



GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 ~

10:00 AM

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

WELCOME

MUSICAL SELECTION

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

GRANT US, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

YOU, MORTAL, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their

ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40

Said by all

Legem pone

**Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.**

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

**Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.**

**Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

**Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.**

**Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**

**Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.**

**Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

O WE NO ONE anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall

not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL SELECTION

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

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

JESUS SAID, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world, for the people of Grace Church, gathered thankfully here this morning in prayer and worship; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church and for the day when we will once again be able to gather safely and joyfully in our spiritual home as we did in days gone by.

Silence

I ask your prayers for this place and its ministry, for all those who have made it possible for us to be here today, and also for the children who had intended to be here this summer. Pray for the children and teachers of our state, and throughout the world, as they begin the new school year.

Silence

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 those suffering from the coronavirus, either through illness, loneliness, unemployment, or anxiety, for all those caring for the sick, those seeking treatments and vaccines for the virus, and all those whose work places them in harm's way. May this pandemic depart from the face of the earth, and may those who suffer in its wake be healed. Pray for deliverance.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Dorothy, Theo, Mel, Joseph, David, Robert Cramer, and for the repose of the soul of Katherine Vogel, and for all our parishioners who are homebound. Pray for those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for justice for those in our society so long denied it. Pray for an end to racism and all forms of exclusion and hatred, that they would be overcome by Christ's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence

I ask your prayers for God's blessing upon our Pastoral Associate, Hartwell Hylton, as he is ordained as a deacon on Saturday. Pray for Hartwell's ministry with us and in the Church universal.

Silence

We pray all this in the words our savior Jesus Christ taught us, saying,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION

THE BLESSING

The Rector

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As we depart, please remember to observe social distancing (a minimum of 6 feet) from those not in your family group. Masks should remain on until you are in your car. If you are staying for lunch, you may remove masks for lunchtime, but please stay at your table while you eat. Thank you for being here and for your cooperation.

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Officiant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Lector & Intercessor: Jim Mahoney

Musicians: Vince Edwards, Brad Kleyla, Olivia Kleyla

~ PRAYER LIST ~

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~ ABOUT ECC ~

In 2016, the Episcopal Conference Center began a strategic planning process to discern God's continuing dream for this camp and retreat center. The following Core Values, Mission Statement, and Vision Statement represent some of that work.

Over the course of our work together developing this strategic plan one thing was abundantly clear: ECC has - since its inception - been a place where people have felt the profound influence of God and Christian community, and their experiences at camp have significantly shaped their lives. One of the easiest parts of this process was identifying the mission

of ECC, the core of which has not changed despite changes in the church, in leadership, and in our culture. The consistency of our mission and message is worth noting and celebrating.

Mission Statement

We nurture authentic connections with God, one another, and ourselves that transform lives.

Vision Statement

Within ten years, ECC will evolve into our year-round vibrant diocesan camp and lodge, nurturing life-changing connections to God's children who long for clarity in their journey.

Core Values

- Authentic connection to God, one another, and ourselves
- Safe community to explore, cultivate, and strengthen faith
- Acceptance
- Service
- Simplicity
- Generosity
- Joy

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