

Grace Episcopal Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

PRELUDE: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Healey Willan

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

OPENING HYMN: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: 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.

All **Amen.**

Song of Praise

D Bm Am D Bm
All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
A D G D E A D
sing. Al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! Thou
G A D G
burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er
A G A D Em A Bm
gleam: O ___ praise Him, O ___ praise Him, Al - le -
E A Bm Em A Em A D
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia,

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 231

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-14

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you

shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89: 20-37

I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."
"If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;
I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.
His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

THE EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2: 11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure

is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Shepherd of Souls*

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- THE WAY OF LOVE

Let us pray.

Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors in Asheville that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, especially Nancy; Eva; Don and Ann; Rusty; Nancy; Cheri; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN); Jackie; Peter, Lorie, and Shannon and Greg, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died, especially, Kathleen and Patty; and those on the anniversary of their death: Martha Wurst; Wayne Drake; Elmo Ghormley; Arnold Gnilka; Henry Watts, Sr.; Barbara Brown; Albert Rios; Sarah Lawrence;...rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

The Celebrant offers this concluding collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into live as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd*
Kristen Dusenbery, soloist

G.F. Handel

DOXOLOGY:

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 2 From Enriching Our Service

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is a good and right and joyful thing to give you thanks and praise always and

everywhere. 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

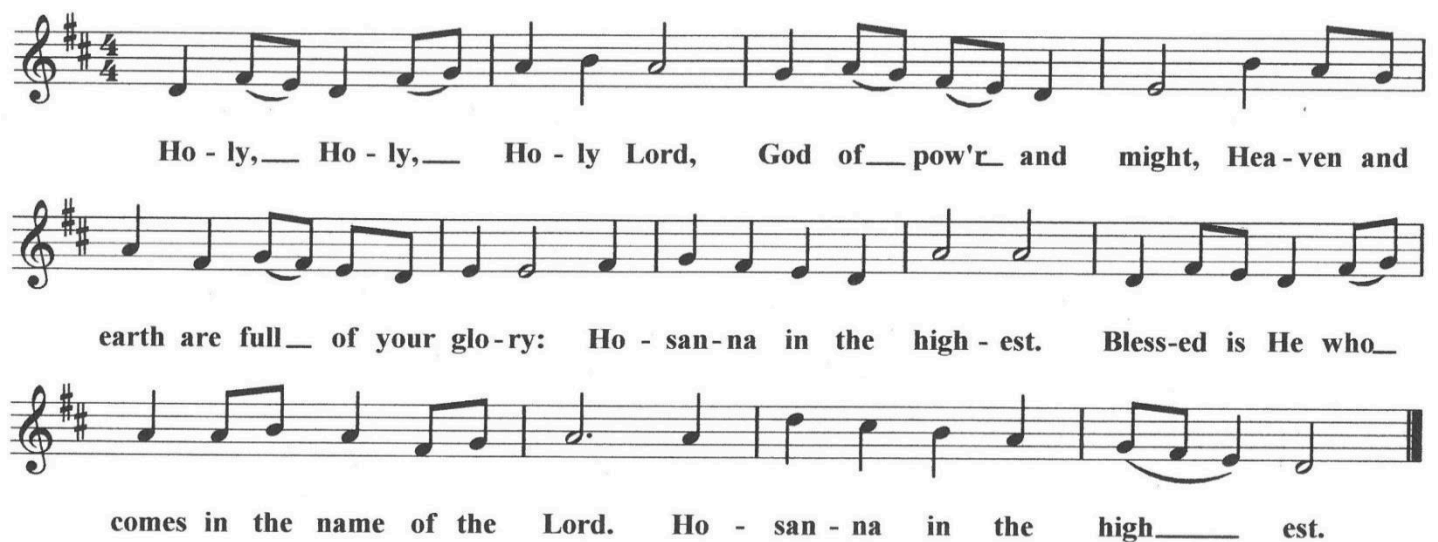
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

SANCTUS:

James P. Cassarino



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: *The King of Love*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *For the Healing of the Nations*

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The image shows a four-part musical score for the hymn 'For the Healing of the Nations'. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Allegro ma non troppo*

William Rowan



Many thanks to Kristen Dusenbery for her gift of music this morning.

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in thanksgiving for their parents.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ginny and Artus Moser in memory of their daughter, Janette.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Lorie Tola Chalicerist: Elaine Potter

Lectors: John Woodson, Kristen Dusenbery Intercessor: Elaine Potter

Ushers: Mike Vines and Ben Scales Greeters: Kim Hayes, Diane Wilkey

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at graceavl.com. There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our "virtual collection plate" and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOAKING PRAYER- BLENDING HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY SILENCE

"Soaking prayer is a Christian practice that involves resting in God's love and presence through extended periods of prayer and meditation. The word "soaking" symbolizes how prayer can gradually heal and transform, similar to relaxing in a warm bath. The goal is to let the prayer reach deeper areas that need healing, without the impatience of wanting immediate results."

Join us beginning next Sunday, July 28 at Adult Formation as we begin learning about this ministry. Reverend John Rice will educate us on what soaking prayer is and ways to use it for individual prayer ministry and for a parish (public) healing service.

- June 28 - Overview of Soaking Prayer
- August 4 - Soaking Prayer Exercise and Discussion
- August 28- noon - 12:45 - Healing Service

PEW REFRESH IN SANCTUARY

Volunteers are needed Wednesday, July 31st, to lightly wash and sand the tops of the pews. On Friday, August 2nd, we need volunteers to lightly sand the tops to prepare for the second coat. Then, Saturday, August 3rd, we need a few volunteers to help put

the books back in the racks. We'll start at 9 am each day, and we'll have a potluck lunch on Wednesday.

Come join us for an hour, or the morning and help spruce up our church! Tools will be provided. Please contact Cheryl Aull (ckaull@charter.net) to sign up!

TAI CHI AT GRACE

The multiple benefits of tai chi for health include improved balance, cognition, and lower extremity strength. Our Beginner's Tai Chi for Arthritis program is endorsed for Fall Prevention by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Join the next 16-week class series from August 7-24 through December 4, 2024, here at Grace. (We will not meet the week of November 1 due to our Parish Rummage Sale nor the week of November 22 due to Thanksgiving.) Classes are offered on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 for Beginners, 2:15-3:00 for Intermediate, and 3:15-4:00 for Advanced participants. Call Anne Plyler for details at 828-712-1150 or check the website and register at: <http://wnctaichiarthritis.com>

ECW RUMMAGE SALE

When: Saturday, November 2, 2024 - 8:00 AM until Noon

Where: Parish Hall

We are so grateful for your donations which make our sale possible. Since we no longer have access to the storage house, we can only accept donations in the parish hall during the week prior to the sale. The earlier in the week the better so we will have time to sort and price donations!

Please bring your donations to the parish hall during the following times:

Sunday, October 27 th – immediately after our church service until 1PM.

Monday, October 28 th through Friday, November 1 st - 9:00Am – 3:00PM

Tuesday, October 29 th – We will be accepting donations between 5-7PM for those who cannot come during the times listed above.

We accept the following items:

- Women's clothing (on hangers) – clean, something you would want to purchase! No underwear or shoes please!
- Children's Clothing
- Books – (no textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, condensed books, books that are written in or heavily highlighted, or magazines)
- Office Supplies and arts/crafts kits or supplies
- Children's and baby items – toys, games, puzzles, sports equipment if in good repair

- Jewelry
- Small household and kitchen items – should be working and have all the parts!
- Dishes/Glassware
- Linens – please label size of sheets/bedspreads/tablecloths.
- Christmas/holiday items
- Garden supplies (no hazardous materials) and small garden tools
- Artwork/Pictures

We do not accept any electronics or medical equipment! No old TVs, monitors, computers, printers, etc.

If these times or requirements do not work for you, please take your items to another suitable agency! Thanks so much for your help and understanding.

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at Pastoralcare@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com.*

For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at graceavl.com.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 1-3pm	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Nancy Clark; Eva Dupree; Rusty Herman; Don and Ann Lewis; Nancy Lewis; Cheri Potter; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Peter Sprague; Lorie Tola; Shannon and Greg Townsend.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Carl Dobson; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan).

We Grieve and Pray with the family of: **Kathleen Griffin.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **Sean** (our presiding Bishop elect); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*
The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*
James Cassarino, *Director of Music*
Cathy Adkins, *Organist*
Jill Stevenson, *Office Manager*
Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*
Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*
Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*
Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.

