



J.B. Hardaway 2015

THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT

GRACE CHURCH

10 May 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *Fanfare for Organ*
The Procession

Jacques Lemmens

Hymn #398

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 - dian - t 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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Jubilate Deo

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
**which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #218

Jesus Loves Me

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Hea - ven's gate to op - en wide;
3. Je - sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol - ly thine;

1. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.
2. He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
3. On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me!_____ Yes, Je - sus loves me!_____

Yes, Je - sus loves me!_____ The bi - ble tells me so.

Words: Traditional; Ann B. Warner (1820-1915) Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1869); arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 358

Prayers of the People Form V - page 389

Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

A Collect for Mother's Day

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
We thank you for all our mothers. Bless them.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Offertory - *My Mother's Love* Hymn

Tom Shelton

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 #554

Tis the Gift to be Simple

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.

Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

Hymn #544

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)

Post Communion Prayer - page 366
The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn LEVAS# 148

Welcome Table

1. I'm a-going to eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
 2. I'm a-going to feast on milk and hon - ey,
 3. I'm a-going to fly all a - round in heav - en,
 4. I'm a-going to wade cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

1. I'm a-going to eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
 2. I'm a-going to feast on milk and hon - ey, some of these days.
 3. I'm a-going to fly all a - round in heav - en, some of these days.
 4. I'm a-going to wade cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

1. I'm a-going to eat at the wel - come ta - ble, I'm going to
 2. I'm a-going to feast on milk and hon - ey, I'm going to
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Words: James Rowe (1865-1933)

Music: Howard E. Smith (1863-1918)

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 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.
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will provide breakfast for all ladies this Sunday during coffee hour.
- **Wednesday Night Supper:** **Wednesday May 20th at 5:30 p.m.** please visit the https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAN_tLKG11UMUZFwlpKR0lGNjg2RINSVIBUWkdMRIZD_Sc4u or call church office if you would like to attend this dinner.
- **Guys's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, May 21st at 6 p.m.**
- **WWW:** Durning May WWW will be reading *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.
- **Pentecost Sunday** is **Sunday, May 24th.**
- **Memorial day** is **Monday, May 25th,** the church office will be closed this day.
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, May 28th at 10 a.m.**
- **EYC End of the Year Party:** **Sunday, May 24th**
- **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.
- St. Catherine's Guild and Guys Gathering at Grace will place a tote in the cloister **Sunday May 24th** to begin the **Richard Campbell Veterans Home Drive.** A list of items can be found in the May Newsletter.

• THE GRACE CODE

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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: Debbie Hand

Second Counter: JoCarol Titmas

Lector: Jane Hughes

Lector: Kathy Bostater

Intercessor: Abby Burden

Chalice 1: Bill Scott

Chalice 2: Cory Trotter

1st Crucifer: Cory Trotter

Server/Gospel Bearer: Lacreacia Bilbrey

Ushers: Nathanael Burden, Christopher Wilford

Linen Guild: Barbara Renaud

Altar Guild: Janet Rippy, Kathy Bostater

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

Kay Martin
Gail Carnes
Lauris Ames
Marty Mathis

Baptismal Newbirth Day

01 July

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Michael Cerps	6 May
Julia Woodson	11 May
Caroline Foster	13 May
Lisa Joseph	13 May
Rodman Foster	14 May
John Gurrad	15 May
Celeste Shaw	15 May

Altar Flowers

Flowers are giving in Honor and Memory of all mothers by Jerry and Dianne Peeler.

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.

