



Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

Pentecost 7
July 19, 2020

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether we are together in person or online here on Zoom. During this unusual and uncertain time, remaining connected in this way has made not being physically together a bit less difficult.

Today is a transitional Sunday and our Zoom worship will look a bit different. Next Sunday, July 26, barring any surge in COVID-19 cases, some of us will resume limited in-person worship in the church. Others, who are not yet ready to return, will continue to join us on Zoom. Today, we will take the first step by broadcasting the Zoom from the church rather than from the Rector's dining room. There will not be a congregation at the church until next week.

In order to keep our online and in-person congregations together, there will need to be some adjustment to the Zoom service. The liturgy will no longer appear on your computer screen. Instead you will receive a bulletin that you may download onto your computer or print. Those who are present in the church building will have printed copies. In this way, we hope that you will have some sense of participating in the liturgy within the familiar sights of the church's chancel. You will be muted and may also wish to select the speaker view. There will be time during the sharing of peace and blessing of birthdays and anniversaries to greet one another. And, of course, we will unmute you at the end of the service as we have done over the last several months.

Next week, those who wish to attend the in-person service will need to make reservations in advance due to the distancing requirements that limit the number of seats available. That information will be sent out mid-week. Links will also be included in the e-Blast and website.

So, please, as life continues to change, let us rejoice in God and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again.

*As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness
as the prelude is offered.*

Ministers of the Service

- * Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
- * Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
- * *Lector*
- * *Intercessor*

- * Robin French, *Pianist/Organist*
- * Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

O God, You Search Me

Psalm 139/Farrell

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Lector: A Reading from **Genesis 28:10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23 (alternately by verse as directed by the lector)

Domine, probasti

**Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

**If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

**Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

**Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from **Romans 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

THE CREED

(please stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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

Presider: In peace, we pray to you, Lord. God.
Silence

Chalicer: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;
People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Chalicer: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Chalicer: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Chalicer: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Others? _____. Hear us, Lord;
People: For your mercy is great.

Lector: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Kathy (Shannon), *Charlotte (Kennedy), *Diane (Banas) and *Jennie (Fjelde); the anniversary of *George and *Charlotte (Kennedy); our outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? ____.

We pray for all who have died, and those whose anniversaries of death we observe this week, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Others? ____
Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(stand or kneel)

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

People: 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.

People: Amen.

(stand)

WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

PRESENTATION MUSIC

Bread of Heaven

Marc Jordan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. 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 sing:

(stand or kneel as able)

Presider:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.***

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION

Presider: Let us pray.

People: 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 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.*

THE BLESSING

Presider: The wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

People: *Amen.*

Chalicer: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F

Beethoven/Kendall

ANNOUNCEMENTS for July 19, 2020

Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, July 21st at 9:00am online.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist is this Wednesday, July 22nd at 7:30am in the church.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, July 22nd at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, July 24th at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey, our Bishop and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Havyk (Beauchamp), Barb (Bolsen), *Bob (Burton), Phil (Castrovinci), *Kathy (Doig), Warren (Dorn), Matthew (Dowe), Peggy (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), Mary (English), Keith (Ferguson), Daney (Fitzpatrick), *Rik & *Jennie (Fjelde), Marilyn (Garcia), *Barb (Hooper), Howell Family, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Brian (Lenstra), Verity (Liljedahl), *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), *Mary (Nelson), *Bill (Norton), Laurie (Parnau), Lisa (Prindle), Bob & Lois (Rafter), David (Schaller), Melody (Serwich), *Pat (Terry), *Tom V., Mina, and Megan.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military: the Birthdays of *Kathy (Shannon), *Charlotte (Kennedy), *Diane (Banas) and *Jennie (Fjelde); the Anniversary of *George & *Charlotte (Kennedy); our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for the Death of Valerie Davis and the Anniversary of the Deaths of Charles (Melvill), James (Shunk), Charles (Stahl), Elizabeth (Thompson), Henrietta (Knell), Marie (LeBron), and Robert (Weber).

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Genesis 19:15-28

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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