

## Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given in memory of Carolyn Taylor's Birthday, by John Taylor.
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
  - **Blessing of the Funeral Palls** will be [Sunday, August 24th](#).
  - **Grace Church BBQ** will be [Oct. 11 2025](#)
  - **Autumn Market at Grace: Saturday September, 6th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
  - **Grace Fall Festival/Rally day** will be [September 14th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.](#)
- **WWW** Our fall book results are in! We'll be reading *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)* by Kate Bowler, *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. Join us in September as we start with *Everything Happens for a Reason*.
- **WWW Save the Date:** our next social will be Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the email list please contact Beth Lollis at [gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com](mailto:gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com)
- **Moms Meet-up** is [Saturday, August 30th at 9:30 a.m.](#) at E-City Java.
- **THE GRACE CODE**  
Scan or tap to visit:
  - New to Grace
  - Outreach giving
  - Facebook page
  - Family Promise
  - Fall Market sign-up
- **The Last Confirmation Class** before Bishop Richards's visit on [Nov. 2nd Continues today Sunday, Aug. 17th at 9:15 a.m.](#) in the Parlor. Also good for baptisms, weddings, new members, and studying the faith.
- If you are **interested in being confirmed** on Nov. 2nd with Bishop Richards's visit contact the parish office. You will need to fill out a form.
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** has an urgent need for tuna, potted meats and other canned foods with pop-top lids for their snack packs that are given to people in need.
- **Books of Common Prayer for the Pews:** Grace needs additional copies of the Book of Common Prayer for the pews. If you would like to make a donation for a BCP, they cost \$24.26. You can designate your donation with "Book of Common Prayer" in the memo line.
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise** scan the Grace QR Code.
- **EYC** is hosting an Autumn Market to raise money for their October trip. If you are interested in having a booth at the Market scan or tap The Grace Code to sign up. For more information contact Sharon at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com).
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will be [Thursday, August 21st at 6 p.m.](#)
- **EYC Big Air Event** is [Saturday, August 23rd at 4 p.m.](#)
- **Grief Support** will meet [Thursday, August 28th at 10 a.m.](#)
- **Fifth Sunday Morning Prayer with Eucharist** will be [Sunday, August 31st](#) for both services.

- Want to learn more about helping with Sunday Worship? Anyone twelve and older is welcome to become a Crucifer, Torch Bearer or Server/Gospel Bearer. Youth are welcome, but these roles are NOT just for kids. Confirmed members over eighteen can also serve as Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice Bearers) We have openings for all roles at both the 8:00 and the 10:30 services. Please contact Abigail Burden at [Mrs\\_Burden@yahoo.com](mailto:Mrs_Burden@yahoo.com) for more information.
- **Save the date - Grace's 27th annual BBQ** will take place at the Farmers Market on [Saturday, Oct. 11th from 5-8 p.m.](#) with proceeds going to Family Promise. This is a wonderful way to support each other and our community. We will need your help! There are many ways you can assist in making this happen. Danny will have tickets for you to take and sell, and sign-up sheets will be in the cloister. Sponsorships at the 1/2 Pig, Whole Pig, and Whole Pig+ level are available! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Danny Ehler (864) 276-2579 or Carol Miller (303) 507-8816.
- The **Music Ministry** at Grace church is growing. Starting [Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.](#) in the parlor the POPSICLE CHOIR will begin rehearsals. This choir is for boys and girls who are in grades 2 through 6. There are no auditions. Parents are welcome to come and observe. We have enough robes for 20 children or grandchildren. Our goal will be to sing in the church service once before Christmas, once before Easter and on Mother's Day 2026.
- **Deacon Mary's Sending Forth Party.** Please join us on [September 7th](#) at the 11:30 coffee hour to celebrate Deacon Mary's Ministry at Grace.

### Vestry Members

Mike Digby - 2025  
 Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025  
 Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025  
 David Burden - 2024-2025  
 Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026  
 Mike Magaha - 2024-2026  
 Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026  
 Jodie Webb - 2025-2027  
 Bill Scott - 2025-2027  
 Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027  
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Van Gogh 1889

**DO I NOT FILL HEAVEN  
 AND EARTH?**

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

17 August 2025

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome to Grace!

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## The Word of God

### The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

#### Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

### The Psalm

**Psalm 82** (read responsively by half verse)  
*Deus stetit*

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
**he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
**and show favor to the wicked?**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
**defend the humble and needy;**
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
**all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
**and all of you children of the Most High;**
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
**and fall like any prince.'**
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## The Second Lesson

### Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### The Holy Gospel

Deacon or Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

#### Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

### The Sermon

**Melissa Langford, Seminarian**

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### Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Debbie Hand

**Second Counter:** Jodie Webb

**Lector:** Tony Guiseppi-Elie

**Intercessor:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Chalice:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Church Opener:** Tab Bates

**Chalice 2:** Jackie Lenhart

### Those with birthdays

#### this week

Amy Cox  
Janie Fleming  
Jeff Ricketson  
Mike Digby  
Michael Lollis  
Emma Kate Potter  
Julian George  
Tracey Lidlow

### Baptismal Newbirth Day

12 September  
01 January  
01 June  
10 February  
22 December  
04 November  
01 February  
15 September

### Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Brent Kinley 17 August  
Lebrena Fulp 18 August  
Sally Hancock 18 August  
Amanda Knobel 21 August