

# Grace Episcopal Church

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~ The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

Proper 15

August 17, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev James Seipel, Assisting

David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

**Welcome to Grace Parish!** We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

**Visitors, we would like to meet you!** Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

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**10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II**

Prelude Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 371 Moscow

“Thou, whose almighty word”

### **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria [S278] Mathias

#### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29** Frank Boyd

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

**The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

Mizuki Williamson

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and

goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 596** *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

“Judge eternal, throned in splendor “

**The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56** The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

**Sermon**

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

**Prayers of the People-Form III** (BCP p. 387)

Amelie Palpant

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*

*Celebrant:*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

**Blessing** (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or

sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Anthem \_\_\_\_\_ Pavel Petrov

**Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3** \_\_\_\_\_ *Old 100th*

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

**Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)** \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus [S128] \_\_\_\_\_ Mathias

The Lord’s Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 364

Invitation to Communion \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 364

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)*

**Communion Hymn 302** \_\_\_\_\_ *Rendez a Dieu*

“Father, we thank thee ”

Postcommunion Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 544** \_\_\_\_\_ *Duke Street*

“Jesus shall reign”

The Dismissal \_\_\_\_\_ BCP p. 366

Postlude \_\_\_\_\_ Pavel Petrov



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Thank you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Bible Study - We will be meeting Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room in Baxter Hall.



**Holy Chow** ~ Come join us for dinner Tomorrow ~ August 18 at 5:30 PM. The group will be meeting for dinner at El Canton De La Patrona located at 1164 E Huntington Drive in Duarte. See you there!!

**Vestry Meeting** on Wednesday, August 20 at 7:15 PM in the choir room.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** ~ Sunday, August 24. We will be offering blessings as we begin a new school year. You are invited to bring your backpack, work bag, diaper bag, briefcase, laptop, music bag, teacher's bag, or anything that represents you and receive a blessing and a tag for your bag. Blessings will be offered at both 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Bring a friend!



**Adopt-a-Lunch** - August 24. Please sign up to donate food items that are needed for the lunches that we donate to Union Station homeless shelter. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.



**Grace Episcopal Church Night for the Quakes!!** Come join us on Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 PM in Rancho Cucamonga at the Loanmart Field. You may buy tickets online and sit in the Grace Church section. Tickets are \$15.30 and it's Thirsty Thursday with cheaper soda and beer options available. Please speak with Liz Sandona if you have any questions or need help buying your tickets.

### Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2025

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,  
Frank Boyd - Senior Warden, Heather Moore - Junior Warden  
Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,  
Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto,  
Hannah Palpant, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice

**Serving today:**

**Celebrant**..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister** ..... Donte Apperwhite  
**Lectors**..... Frank Boyd, Mizuki Williamson, Amelie Palpant  
**Acolytes** ..... McKenna Parra, Karen Williamson, Morgan Aldrete  
**GEC Stream Team** ..... Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad  
**Flower Guild** ..... Rosann Kindt, Nancy Rice  
**Altar Guild** .... Patricia Meyer, Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge  
**Hymn Board Manager**..... Trevor Barcelo  
**Ushers**..... Alex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur  
**Vestry Person of the Week**..... Janet Kawamoto



**Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Michelle, Sam Luna,  
Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Rick, Gaylaird, Lucy, Jon Sharp.  
Lindsay, Manette Thomas, Liz Hernandez, Andy Lambert,  
Margo Keller, Larry Mayle, Janet, Gabriel Valenzuela,  
Lawrence Everett

**For strength & guidance:** Gayle, Jennifer & Justin, Brock,  
The Hernandez Family

**For those serving in the military:** Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy,  
Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army,  
Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy,  
Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

5 - Trevor Camargo	9 – Patricia Coppack	23 – Carl Colley
6 – Nancy Rice	9 – Rick England	25 – Patrick McAlmond
8 - Donte Apperwhite	20 - Rob Van Derbur	26 - David Moore

**AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Debbi and Rick England – 17 ~ Bobbi and Steven Patterson – 7  
Liz and Rick Sandona – 25 ~ Cathy and Al St. Onge - 27