

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Grace Episcopal Church  
Galena, Illinois

July 11, 2021 10:30am

*Welcome to Grace Church!*

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on Zoom, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the Zoom invitation, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation. If you are worshipping in the church and wish to use a bulletin on your electronic device, you must download it **before** coming into the church. Please be aware that we are recording this service for later upload to Facebook, YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

***For those present in the Church:***

Please put your smartphone or other device in airplane mode so that our internet capacity is reserved for our online streaming.

***Don't forget your mask if you intend to sing!***

***For those on Zoom:***

Please mute yourselves before the Prelude begins and immediately after the Peace.

***New Information:***

Masks are required for those who have not completed their COVID vaccinations and for unvaccinated children older than 2 years. Otherwise, masks are optional, except when singing.

Masks are required for all singing, whether in the choir or congregation.

Masks and hand sanitizer are available at each entrance for those who need them.

You may be seated in any pew EXCEPT for a section in the rear of the nave reserved for any who wish to maintain distancing. In that area, please sit only where seats are marked by bulletins.

Baskets are located at each entrance for your offerings. If possible, please place them in the baskets prior to the service so they may be dedicated with the other gifts at the offertory.

Communion will be offered—wafer only—at the altar rail.

Social hour will resume (with beverages and light refreshments) following the service.

***Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.***

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us 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 while the prelude is offered.*

## We gather to worship

### PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Wyeth/Labenske*

### OPENING HYMN 436

*Lift Up Your Gates*

*Weissel/Truro*

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

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

piano only



5 voices

1 Glo - ry to God, and peace on earth! We  
2 Spir - it of God, we sing to you. O

9 wor - ship and bless the God of our birth!  
Giv - er of life, your touch makes us new.

13 Thanks - giv - ing and praise, be  
Come breathe on us now; trans -

17 your God most high. You are the Ho - ly One.  
form all our ways. O Spir - it, stay with us,

21 1. Your glo - ry fills the sky.  
and fill our hearts with praise. 2.

### THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Amos 7:7-15**

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

**Psalm 185:8-13**

*(We read alternately by verse as directed by the lector.)*

***Benedixisti, Domine***

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other,

**Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from a reading from **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia (sung two times)*



## THE GOSPEL

**Mark 6:14-29**

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

*We stand after a brief silence.*

## We affirm our faith

### THE CREED

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]. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.*

## We offer prayers

Deacon: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for your wisdom and insight has made known to us the mystery of your will to gather up all things in Christ: Move with power and justice throughout the earth, to unite all people into your divine life, as we pray: The earth is God's and all that is in it, the world and all that dwell therein.

Intercessor: You chose your Church in Christ before the foundation of the world, O Gracious One: Fill us with such gladness and love of you that we may sing and rejoice in your presence, and bless all people in your name. The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**People: the world and all that dwell therein.**

Lector: Raise up and protect prophets as of old who will challenge the rulers of this age and inspire us to be holy and blameless before you in love: Protect us from political intrigue and from the abuse of power, so that our nation may be a people of clean hands and pure hearts. The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**People: the world and all that dwell therein.**

Intercessor: In Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Let your holy presence be strong and mighty. Comfort all who live in places of injustice or violence; strengthen all who suffer for the sake of conscience; protect whistleblowers and those who confront injustice with truth; visit the prisoners with your mercy and wisdom. The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**People: the world and all that dwell therein.**

Lector: Give this community wisdom and insight to hear the word of truth and to live in the glorious grace that you freely bestow on us in the Beloved, that your glory may dwell in our land. The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**People: the world and all that dwell therein.**

Intercessor: We have set our hope on Christ as we offer our prayers of intercession. We pray for those who are ill, or who live with any threat or trauma, especially for those on our Prayer List. Others? \_\_\_\_\_. The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**People: the world and all that dwell therein.**

Lector: Hear our glad words of thanksgiving, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max(Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of \*Eleanor (Boehler), \*Al (Elsbree), \*Diann (Marsh), \*Crystal (Mason) and \*Jamie (Johnstad); 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 . Other blessings? \_\_\_\_\_.

Raise to your eternal presence all innocents who die because of the decisions of the powerful. Remember all who have died, that they may be marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, the pledge of our inheritance, especially Alexander (Thompson), John (Haman), Henry (Stellenberg), John (Lawrence), Charles (Rosenthal), Henry (Hodson), James (Sheehan), Clyde (Ellsworth), Grace (Nicholls) and George (Pillsbury). Others? \_\_\_\_\_

The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**People: the world and all that dwell therein.**

Deacon: Hear us as we call upon you, O God, and establish among us your rule of justice and truth, that we may be protected from all evil and live according to the riches of the grace that you have bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*(stand or kneel)*

Deacon: 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.***

## 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.*

# We offer our lives and gifts to God

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

*For those at home who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.*

*Healing Prayer with anointing and laying-on of hands will be offered in the chapel during Communion.  
Please come through the door to the chapel after receiving communion at the altar rail.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN 615** *Thy Kingdom Come*

*Hosmer/St. Flavian*

# We share the Holy Communion

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Presider:

We give thanks to you, O God for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the Night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and **people:**

**We remember his death;  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ through whom we may be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**People:**        *Amen.*

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

**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, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

BCP 364

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## FRACTION

(sing refrain, verse 1, refrain)

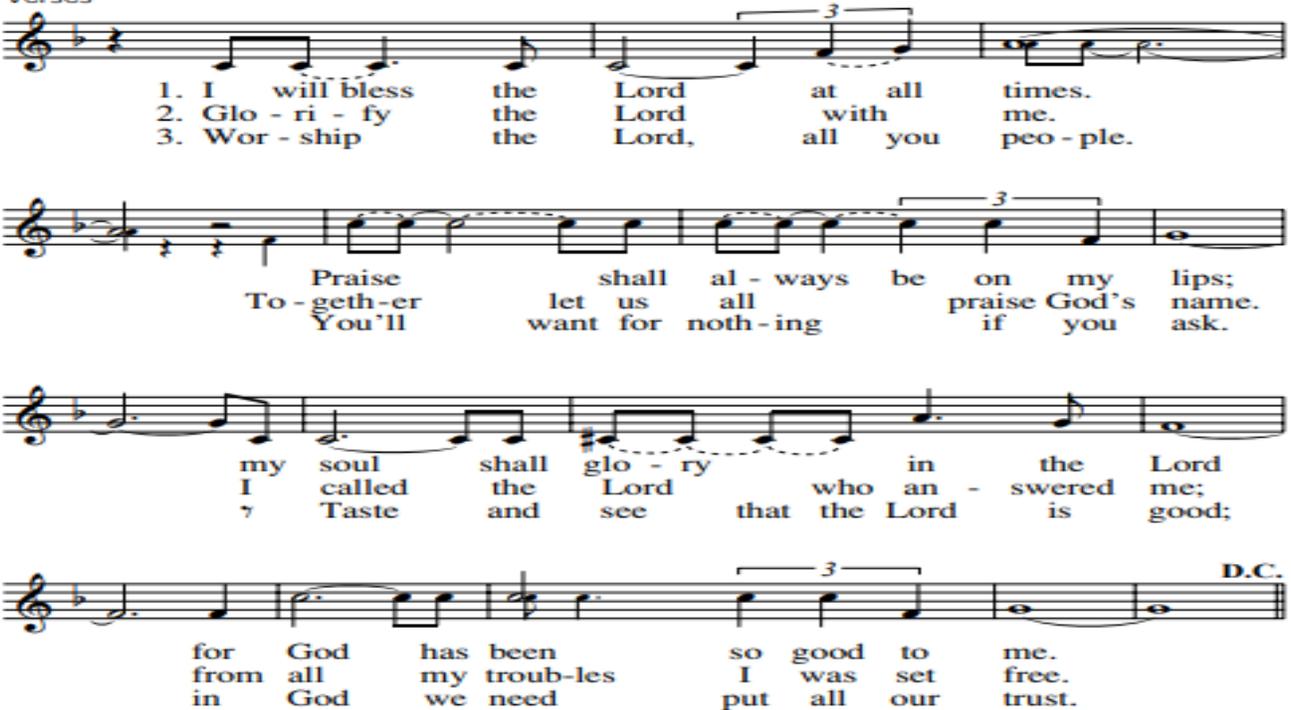
J. E. Moore

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the  
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the  
good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2. Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me.  
3. Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple.  
Praise shall al-ways be on my lips;  
To-gether let us all praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth-ing if you ask.  
my soul shall glo-ry in the Lord  
I called the Lord who an-swered me;  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
for God has been so good to me.  
from all my troub-les I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust. D.C.

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

*All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer. And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*(Please stand)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.  
**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.***

## THE BLESSING

Presider: May God, the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of Life, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: ***Amen.***

## RECESSIONAL 543

*O Zion, Tune Thy Voice*

*Doddridge/Lee*

Deacon: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

*Allen/Hayes*

***The flowers today are given by Mary Nelson,  
in memory of her father, Peter Touzios.***

## Ministers of the Service

\* Members and Guests, *Celebrants*  
\* Rev. Linda Packard, *Presider*  
\* Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Preacher*  
\* Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*  
\* Greg Serwich, *Lector*  
\* Elizabeth Ludescher, *Intercessor*

\* Robin French, *Music Director*  
\* Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*  
\* Nancy Cook, *Vestry Coordinator*  
\* Alice Maffit & Kim Kreiser, *Altar Guild*  
\* Charlotte Stryker, *Greeter*

## 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, Paula, our Bishop-Elect and all members of Grace Church.

### **We pray for those who are sick or in need:**

Leila (Anwar), Barbara (Bolsen), \*Bob (Burton), Rose (Buttell), \*Bill (Calvert), Julia & TJ (Cellery), Bishop-Elect Paula (Clark), \*Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), \*Renee (Dowe), \*Al (Elsbree), \*Jennie (Fjelde), Janet (Groezinger), Susan (Haerle), \*Georgia (Hansen), \*Jae (Hezlep), Barb (Hiller), \*Barb (Hooper), Bishop Joseph, Barb (Kellar), Jean (Kohler), Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), \*Alice Maffit, \*Diann & \*Robert (Marsh), Betty (Montgomery), \*Mary (Nelson), Ruth (Niendorf), Sarah (Newton), \*Bill (Norton), Jim (Opelt), Alan (Oyen), Anne (Poston), Shelby (Powers), Lisa (Prindle), Lois (Rafter), N.J. (Replogle), \*Karen (Serwich), Melody (Serwich), \*Kathy (Shannon), Paula (Simosky), Gary (Smith), \*Pat (Terry), \*Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Breckin, Marilyn, Dawn H., Katie L., Missy, Katie, Pam, Scott, Jeremy and Audrey.

### **We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:**

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; the birthdays of \*Eleanor (Boehler), \*Al (Elsbree), \*Diann (Marsh), \*Crystal (Mason) and \*Jamie (Johnstad); 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*for the week of July 11th, 2021*

### **The Pepper Family Garden**

Members of the Pepper family will join us on July 18th for worship and the dedication of the garden, located to the right of the church, along the sidewalk leading to our Meditation Garden. This is a pollinating garden, featuring a burst of colors to attract our native birds, butterflies and bees. Our new garden is in honor of the late Richard Pepper and his wife, Roxy, generous donors to Grace Church.

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EfM?**

Or, if you went through EfM in "the old days" with the big binders, are you curious about EfM in the Present format? The current EfM Seminar invites you to join us in a discussion of our interlude book, Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action and Climate Change, written by Stephen A. Jurovics (New York, Morehouse Publishing, 2016). The book is widely available in soft cover or Kindle editions. Please let us know if you will join our discussion by July 1 so we can finalize the location in the Parish House and send you some preparation material. The session will be held on Monday, July 19 between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. For more information or to register, please email Lynn Giles at [elynnngiles@gmail.com](mailto:elynnngiles@gmail.com).

### **HELP WANTED!:** An apprentice to work with Zoom at Grace Church.

This is an important part of our Worship Ministry, and more people are needed to keep our live online services coming! It may seem very complicated, but those of us who have been handling it for nearly a year now all had to start from very basic computer skills and learn "on the job." If we have a small team, the responsibilities can be rotated, making it easier for all of us--and making it possible to explore better ways to assure the best audio and visual experience for those worshipping in person and those online.

Please contact Lynn Giles if interested and for more information: [lynnngiles@lynnngilesphotography.com](mailto:lynnngiles@lynnngilesphotography.com)

### **Adult Inquirer's Class**

Our Bishop-elect, Paula Clark will be consecrated on August 28th. Prior to her medical emergency she was able to attend our Deanery meeting and talked about her intent to hold deanery-wide services to provide Confirmations, and receive new members to the church. By doing this, those wishing to be received or confirmed would not have to wait for her to visit their parish, which might take two or more years. Because of this, I will be offering an Adult Inquirers Class sometime this summer (dates will be determined by the schedules of those interested in attending). We will be talking about our identity as Episcopalians, the Book of Common Prayer, a brief history of the Anglican/Episcopal church, our creeds, prayer, Baptism, Eucharist, the Trinity (don't come looking for an explanation!), and the Jesus Movement as described by Presiding Bishop Curry. Attending does not commit you to being received.

This is open to anyone in the church or community, although if there is a large response, those considering reception into the Church will be given priority due to limited space (this is an in-person class). The time commitment is about eight hours. If you are interested in this or would like more information, please contact Rev. Diane Luther at [dm20luther@gmail.com](mailto:dm20luther@gmail.com), or call (815) 281-2301.

**Social Hour** has resumed after the service on Sundays. Please come and also sign up to host in the coming weeks. We are keeping it *SIMPLE* for now.

### **Zoom Poetry Meeting**

A Zoom Poetry group is meeting on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at [poston@sxu.edu](mailto:poston@sxu.edu) or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive information about the meeting.

**EfM Meeting** is Monday, July 12th at 6:30pm in person.

**Service of Compline** is Tuesday, July 13th at 8:30pm on Zoom.

**Mid-Week Eucharist** is this Wednesday, July 14th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

**Wednesday Morning Study Group** is Wednesday, July 14th, at 10:30am online.

**Meditative Prayer** meets Friday, July 16th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

**Canapés and Conversation** is Friday, July 16th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the home of Pete & Charlotte Stryker, 3 Arcadia Court, Galena.



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The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop-Elect of Chicago  
The Rev. Gloria G. Hopewell, D. Min., Rector  
The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon  
Nancy Kenney, Parish Administrator

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**Scripture Readings for July 18, 2021**  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 23:1-6      Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:11-22      Mark 6:30-34, 53-56