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~ The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

Proper 18

September 7, 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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Prelude

Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 9 vv. 4-6

Morning Song

“Awake, awake to love and work!”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty 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.**

Gloria [S278]

Mathias

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Lucie Pelleriti

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

Lucie Pelleriti

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

David Aldrete

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love -- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my

own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 675

Bourbon

“Take up your cross”

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

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(Said by all. Please stand.)

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. 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.

Prayers of the People– Grandparents Day Bobbi Patterson

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for our grandparents and special “grand friends,” who have embraced and loved us with that special love that spans the generations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our grandparents who have played such important roles in our lives. We remember with joy the times spent together doing simple things like fishing, baking cookies, doing a puzzle, taking walks, and reading stories together.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our grandparents’ faith in you, O Lord, faith that is visible to young eyes, nurturing to hearts and minds, and strong enough to inspire us to follow in their footsteps of faith.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspire us to work hard and be patient, while courageously enduring difficult times, trusting that such endurance will allow us to follow our dreams.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, we ask that your continued grace and protection be upon our grandparents. Keep them constantly in your care, with good health, joy and peace. We pray especially for those who are ill or

facing difficulties with age. Bless and guide them in all that they do, reminding them that you are with them to the end of the ages. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember and give thanks for our grandparents who are no longer with us. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, bless all of our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us, and those who have gone to be with you. May they heed your call to share their wisdom and faith with us, confidently handing on their gifts of experience and knowledge of stories, songs, and memories. Bless them and all of us gathered here today with length of days, and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Confession and Absolution

Creator God, we confess that we have not honored and obeyed you. We have broken our relationships with one another, abused your fragile creation, wounded your love and marred your holy image in us. We are truly sorry and humbly repent of all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love. Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people and of your glorious creation for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen

Celebrant: Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed: forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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”

Celebrant: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your Kingdom. **AMEN.**

The Great Thanksgiving (*from the Church of England*)

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.

Celebrant: From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus & Benedictus [S128]

Mathias

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace, and bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honor and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior taught us

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Celebrant: Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Invitation to Communion

(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.) Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn 484 *Wachet auf*

“Praise the Lord through every nation”

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

Lord of all creation, as we have received the bread and wine, fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation, so with joy we celebrate your goodness and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 400 vv. 1-4 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

“All creatures of our God and King”

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Pavel Petrov*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grandparents Day - Today Free portraits offered following the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall. Photographer: Rob VanDerbur.

Youth Group - Today after the 10 AM service. If you are in the 6th grade to 12th grade... please come join us!!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is Back!! We will meet on Wednesday, September 10 at 10 AM in the Fireside room. (The meeting will also be available on Zoom.) Please speak with Rev. Susan if you have any questions.

Remembering 9/11 - Glendora Community Remembrance Service will be held Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 PM at the flag poles located on the corner of Glendora Avenue and Foothill Blvd.



Welcome Back Sunday & Ministry Carnival

~ September 14 ~

We will begin our new year welcoming everyone back... choir will start us off as they return. Then we will enjoy our Ministry Faire as a carnival setting. Please come and have corn dogs, popcorn, drinks and games. Each ministry will be set up for you to visit and learn about their purpose and maybe you would like to join one and get involved!!

Vestry Meeting on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:15 PM in the choir room.

Adopt-a-Lunch - September 21. 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.



If you would like to make an online donation to Grace Episcopal Church, please use the QR code.
Thank you!

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister Miles Bresee
Lectors..... Lucie Pelleriti, David Aldrete, Bobbi Patterson
Acolytes Elizabeth Anders, Morgan Patterson, April Moore
GEC Stream Team Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad
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..... Linda Rice



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Frank Boyd,
Susie Seielstad, Rick, Lucy, Jon Sharp. Lindsay,
Manette Thomas, Liz Hernandez, Margo Keller, Larry Mayle,
Gabriel Valenzuela, Lawrence Everett, Rosalie Lack, Don Dexter
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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Margaret "Maisie" Petteruto	8 – Jerry Seielstad	20 – Susan Sherman
2 – Dawn Mellon	11 - Gary Kindt	20 – Manette Thomas
2 - Al St. Onge	12 – Ted Kopf	26 – Kelsey McKenzie
6 – John Williamson		30 - Jon Sharp

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11 ~ Janese and Bill Grady – 24
Marcia and Joe Goetz ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno