessing of the Animals*
	4:30	Pathways Meal – Contact Natalie Bayless(650)438-2953 to help prepare and serve a meal @ the homeless shelter*

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