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.



WELCOME!

Welcome to Grace Church! While our congregation has been around for almost two centuries, people from miles around become part of our community every week, so we are always becoming a "new" church. We are also an incredibly diverse church, which is a source of great joy for us. No matter who you are, we are thrilled that you have found your way to us this morning! And while we are a big church, we are also an open and welcoming one, so do not let Grace's size and downtown location prevent you from jumping right in and asking us whatever questions you might have. So welcome, and many blessings to you!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

JULY 23RD, 2023 10:00 AM

Please turn off or silence all mobile devices

prior to the service.

Thank you and welcome!

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

- PSALM 96:9

VOLUNTARY

At the indication of the Clergy please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE OPENING HYMN, 423 P 1 Im- i ble, God wise, mor - tal, in vis on ly 2 Un rest - ing, hast - ing, si - lent light, un and as 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; 4 Thou rul - est light, reign - est in glo - ry, thou in light ces - si - ble hid from in in our ac eyes, wast - ing, thou rul - est nor want - ing, nor in might; all; in all life thou liv - est, the life of true thine gels dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; an a glo - rious, most bless - ed, most the An - cient of Days, soar - ing thy jus - tice like moun - tains high bove a blos - som flour - ish, like we and leaves on the tree, ren - der: help would O all laud we us to see might - y, great Name tor - ious, thy praise. al vic we thy clouds, which are foun-tains of good - ness and love. then with - er per - ish; nought chan - geth thee. but and 'tis splen - dor light hid - eth

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1823-1908), alt.

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Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. J. Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

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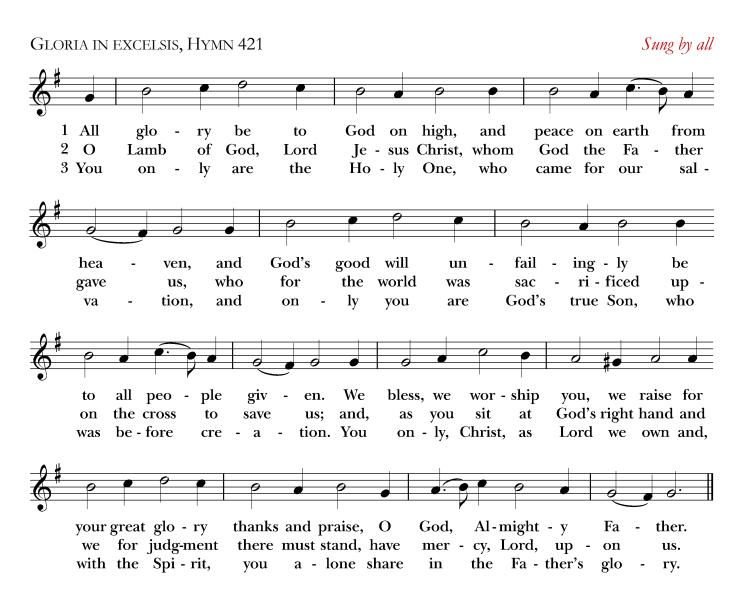
The Opening Acclamation \mathcal{C} Collect for Purity

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen.

Celebrant

LMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Words: Nikolaus Decius (c 1490-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; paraphrase of Gloria in excelsis Music: Allein Gott in der Höh, melody attributed to N. Decius



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

LMIGHTY GOD, THE FOUNTAIN OF ALL WISDOM, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

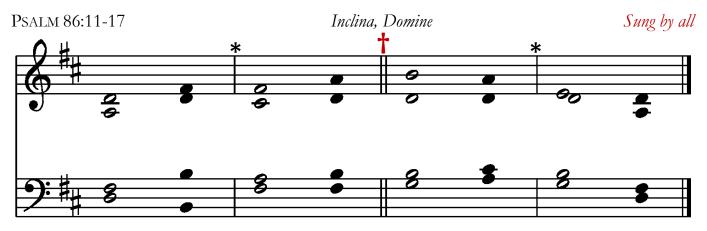
THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

HUS SAYS THE LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**



- Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your | truth; * knit my heart to you that I may fear your | Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my | heart, * and glorify your Name for ever-|more.
- 13 For great is your love toward | me; * you have delivered me from the nethermost | Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my | <u>life;</u> * they have not set you before their | <u>eyes</u>.

- But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of com-|passion, * slow to anger, and full of kindness and | truth.
- Turn to me and have mercy up-|on me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your | handmaid.
- †17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be a-|shamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and | comforted me.

Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 8:12-25

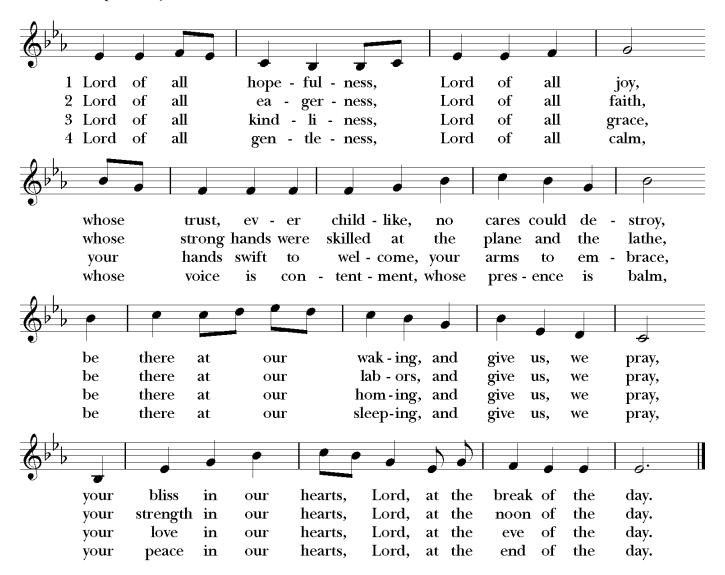
Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

ROTHERS AND SISTERS, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in singing the Sequence Hymn on the following page.





Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

TESUS PUT BEFORE THE CROWD ANOTHER PARABLE: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." Then he left the crowds and went

into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Please stand as you are able and say together

THE NICENE CREED

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 and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Though we may not know how to pray as we ought, let the Holy Spirit help us to do so and to intercede for us now.

We pray that the church, like the master of the field in the parable, may defer judgment and await with patience the time of the Lord's harvest.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that those who sow and those who labor to produce food may be helped by favorable weather and heartened by our appreciation.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that judges and juries and all who interpret or uphold the law of the land may imitate the Sovereign God who judges with mildness and governs with forbearance.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that our parish may be to our neighbors like a leaven of kindness and compassion, welcoming all and judging no one.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all your children who are enslaved by human trafficking. Free them from their bondage, heal them of their wounds, protect them from further harm, turn the hearts of their oppressors, and sustain them with hope for a new beginning in safety and peace.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that the moments of silence during worship and prayer may be deep and reverent, the special gift of the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for Sally Brandt, Amanda Key, the family and friends of Tina Demers, James Busby, Janet Heinze, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erinn Huetteman. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that our beloved dead who have been gathered into the harvest of eternal life may shine like the sun in the kingdom of our heavenly and merciful Father.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

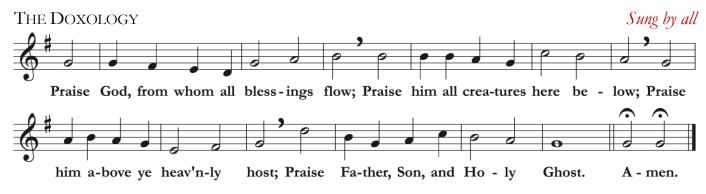
People And also with you.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, VOLUNTARY/ ANTHEM/ SOLO

Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology on the following page as the offering is brought forward.



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

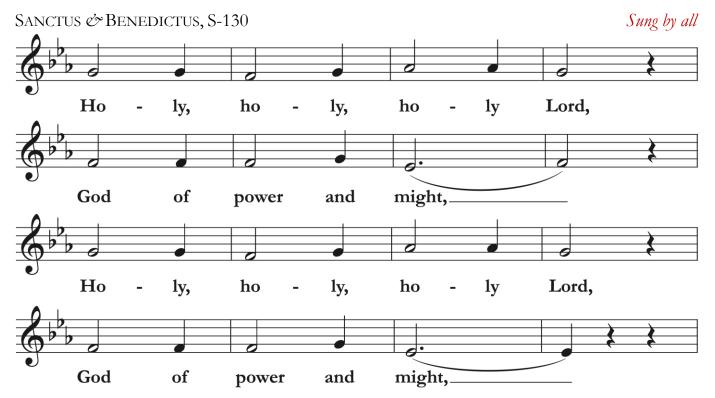
CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AN JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:





Setting: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant

OLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

N THE NIGHT HE WAS HANDED OVER to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

E CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,

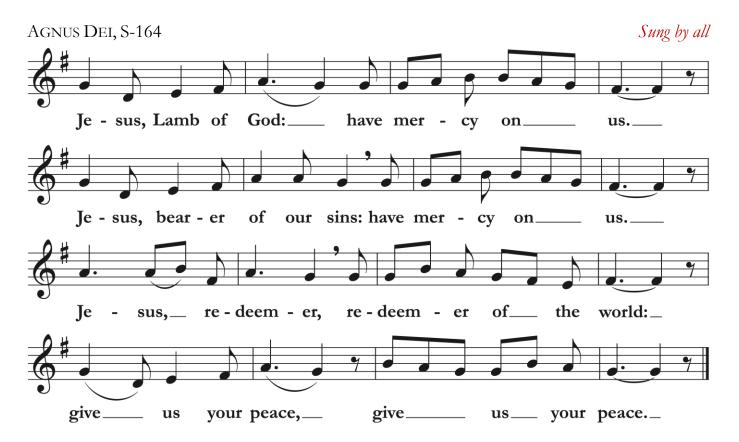
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei on the following page.





Setting: from Deutsche Messe; F. P. Schubert; arr. R. Proulx

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

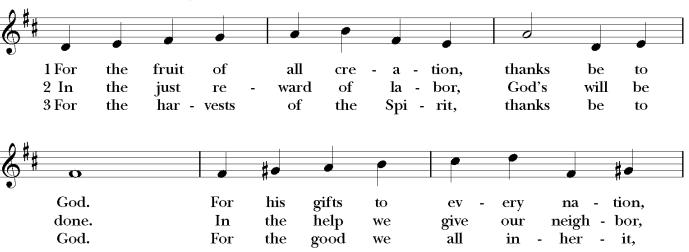
THE COMMUNION

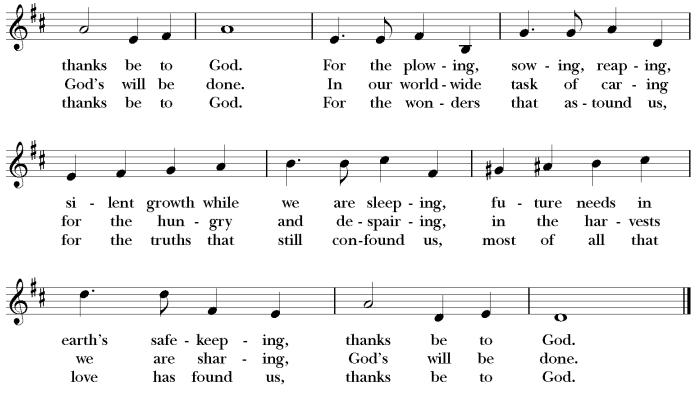
To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest and they will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. All are welcome at The Lord's Table!

AT THE COMMUNION, VOLUNTARY/ANTHEM/SOLO

Please join in singing the Communion Hymns on the following pages.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 424





Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt. Music: East Acklam, Francis Jackson (1917-2022)





Words: James Quinn (1919-2010), based on a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hasting Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

When Communion is completed, please stand as you are able and say together THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us

with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

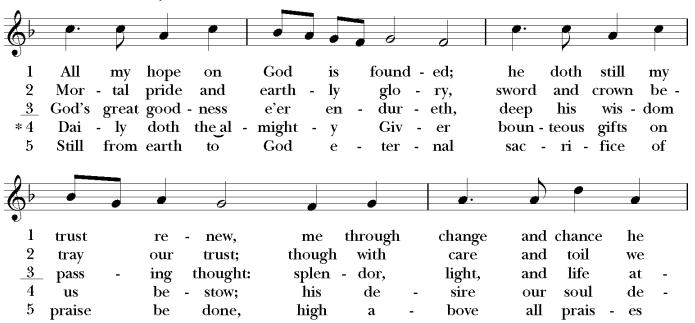
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

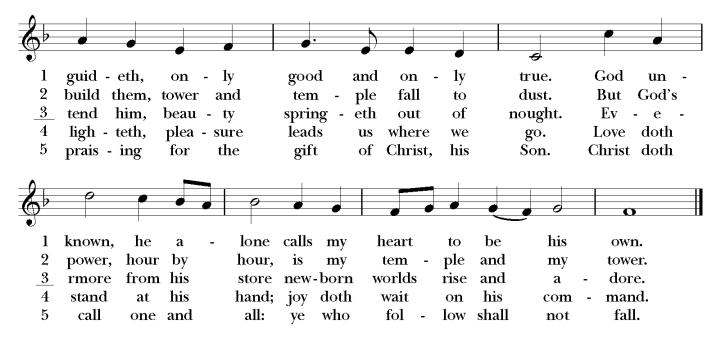
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Please remain standing as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN, 665





Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Michael Coburn
Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Lectors: Rusty Beatty, Frank Ward
Intercessor: Adrienne Southgate
Ministers of Communion: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk, Charles Carroll
Altar Guild: Phyllis Noke, Cindy Stephanopoulos
Greeters: Anaezi Modu, Ed Morgan
Ushers: Lori Brown, Dot & Steve Haskell, Robert Olawoye
Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker
Coffee Hour Servers: Diane Stamp, Laurie & Joe DiBattista

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE: Child care is now available for children through age 3 from 8:45am until the end of the service. Ushers are able to guide you to our Nursery.

SHAWL MINISTRY: Every Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 AM members of the Shawl Ministry meet in The Pavilion to knit and crochet shawls, which are given to individuals who are ill, struggling, or grieving. For more information, contact Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator Jane Ditmars at shawls@gracepvd.org

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