



Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2019 - 10:00 am

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the heart banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it —physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs at the Family Life Center. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Chapel** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace. This is during the school season.

Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.

Mission Statement of Grace Church

- We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.
- We believe we are called to seek Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as God loves us.
- We believe as the body of Christ we are called to reach out to our local community and the world, to invite all people to know the joy of God, and to welcome all persons into fellowship.
- We believe we are called to nurture each other in the faith and to be a fellowship of grace and renewal.

Looking for a church that loves people? Come as our guest and leave as one of the family! Church services are held at 7:30a.m. at the **Historic Stone Church** in downtown Elkridge off of Main Street and at 10 a.m. at the **Holy Family Chapel** at 6725 Montgomery Road. For more information about Grace Episcopal Church, check the website at graceelkridge.org or call the office at 410-796-3270.

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn: There is a Redeemer - WR 117

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus 1

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
Hope for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

CCLI Song # 11483 // Melody Green (adapted WR 117)

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Worthy is the Lamb

Verse 1

Thank You for the cross Lord

Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace

Verse 2

Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

Chorus 1

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God
The Darling of heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Misc 1

(Vamp)

Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Misc 2

(Ending)

The Darling of heaven crucified

CCLI Song # 3217555

Darlene Zschech

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from The First Book of Kings (19:1-15a).

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him

that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ^{15a} Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

Lector

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

Psalms 42,43

BCP p. 643

Quemadmodum

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the
house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
 in the night season his song is with me,
 a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength,
 “Why have you forgotten me? *
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
 oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, *
 my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me *
 and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

1 Give judgment for me, O God,
 and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
 deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength;
 why have you put me from you? *
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
 oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
 and bring me to your holy hill
 and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God,
 to the God of my joy and gladness; *
 and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn: Give Thanks - WR 359

Verse

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Ending
Give thanks

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The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (8:26-39).
Glory to you Lord Christ

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me,

Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Lector

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you Lord Christ

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon - Rev. Travis K. Smith

The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

All say together:
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.*

Outline of the Faith

Human Nature

Celebrant	What are we by nature?
People	<i>We are part of God's creation, made in the image of God.</i>

Celebrant	What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
People	<i>It means that we are free to make choices; to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.</i>
Celebrant	Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation?
People	<i>From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices.</i>
Celebrant	Why do we not use our freedom as we should?
People	<i>Because we rebel against God, and we put ourselves in the place of God.</i>
Celebrant	What help is there for us?
People	<i>Our help is in God.</i>
Celebrant	How did God first help us?
People	<i>God first helped us by revealing himself and his will, through nature and history, through many seers and saints, and especially through the prophets of Israel.</i>

Prayers of the People

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

Silence

We pray for Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Katie, Guy, and Clarence our State Senators, Jennifer, Jessica, Vanessa, Eric, Shane, Terri, our State Delegates, Elijah and John our Representatives, 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.

Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

All say 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.

Absolution

Bishop or Priest

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.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Priest says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn: Shout to the Lord - WR 94

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy

*At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You*

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Presentation Song

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *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.*

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and

betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*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.

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN

The People respond Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People and
Celebrant**

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: The Summons - WR 350 & Sanctuary - WR 482

The Summons

Verse 1

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for the cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Verse 3

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Verse 4

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

WORDS: John L Bell (1949-)

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L Bell (1949-)

Sanctuary

Chorus 1

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy

Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

CCLI Song # 24140 // John W. Thompson | Randy Scruggs

The people stand as they are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Bishop or Priest says

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. *Amen.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn: Let There Be Praise - WR 54

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.
Sing to the Lord, give him the glory;

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.
Forever more let his love fill the air and let there be praise.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements and Calendar

Lost & Found:

Please check the coat rack for any lost or misplaced items. Any jackets left at the end of July will be donated to the Mustard Seed Thrift Store.

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.

GRACE'S JUNE OUTREACH FOCUS -

~The Heifer Project via VBS~
Glory to God,
Who is able to do far beyond
all that we could ask or imagine by his
power at work within us!- Ephesians 3:20

How: Make a donation that will go directly to the Heifer Project.

When: Today, June 23rd

Goat or Pig = \$120; Llama = \$150; Heifer = \$500
Donation envelopes will be available.

Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide. With the help of donors 31 million families have been assisted in 25 countries. The Heifer programs reinvigorate communities through livestock, training, and Pass on the Gift. For more information, visit www.heifer.org

Tuesday Suppers - See you in August

Thank you to Jean Schutt who has volunteered to coordinate the dinners for 2018 - 2019 year. If you would like help by doing a supper on a Vestry night, please contact Jean.

Ladies Night (Day) Out -

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

Next Lunch is June 30th , 12noon at Mathews 1600 located at 1600 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD
Please RSVP to Jody.

NEWS BULLETIN FROM MISSION CONTROL

~VBS Registration is Closed~

The Mars & Beyond Fight is Booked! We're excited to launch. If you missed this year, we'll look forward to seeing you next year.

Gluten Allergy??

Grace now has Gluten Free Host. If you are in need of the Gluten Free Host please let Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi know and they will be happy to serve you.

Tithing via your Credit Card

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 – 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.

Please Use Store Cards-Help The Local Poor

In the fall 2017, The Vestry decided that on behalf of Grace Church, Fr. Travis Smith can and should continue helping indigent families approaching the church for assistance. While this is often overlooked, The Vestry is proud of this outreach and the judicious use of resources by Fr. Travis Smith. Put in simplest terms possible, the “profit” from the store card program will be used to continue this outreach; deficits will be covered by the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, (supported by loose plate offering 1st & 5th Sundays) surpluses mean more aid available to the community.

Please consider using store cards as a way to brighten the world, just a little bit for those who need it most.

Grace Early Learning Center

Looking for Summer Camp - Spread the word as Grace Early Learning Center is offering summer camp this year from ages from Toddlers to Age 10. Please see Flyer on wall or back of chapel.

10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel

Please check the schedule for details or call Ginny Stickles @ 410 382 2184.

June: 23 – Jody Nation, Jonathan Nation, Isobel Schum, Bob Puppa
30 – Ginny Stickles, Jody Nation, Rita Chelton, Karen Stewart

July: 07 – Chris Fox, Rose Gloth, Rita Chelton,
14 – Rita Chelton, Bob Puppa, Isobel Schum
21 – Betty McMullen, Michelle Matto, Karen Stewart, Rita Chelton
28 – Jody Nation, Fudy Fox, Finny Stickles, Bob Puppa

"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38
NRSV

Parish Calendar Week of June 23, 2019

Monday, June 24th

Office – CLOSED

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, June 25th

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

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

8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

Wednesday, June 26th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC – Outside

5:30 to 7pm – Grace VBS

Thursday, June 27th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

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

5:30 pm to 7pm – Grace VBS

Friday, June 28th

Office Hours CLOSED

10:00 am GELC – Jump Bunch

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm – Grace VBS

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (1st, 2nd & 4th Friday's of July)

Saturday, June 29th

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

Sunday, June 30th

7:30 am – Holy Eucharist @ HSC

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School @ FLC conf rm 1

10:00 am - Family Service @ FLC

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

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

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Team –next meeting August 12

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 2nd and 4th Fridays from 10-11 am and on the 3rd Thursday from 7-8 pm at Grace (No Friday gatherings June, July & Aug)
- Please drop in and join us whenever you can or questions please contact Annie Burke afb1776@gmail.com.

Celebration of Life – next meeting TBD

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

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.

Parish Prayers of Intercession

June 23 - June 29

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St John's, Deer Park; St John's, Frostburg; St Matthew's, Oakland; St Peter's, Lonaconing

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the united Church of North India

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), 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), 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.

Repose of the Soul:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers of Special Intentions: Marilyn Bresnahan - Dunn, Ann Burt, Dianne Lynn Davis, Vinnie Burke, Katie Lingg, Jimmy McMullen, Oliver Victorino

For the hospitalized, sick and home bound: Rev. Lloyd Aiken, David Behrens, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Jon Bullock, Doris Clay, Barb Durham, Eleanor Gyr, Candice Harvey, George Perry, Harry Sappington, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson, Cory Woodall

Birthdays: Lisa Schuster, Dave Blackburn, Sophia Nation

Anniversaries: Harry & Kathryn Newman

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

WELCOME TO GRACE - Are you our guest today?

Please take a moment to tell us something about you. Share whatever you like. Please tear this off and put in the offering plate or give it to the rector.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

At which location and service were you our guest?

Date: _____

Historic Stone Church Holy Family Chapel @ the Family Life Center

How did you find us?

Friend Graceelkridge.org

Signs Other: _____

Please check all that apply: First time guest Returning guest New to the area

Would like information on Christian Education

Adult Children Youth Ministries

Would like to know more about Grace

Would like to know more about the Episcopal Church

Other: _____ (Seniors, Fellowship, ...)

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