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~ The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

Proper 19

September 14, 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 410 _____ *Lauda anima*

“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Micah Palpant

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14 Dixit insipiens

Anglican Chant

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
 who eat up my people like bread
 and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
 because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
 but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
 when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
 Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Miles Bresee

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 470

Beecher

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The Rev. Susan Scranton

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to

them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

(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– Welcome Back

Mizuki Williamson

We come before you, O Lord, on this day in which we celebrate our beloved church family. We thank you for the gift of this community, the Church that Love Built, a church sustained and loved for 112 years.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the blessings of our church family, asking for your joy, guidance, and wisdom as we seek to witness to the Gospel. Bless the many gifts of your people, always keeping before us the image of the One who came not to be served but to serve.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gift of our children and young people, and ask your blessings upon them and those who teach and nurture them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our liturgical ministries: our choir and handbell choir, our ushers, acolytes, LEMs, Lectors, Altar Guild and Flower Guild members, our stream team, and hospitality ministry, all of whom enrich and bless our worship and fellowship week by week, feast days and fast days.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our outreach ministries and the many ways in which they open our eyes to see the need around us and compel us to respond with generosity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our Vestry and their gifts of leadership. Guide, empower, and embolden our vestry members as they seek to lead and serve your Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the spirit of your mercy and compassion, we lift up before you those in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, you have made us one people: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded with the witness of your saints in heaven and on earth. May we rejoice in their fellowship and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. **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 "O How Amiable" R. Vaughan Williams
Grace Parish Choir

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: Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. 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

Celebrant: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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 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.) Gluten free wafer are available.

Communion Hymn 333 Now

“Now the silence”

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 473 Crucifer

“Lift high the cross”

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Pavel Petrov

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God
by the Flower Guild and will be raffled today at our
Ministry Faire! Come by our table for a free ticket!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Welcome Back Sunday & Ministry Carnival

Today after the 10 AM service!

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!!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Wednesday, September 17 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.

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
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Thank you!

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister Pat Meyer
Lectors..... Micah Palpant, Miles Bresee, Mizuki Williamson
Acolytes Amelie Palpant, Morgan Aldrete, Morgan Patterson
GEC Stream Team Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Flower Guild Liz Sandona
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..... Frank Boyd



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, Ken Mayle, Gabriel Valenzuela,
Lawrence Everett, Rosalie Lack, Don Dexter
For strength & guidance: Gayle, Jennifer & Justin, Brock,
The Hernandez Family, Jackie Stong, Michael Stong
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

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

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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