



# Grace Episcopal Church

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**Rev. Travis K Smith, Rector**

**Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon**

**Worship Plan for Sunday**

Proper 18

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two

Sunday, September 6, 2020 – 9 am parking lot

***Tune into Radio 1650 AM if you are in the parking lot***

## **Welcome to Grace Church**

*Please remember to wear a mask or scarf over your nose and mouth, and to observe 6 feet of social distance when out of your vehicles on property.*

## **Mission Statement**

*We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.*

## **OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)**

*The Officiant says*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*

*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 officiant alone stands and says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter

**VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)**

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

**ANTIPHON (BCP p. 80)**

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**INVITATORY (BCP p. 80)**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

*and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

For the Lord is a great God, \*

*and a great King above all gods.*

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

*and the heights of the hills are his also.*

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

*and his hands have molded the dry land.*

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

*and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

**PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*

*and I shall keep it to the end.*

<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*

*I shall keep it with all my heart.*

<sup>35</sup>Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
*for that is my desire.*

<sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
*and not to unjust gain.*

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
*give me life in your ways.*

<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
*which you make to those who fear you.*

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
*because your judgments are good.*

<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
*in your righteousness preserve my life.*

*At the end of the Psalm is said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## The Lessons

### **FIRST READING: Romans 13:8-14**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>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; <sup>12</sup>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; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not

in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

### **FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)**

Canticle J (EOW): A Song of Judith

*Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, \*

*for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.*

Let the whole creation serve you, \*

*for you spoke and all things came into being.*

You sent your breath and it formed them, \*

*no one is able to resist your voice.*

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*

*rocks melt like wax at your presence.*

But to those who fear you, \*

*you continue to show mercy.*

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*

*but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.*

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20**

A Reading from Matthew.

[Jesus said,] <sup>15</sup>“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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)**

*Officiant and People together,*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,*

*the holy catholic Church,*

*the communion of saints,*

*the forgiveness of sins,*

*the resurrection of the body,*

*and the life everlasting. Amen.*

# The Prayers

## SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                *And also with you.*

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

## SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. *And grant us your salvation.*

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*



- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

**FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

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.*

**SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

*All remain standing.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; we pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops Eugene and Robert, for Travis our Rector, and Mimi our Deacon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

*Pray for the Church.*

*Silence*

We remember today Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Guy, Katie, and Clarence our State Senators, Dutch and John our Representatives, Terri, Eric, Shane, Vanessa, Jennifer, and Jessica our State Delegates, Opel and Elizabeth our Council Members.

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.

*Pray for those who have died.*

*Silence*

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

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

*Silence*

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)**

### *Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

## **CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)**

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

# **Announcements**

Tune into AM 1650 Radio  
in the church parking lot on Sunday's at 9am

## **Grace Technology Fund**

COVID-19 has required us to make many changes in how we do things here at Grace Church. One of those changes is how we do Sunday worship. As we find our way back to a new normal, we have had to find ways to bring us back together safely. One of those ways is through the use of AM radio, allowing us to hold services in our parking lot. It is by no means a perfect solution but we have been able to gather as a parish. Last Sunday we were able to live stream the service to our Facebook page for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person during these trying times. As we continue to make changes, slowly reopening the parish, we will continue our efforts to provide alternatives for our members who are not yet ready to gather in person. We are in need of some additional technology to be able to continue to improve the service outside, and as we move inside, to provide a live stream option so those of our family who are not ready can still join us on Sunday. We are looking to raise \$1,500-\$2,000 to support technology improvements. If you are able to make a donation, please make a notation that the donation is for the technology fund. Thank you for your consideration and support!

## **Grace Early Learning Center**

*Please keep our Childcare staff and families in your prayers as they have remained OPEN for the emergency service employees.*

## **Just for You: Care Note Booklets are available!**

The Care Notes cover a variety of topics to assist people when they are struggling with different aspects of their lives. They provide Hope, Help and Healing with the information about how you might deal with different topics like bullying, illness, hospice, death, marriage, just to name a few. and they cover all ages- Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors. They are near the front door of the FLC on the bookcase. Help yourself- they are for you and they are free compliments of the Pastoral Care Ministry committee.

## **Ladies Night (Day) Out – cancelled until further Notice**

Ladies of Grace meet the last Sunday of each month for food & fellowship.

## **Tithing via your Credit Card – web or text**

We have an agreement with Vanco, our online stewardship/giving company, to accept Credit Card (MC, Visa, Amex & Discover) contributions. You can register your credit card via online or via text message option. You can choose to make your contribution one time, weekly or monthly.

- Online option – [graceelkridge.org](http://graceelkridge.org) – go to top right corner click on “Stewardship/Giving” and follow prompts.
- GIVE + Text – text 410-618-1877 and a link will be sent to you for donating. Follow prompts after the link is open.
- We also purchased a “Mobile Card Reader” so we can use credit cards at events.

See flyer in back of the church to log in or just to check it out.

## **Mustard Seed Thrift Shop**

<https://graceelkridge.org/thrift-shop>

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The Mustard Seed is now on the Net! Our web site is presently in development. Please visit our site. The more visits we get, the more exposure we will be given on the Net. If you have ever shopped with us, please write reviews for us on Google and Yelp. Both traffic and sales are up in the past six months. We continue to work on improving our marketing and upgrading our inventory. Donations can be left off at any time in the brown shed next to the front door of the shop. Please pay us a visit and bring a friend.

***We have a goal to add another service at the HSC  
on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am***

## **Parish Calendar Week of September 6, 2020**

### **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Office – 10am – 2pm (Office CLOSED)

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2 – (cancelled for COVID)

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC – Virtual

### **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Office 10am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome via phone conference)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

### **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Office 10am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC (outside)

### **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Office 10am – 2pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC (Cancelled)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

7:00 pm – Loving Embraces @ conf room 1 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) (cancelled for now)

### **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Office Hours 10am – 2pm

### **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store

### **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am – Parking Lot Prayer Service @ FLC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month ONLY)

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm - *Private Rental* @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

## Pastoral Care

**Pastoral Care Team** –next meeting TBD

*If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care, there are opportunities for someone to serve so if you feel called to serve at Grace please drop a line to the office, Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi*

### **Loving Embraces** – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us in making prayer shawls for those in need. We are looking for people willing to create knit, crochet, or even quilt prayer shawls to be donated to Grace members, St. Agnes ICU, Ronald McDonald House or anyone in need of comfort.

- If you have supplies, you'd like to donate, please bring them to Grace.
- If you want to learn, please come we will be available if you have questions about your knitting or crocheting.
- We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 7-8 pm at Grace (except March & April)
- Please drop in and join us whenever you can or questions please contact Annie Burke afb1776@gmail.com.

**Celebration of Life** – next meeting TBD @ FLC Conference room

### **Caring Card** - Ministry

~Have you ever wanted to let someone know that you are thinking of them? ~

- Now you can by using the new Grace “Caring Card”.
- These cards are available for you to take, write a message, and mail to someone.
- Grace provides the card, and you provide the “caring” and the postage.

There will be cards available at the Historic Stone Church & the Family Life Center.

\*Please make sure you get permission of the person you are lifting up in prayer, before you add them to the prayer list.

### **Prayer / Visitation** (Look for the Yellow Card)

Do you know someone in need of Prayers or Visit?

Fill out a yellow Prayer & Visitation cards located in the back of the FLC and the HSC, (4.5 x 5.5 yellow card). Please pass it only to the church via the offering plate, and the Pastoral Team will visit and or pray. Please make sure if requesting a visit or prayers the

person is aware you are giving their name. Thank you for your support on this addition to communication to the office.

This yellow card is not in place of the weekly “Prayers of the People” to be read during services. We want to share with you, your concerns, joys & thanksgivings on the “Prayers of the People” sheet in the back of the HSC & Holy Family Chapel @ FLC.

### **Pastoral Care Team Reaches Out to Service Members**

Grace's Pastoral Care Team has started a ministry of sending prayer books and commemorative medals to people serving in the military. If you have a loved one who might appreciate receiving this gift from Grace, please contact the church office.

### **Just a Spoonful of Love – Casserole Ministry**

Grace's Pastoral Care team invites parishioners to join them in working to resume our Casserole Ministry to serve members during times of need, e.g., illness, hospitalization, arrival of new child, etc. To participate in this ministry, all you have to do is pick up a casserole pan (recipe included) from the back of the church, buy the ingredients, prepare the casserole, wrap it in plastic and aluminum foil, date it and attached the second copy of recipe card provided (so recipients can view ingredients for possible allergies), and return the casserole to the freezer in the FLC kitchen. Members of the Pastoral Care team will handle deliveries. Receipts may be presented to the church office for notation on individual's giving statement as donation in kind. If this experiment is successful, new recipes will be available monthly or seasonal. For information, see Rev. Mimi after services or contact her at 443-277-0068. Casseroles can be accepted during office hours M- F or bring them with you on Sunday to church.

### **Sonshine Card Ministry**

Thank you for your support, we have received many cards to help with our mission. Please continue to drop extra cards to the office when you have them. This is very special mission to many people in our parish.



# **Grace Parish Prayers of Intercession**

**Sept 6– Sept 12**

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Trinity, Elkridge; All Hallows', Davidsonville; All Saints', Sunderland

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**In Our Community:** We Pray That We May Be Devoted to Your Worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially *Brian Hesson (friend Rev. Mimi Mathews), Charles Hill (Marion Hayes grandson in law), Rachel Werts (Karen Stewarts daughter), Jason Werts (Karen Stewarts son in law), David Kinnamont (Karen Stewart son), John Lord (Betty McMullen grandson -in law), Matt Merritt (Amy Szekely son), David Shrewbury (Puppa's son in law), Dustin Simpson (Betty McMullen great grandson), Marc Benson (Stickles nephew), Christen Kratz Woolford (Dennis Kratz daughter) and Tom Woolford (Dennis Kratz son in law).* We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.

**Rest of the Soul:**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

**Prayers of Special Intentions:** Brenda, Randy & Judy Bragdon, Tarren Bragdon, Marilyn Bresnahan - Dunn, Ann Burt, Sharon Buttari, Alberta Calvin, Lydia Chalmers, Jesse Crouch, Edward Dabeck, Dauback Family, Dianne Lynn Davis, Vinnie Burke, Tony Jackson, Norah & Scott Kinderman, Bev Landis, Katie Lingg, Jerry & Mary Maschino, Mauer Family, Meredith, Jeanne Parker, Don Peoples, Dan Rice, Sheila, Mana Seera Edie Springuel, Gail Trinite, Steve Nice Warner, Linda White, Ray Wilkerson

**For the hospitalized, sick and home bound:** Rev. Lloyd Aiken, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Pat Chelton, Doris Clay, May Davis, Barb Durham, Eleanor Gyr, Harry Sappington, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Doug Williams, Cory Woodall

**Birthdays:** Brad DeBoy, Jerry Glauser, Cooper Altman, Lilly Becker, Annie Burke,

**Anniversaries:**

\* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless

## Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen





## A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

LORD ON THIS LABOR DAY,

WE THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING OF WORK.

WE ASK FOR STRENGTH TO COMPLETE EACH DAY.

WE ASK FOR REST WHEN WE ARE WEARY.

WE ASK YOUR GUIDANCE FOR EVERYONE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT,

AND WE ASK THAT YOU BE WITH THOSE WHOSE FACES

WE MIGHT NEVER SEE BUT WHO WORK TIRELESSLY EACH DAY

FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL.

AMEN.