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STEPHEN GAZED INTO HEAVEN

GRACE CHURCH

3 May 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *O Lord Most Holy*
The Procession

Cesar Franck

Hymn #450
All Hail the Power

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

The Liturgy begins on page 355.

The Word of God

A Song of Praise

Hymn #180

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Title: Canticle 2, A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine*

Music: Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

The Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (*read responsively by half verse*)

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
 let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
 for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
**for you have redeemed me,
 O LORD, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Rock of Ages

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.

Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872)**The Holy Gospel****Priest:** *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.***People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ***John 14:1-14**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the

Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

- The Nicene Creed** - page 358
- Prayers of the People Form IV** - page 388
- Confession of Sin and Absolution** - page 360
- The Peace**
- Announcements** (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

Sending Forth of the Graduating Seniors: Julien LeBrun, Maggie Clark, Charlotte Wilford, and Erik Erlenkeuser.

Celebrant: Dear people of God: Our lives are journeys. At certain times and in certain places we are called to end one stage of the journey and begin another. In the midst of change we claim God’s presence and guidance through it all. Today we pray for all High School Seniors and especially for Julien LeBrun, Maggie Clark, Charlotte Wilford, and Erik Erlenkeuser, who have grown up in our midst. With them go our prayers and support. We rejoice for God blessing us with their presence and we commend them to God’s continual love and care as they go down life’s path. We call upon God’s blessing on all our youth and give thanks for their life, their ministries, and their presence among us. Amen.

Offertory - Psalm 139
Hymn

Allen Pote

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,
 4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
 To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.
 What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer D - page 372
Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Great Amen LEVAS 233

A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; ar. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

Fraction Anthem LEVAS #154

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.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965), alt.

Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

Communion Hymns #661

They Cast Their Nets

1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just
2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -
3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but
off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
fore they ev - er knew the peace of
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us
sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
hailed the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

Words: William Alexander Percy (1885–1942), alt.

Music: *Georgetown*, David McKinley Williams (1887–1978)

Hymn LEVAS #108

Tis so sweet



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word.
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood.
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease.
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, Friend;

1. Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
2. Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
3. Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
4. And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead (1850-1917)

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

Post Communion Prayer - page 366
The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn # 439 What Wondrous Love is this

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: James Rowe (1865-1933)

Music: Howard E. Smith (1863-1918)

The Sending Forth - page 366

Closing Voluntary - *If thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

Grace Notes

- **Welcome Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- **WWW** is asking for YOUR help in our efforts to collect diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products support the Anderson County Diaper Bank. Donations may be placed in the cloister. We are grateful to **Louise Knisley** for coordinating collection and delivery on our behalf.
- **Daughters of the King** are collecting chicken lunch pouches to out in Blessing Bags for the unhoused. Please place any donations in the tote in the cloister.
- **Grace Life** is forming a committee to help with church events and creative new ways to enrich parish life. All are welcome to join. If interested contact Cyndi Dougherty (631) 766-3619 text, email cyndi-doug458@gmail.com, or see her.
- **Saturday Servants** will meet [May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th](#). Volunteers are needed. We also need donations of grape jam, creamy peanut butter and waters. If you are interested in helping contact Tracey Lidlow at tjlidlow@gmail.com.
- **IMPORTANT – KEY ENTRY TO THE BUILDING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.** The church has been re-keyed. If you need access to the building and have not been contacted about this, please contact the church office.
- **St. Catherine’s Guild** will meet [Monday, May 4th at noon](#) at Grace. We will be discussing adding a new project. Bring a sandwich, but drink and dessert will be provided.
- **FAVOR UPSTATE:** Please join us for Lunch with Lesley to have lunch and to have a chance to connect, share perspectives and hear more about where FAVOR is headed and how we continue to strengthen recovery across the community. Lunch will be held at Grace [Wednesday, May 6th from noon - 1 p.m.](#) Please rsvp to Janelle Walker at Janelle@favorupstate.org if your interested in joining.
- **Daughter’s of the King** will meet [Saturday May 9th at 10 a.m.](#)
- **Mulch Madness:** We will have mulch madness [Saturday, May 9th beginning at 8 a.m.](#) We need volunteers to help spread mulch and beautify the church grounds. Bring your shovels, rakes, and wheel barrels and be ready to work.
- **Eucharistic Minister Training:** Arch Deacon Mary Jeffers will be holding a eucharistic minister training on [Saturday, May 9th from 10 - 11:30 a.m.](#) at Grace. If you are currently trained as an eucharistic minister, Nikki will be reaching out to let you know if it is time to renew your training. If you are not trained and would like to be, please contact Nikki in the church office to let her know.
- **WWW** will begin a new book on [Tuesday, April 28th Liturgy of the Ordinary](#) by Tish Harrison Warren. Join us in the parlor on Tuesday evenings from [6:30 –8 p.m.](#) All are welcome at the table.
- **Fraud Protection Class:** United Community Bank is considering hosting a Fraud Protection Class at Grace to help individuals and families stay safe from scams, identity theft, and financial fraud. Topics may include; recognizing common scams, protecting your personal and banking information, tips for safe online and mobile banking and what to do if you suspect fraud. At this time, we are gathering interest to see if this class would be beneficial for our church community. If you are interested please email Nikki at gracechurchanderson1851@gmail.com.

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SAVE THE DATE

Save The Date: Grace will have a **Whitsun Ale drop in** on Pentecost Sunday, [May 24th](#), from 4 - 7 p.m. at the home of Brett and Rebecca Dixon, 389 Graham Rd, Anderson SC 29625. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some of Brett Dixon's home brewed ale.

SAVE THE DATE: Grace Annual BBQ is [October 10, 2026](#).

VBS: we are gearing up for VBS! [Every Wednesday night in July](#) beginning on July 8, we will have VBS [from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.](#), and the whole church is invited! If you are interested in serving in any capacity at VBS this year, please make sure you talk to Sharon so we can make sure you are Safe Church certified.

Weekly Meetings

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship: Starting May 5th FFF will begin meeting every Tuesday from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Women, Wine, and Wisdom meets every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The Ladies' Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Mike Magaha

Second Counter: JoCarol Titmas

Lector: Tom Pearce

Lector: Sara Cheek

Intercessor: Cindy Hopkins

Chalice 1:

Chalice 2: David Burden

1st Crucifer: Christopher Wilford

Server/Gospel Bearer: David Burden

Ushers: Brett Dixon, Buddy Bilbrey

Linen Guild: Pam Herold

Altar Guild: Pam Herold, Bess Boyer

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Expectant Parents

Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman
Joey and Asheton Benson

Stewardship Report

As of 3/31/2026
YTD 2026 Revenue \$118,873
YTD 2026 Expenses \$122,568
YTD 2026 Surplus \$3,695

Those with birthdays this week

Hugh Osburn
Ellie Cooper
Catherine Cutting
Matthias Kloeck
Van Colman
Maggie Cox

Baptismal Newbirth Day

30 November
23 December
07 July
03 November
03 October

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Nita Colman	06 May
Scott Mattison	07 May
Bess Boyer	08 May

Altar Flowers

Flowers are giving to the Glory of God and in Celebration of those having Birthdays this week, by Tony and Annette Guiseppi-Elie.

Vestry Members

Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026
Henry Todd - 2025-2026
Jodie Webb, Jr. Warden - 2025-2027
Bill Scott - 2025-2027
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
Heiko Erlenkeuser - 2025-2027
Buddy Bilbrey - 2026-2028
Jamie Ward, Clerk - 2026-2028
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

Delegates to the Convention

Janet Rippy
Debbie Hand
Bill Scott
Jamie Ward
Jodie Webb 1st alternate
Carol Miller 2nd alternate
JoCarol Titmas 3rd alternate

Grace Church Endowment

Matthias Kloeck
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Monday - Thursday

8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

