

The Day of Pentecost



May 23, 2021
10:30AM

Introduction

Celebrant: Welcome to Grace Muskogee. Today is Pentecost, the birthday of the entire Christian church on earth. We are gathered here at the steps to ask God's blessing of and to give thanks for our sanctuary and our lives.

Liturgy for Re-Entering the Sanctuary

Celebrant: Throughout the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for this building of Grace Episcopal Church, we are now gathered to re-enter it in God's name after a year of exile and pandemic.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Thank you for leading us back into this place, which has been set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we re-enter this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illuminate and to bless your people.

The Senior Warden of the congregation continues

Senior Warden: Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People: **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

Church bells are rung in the bell tower. The organ begins and the congregation processes in. Everyone joins the procession as you are able.

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: #537

The Church's One Foundation

Please stand and Sing

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Samuel Sabastian Wesley

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system has five lines of lyrics, the second and third have five lines, and the fourth and fifth have five lines. The music is a hymn with a simple, hymn-like melody.

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his people on earth.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect for Pentecost

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Please be seated.

Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25–35,37

(Responsively by half verse)

Reader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! *

People: **in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Reader: Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *

People: **creatures both small and great.**

Reader: There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *

People: **which you have made for the sport of it.**

Reader: All of them look to you *

People: **to give them their food in due season.**

Reader: You give it to them; they gather it; *

People: **you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

Reader: You hide your face, and they are terrified; *

People: **you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

Reader: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *

People: **and so you renew the face of the earth.**

Reader: May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *

People: **may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

Reader: He looks at the earth and it trembles; *

People: **he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

Reader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *

People: **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

Reader: May these words of mine please him; *

People: **I will rejoice in the LORD.**

Reader: Bless the LORD, O my soul. *

People: **Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: \$538

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Please sing and stand as you are able.

Words: Henry Francis; Music: David Evans

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system has two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final double bar line.

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est and end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

The Gospel : John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

INSERT SERMON

The Rev. Bob Wickizer

Nicene Creed

All in unison; Please stand as you are able.

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. 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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Prayers of the People

Please sit, kneel or stand.

Reader: Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Reader: Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

Reader: For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Reader: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For the fellowship of all your Saints,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

People: **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Angie, Brian, Glen, Marilyn, Gary, Ann, Connie, Jan, Cliff, Esther, Ann, Ronald, Michael, Sheila, J.J., Marlee, Carl, Geneva, all those affected by the pandemic, all the front line workers involved with patient care, all first responders, postal workers, law enforcement, all fire and safety personnel, all United States Military serving at home and abroad, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

People: **For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People: **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is observed.

Celebrant & People: **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.

Celebrant: 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.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain it's mission in creation. Its also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the World around us.

Offertory Sentence:

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
Psalm 96:8

Offertory Hymn:

Benedictus

Rick Ewing & Lora Sellers

When the Doxology begins to play the people stand while plates are brought up to be presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology:

The offering is brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Celebrant and People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own hath we given Thee**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: #S-117

Remain standing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We Share the Meal

Celebrant and People:

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Celebrant: † Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, an offering for the whole world.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." † † †

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." † † †

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

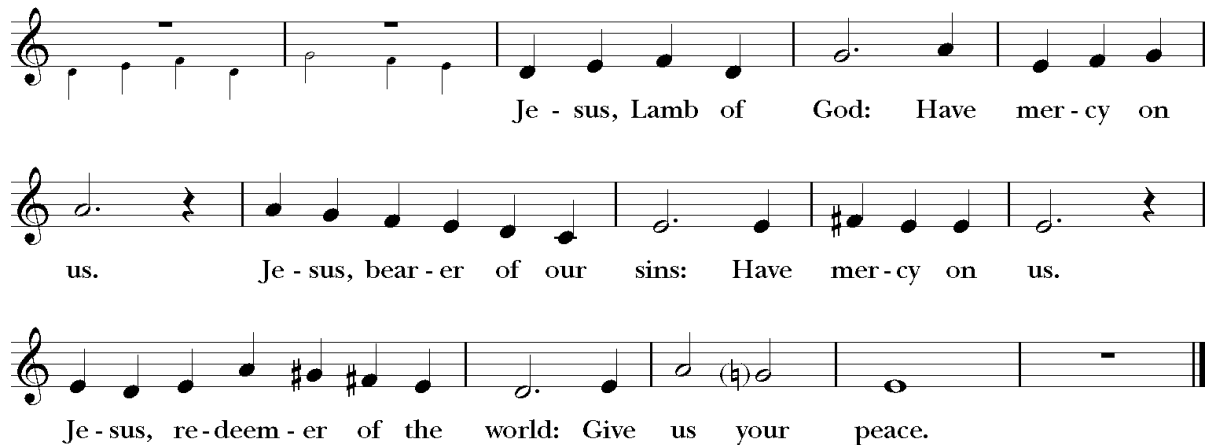
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: #S-166



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Distribution of Communion

At Grace Episcopal Church, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need the bread and wine brought to you at your seat. At the altar there are several ways to receive the bread, and wine: you may hold your palms upward, receive and consume the bread. To drink from the chalice, it is helpful if you guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine from the chalice bearer, leave the bread on the palm of your hand, and they will dip the bread for you and place it in your mouth. OR you may dip the bread into the chalice yourself, and consume it. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven" [Amen]

"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" [Amen]

Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Communion Hymn:

Ken Yador

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

Pentecost Blessing

Celebrant: May God's breath stream within us.

May God's breath renew us.

May God's breath invigorate us.

Walk with confidence into this day. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #533***How Wondrous And Great Thy Words****Please stand and Sing*

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdunk; Music: Johann Michael Haydn

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a Soprano staff and a Bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system has two verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Sending*Deacon:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK:

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Bob Wickizer |
| 1st Reader | Peggy Jones |
| 2nd Reader | Mimi Louis |
| Bread/ Intercessor | The Rev. Tom Harrington |
| Altar Guild | Marlene Odom |
| Head Usher | John Englebrecht |
| 1st Cross/Server | BJ Charbonneau |
| 2nd Cross | Mimi Louis |



ON THE ALTAR 5/16:

Flowers on the altar today are given in honor of new grandson Kiran Thatcher Edwards born 05/03/19 by David Edwards

Communion Wine for 2021 is given by Mike Alberty in loving memory of his parents.

Bread today is not sponsored. If you are interested in sponsoring the communion bread, please contact the front office.

MAY VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH:

Alex Wilson




4:00-5:00 PM
Every Wednesday

Join in our
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FLEX/TAI CHI CLASS**
At Grace
Contact BJ for more info.



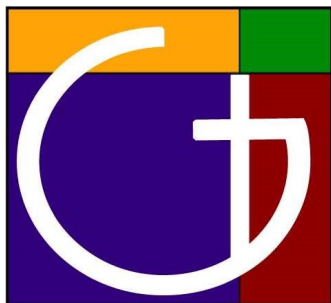
Grace is saving trees!

In an effort to cut expenses, balance our annual budget, and to increase our Earth-friendly practices, we are phasing out our printed service bulletins effective May 23rd. The virtual bulletin will continue to be on-screen during our services. A handout with readings, prayer list, etc. will still be available.









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