

Grace Church in the Mountains

September 6, 2026 | 10:30 am



Fifteenth 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 are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Following the service, please join us in Thatcher Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

by
Seeking Inviting

Belonging Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

William Moore
arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME

HYMN #8

Morning has broken

Bunessan

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion, of the new day! _____

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria

Jacques Berthier



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11 *(please be seated)*

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Paul's Epistle to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.** *(please stand)*

After the Gospel reading, children are invited to leave for children's chapel and will return to the nave during the exchange of peace.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be 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.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em

Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III, P. 387)

The Deacon bids the prayers of the people.

Lord, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly
and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we
undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into
joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly
kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.

The Presider concludes with a Collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SIN

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.

The Presider offers the absolution.

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

Give to Grace via the QR code



All are encouraged to sing!

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift-eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain
 Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION (please stand as your offerings are brought forward)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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 him thanks and praise.

The *Presider* continues until...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:

All: 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.

The Presider continues until...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Presider continues until...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,

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.***

COMMUNION

A Note About Communion: *All are welcome at God's table! You may receive the bread and sip from the cup or just receive the bread, which is considered a full communion. If you prefer intinction, that is the bread dipped in the wine, the clergy will be happy to do that for you. Please do not dip the bread yourself. If you only wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Ushers will direct you forward. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION HYMN

All are encouraged to sing!

#304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

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.

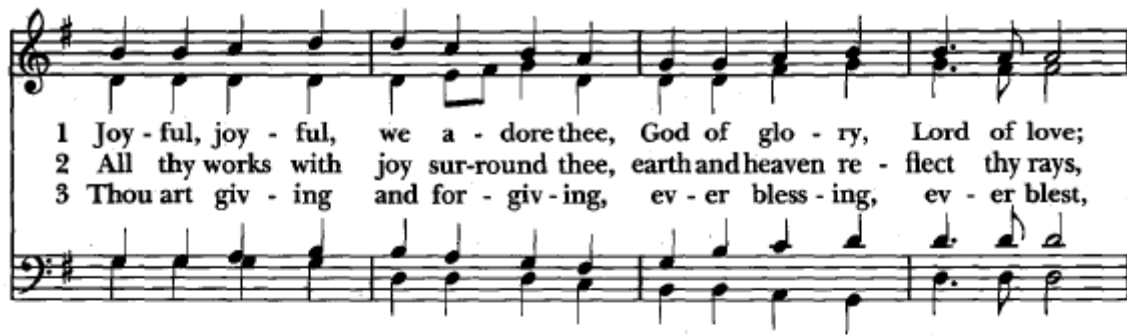
People: We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

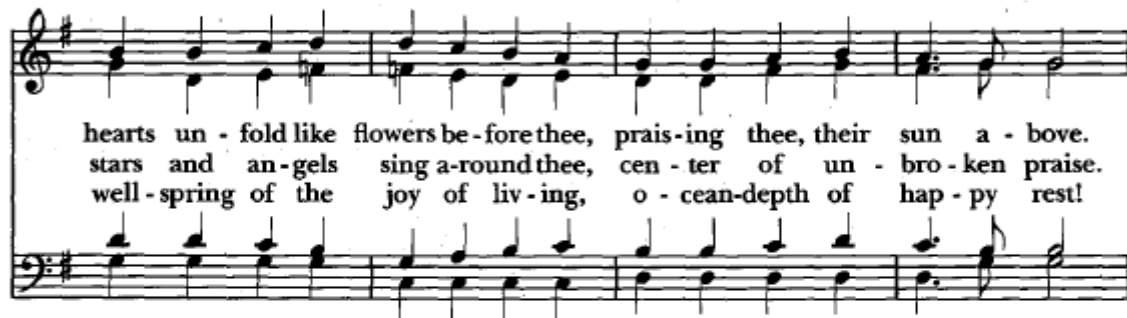
Presider: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

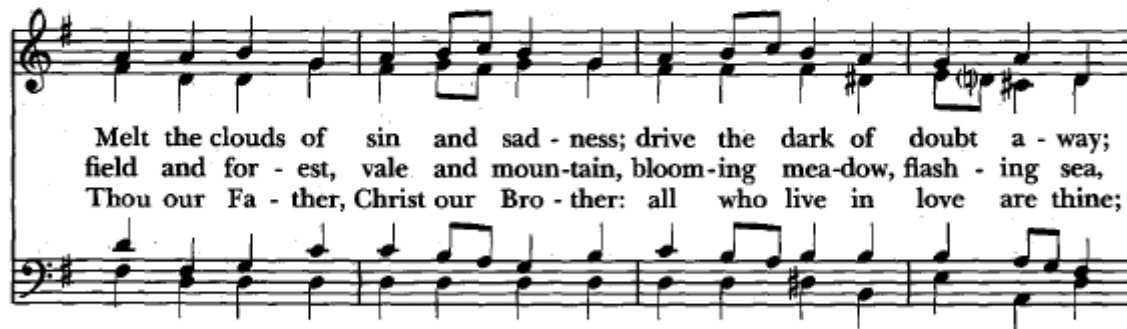
BLESSING



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

DISMISSAL

The deacon dismisses the people

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

POSTLUDE

I've Got Peace Like a River

arr. Mark Hayes

SERVING TODAY

	8:00	10:30
Lectors	Violet Bloom	Pamela Waldron Blake Hadley
Eucharistic Ministers	John Culp Jan Treston	Jesse Nelson Chris Smith
Vestry Person of the Day		Georgia Raines
Eucharistic Visitor	Tom Steffel visiting John Edwards	
Coffee Hour	Keith Harper, John & Georgia Raines	
Ushers	Peter Nurse, Jim Dohms, & Daniel Atterholt	
Acolytes/Crucifer		
Children's Chapel	Georgia Raines	
Altar Guild	Mary Lou Daily & Barbara Mauldin	
Counters	Dan Linker & Tracy Bahm	

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace:	Carol Ploch, Kitty Reynard, Eric Taylor, Melanie & Larry Walt, Mike Kranker, Frank Blevins, Britton Jordan, Jeff Askins, Dave Bullard, Judy Geist, Vickie Pope, and our Homebound Members: Gloria Moe & Barbara Leach
Ministries of Grace:	Planning for Stewardship Education
Friends of Grace:	Brenda, niece of Dale & Lorelei Yerse; Janet Griffin, friend of Ingrid Burton; Paul & Carol Viau, family of Rob Viau; Iris Durell, former member of Grace; Geoff Smith, son of Betty Smith; Patricia & Buddy Duckett, friends of Eli Cole; Laura Marsh, friend of Beth & Tim Thrift; Kurt Tatsumi, friend of Diana & Tracy Bahm; Ellen Grbic, friend of Lauri SoJourney; Jeff Dalton, cousin of Joslyn Schaefer; Caleb Leeb, son of Amoz & Sylvia Leeb; Judah Traylor, grand nephew of Kathryn Church
Rest in Peace:	Alita Semones, mother of Kelly Semones; Linda Outlaw, friend of Judy Dykes; Mary Ferguson, sister of David Ferguson; David Yates, brother of Kathryn Church
In Our Cycle of Prayer:	The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria St. Giles Chapel and residents & staff of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community

HAPPENING TODAY

The Art of Biblical Words: 4pm in Thatcher Hall. The course explores something deceptively simple: how words mean what they mean.

Taizé Service: 7pm – all are welcome

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday School for Children & Youth Returns: Starting September 20, we will offer Godly Play for elementary aged kids each Sunday. The youth program, Journey to Adulthood, meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Stay tuned...

Bluegrass Mass Countdown. ONE WEEK! Join us on September 13 for a community celebration of where we live, Appalachia, beginning with mass under the tent at 10:30. Invite your friends, invited your neighbors. Come one, come all. Please bring your own chairs or blankets if you can. Handicapped assisted parking will be available.

Thanksgiving Coordinator Needed: We have plenty of volunteers but need a few folks to step up to coordinate our Thanksgiving Feast at Bethel House. Contact Mary Hartman - mneedhamhartman@gmail.com

Outreach Survey: Please fill out the paper copy from your bulletin or fill out a survey via the link in eNews for the Outreach Committee.

Stewardship Month: From mid-September - mid-October, we will ponder together the **Abundant Life** God desires for us.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon Sep 7	6:00	Education for Ministry
Tues Sep 8	8:00	Lectionary Bible Study in the Library and on Google Meet
Wed Sep 9	Noon 6:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal
Thurs Sep 10	8:30 10:00	Chime Choir Rehearsal Marthas Knitting; Sew Graceful Quilting
Fri Sep 11	9:00	Giving Garden Maintenance - all are welcome
Sun Sep 13		BLUEGRASS MASS followed by lunch, live music, arts & crafts, games, & fellowship