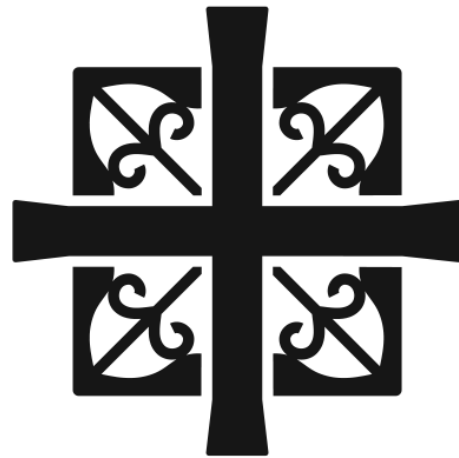


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Enriching Our Worship Prayer II



GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 29, 2024
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO VISITORS

*Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You have a vital role to play in our worship! The **bolded** print indicates that all in attendance are invited to join in responding/ speaking/ praying. You will also notice italicized print. The italicized print is called “rubrics.” Rubrics are the ‘stage directions’ of worship; they offer instruction on who is speaking, when to stand, sit, kneel and so forth. (Even though the rubrics invite you to stand or kneel, if you need to sit, please feel free to do so!) The page numbers in your bulletin are for the music we will sing together: the red or blue book in your pew is the **Hymnal**; the red-and-black book is **Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**.*

Anyone sitting near you will be happy to answer questions about our community here at Grace Episcopal Church. Even better, come meet one of the clergy after the service at the back of the church near the exit, or down in the Undercroft (aka the basement) during Coffee Hour. Peace and welcome!

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION & VISION

MISSION: Nourishing an inclusive community as we walk with Jesus in love, justice, and faith.

VISION: At Grace Church we...

- are leaders in our community, and champions of racial and social justice
- are a place where we can come as we are, be curious, and find meaningful connection, support, and fellowship
- provide worship and ministry opportunities that can engage and inspire everyone who comes here
- provide opportunities to grow our faith through exploration and service
- want to make sure that Grace is here for generations to come

Grace Church Statement of Inclusivity and Anti-racism

As members of Grace Church and followers of Jesus and His Way of Love, we are called to keep our eyes and energies fixed on addressing the root causes of systematic racism and white supremacy in all its forms. As a church, we are committed to bravely uncovering, understanding, reckoning with and acting to dismantle racism within ourselves, our faith communities, and our localities. *(Adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington website.)*

PRELUDE

It's Me, O Lord

arr. Betty Jackson King (1928-1994)

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Sweet hour of prayer

LEVAS 178

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE COLLECT

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

THE FIRST LESSON

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Lector A Reading from the book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:13-20

Lector A Reading From James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Where cross the crowded ways of life
(Vss. 1-3 before & 4,5 after Gospel)*

Hymnal 609

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9: 38-50

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Aaron R. Dunn

Please stand, as you are able.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who 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

Standing or kneeling as you prefer

Intervenor: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Bless Emma Bate, Michelle Kalas, Laura Linderman, and Isabelle Max-Johnson as they begin preparation for membership in The Order of Daughters of the King. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Intervessor: We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

***People:* Your mercy is great.**

Intervessor: We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. We offer prayers for civility and clarity as we approach national elections. Hear us, O God.

***People:* Your mercy is great.**

Intervessor: We pray for all who are in any need, to all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing especially all those on the Grace Church prayer list. Hear us, O God.

***People:* Your mercy is great.**

Intervessor: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

***People:* Your mercy is great.**

Intervessor: We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence, especially Howard Rosenberg. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness. Hear us, O God.

***People:* Your mercy is great.**

Intervessor: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

People & Presider:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with God's Peace.

DAUGHTER OF THE KING SERVICE OF PREPARATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Daughters of the King is a religious order that seeks to bring others into a loving relationship with Jesus and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our churches. Members pledge to undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service, to live a life-long program of prayer, study, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom. This Service of Preparation for Membership takes place as prospective members begin the study and discernment period to join the Daughters of the King. During this Service prospective members promise to be faithful in their study and preparation for membership in The Order.

THE OFFERTORY

*Please place your offering in the baskets as the Usbers arrive at your pew,
or Text to Give: text GIVGRACESILVERSPRING to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

Text: J.S.B Monsell (1811-1865)

Music: John Gardner (1917-2011)

*Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.*

*Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.*

*Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.*

*Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

Laudate Dominum

PH 14B

O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song to him be out -
poured all a - ges a - long! For love in cre - a - tion, for
hea - ven re - stored, for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EOW Prayer 2

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider continues,

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

S.125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider continues,

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 your holy child. 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 friends. 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 and 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

S.161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are distributed at the base of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Should you wish to participate but not take Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the clergy to indicate that you desire a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please let an usher know, and a clergy member will bring Holy Communion to you. Please join us for the feast!

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Salut d'Amour

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Standing, or kneeling, as you prefer.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace

Hymnal 347

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on the 124th Psalm

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please see the Announcements section of this bulletin for detailed information regarding upcoming events.

- *September 29*, 4:00pm Newcomer event
- *September 22 thru October 13* – Refugee Ministry Diaper and Formula Drive
- *October 1*, 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- *October 3*, Pet Blessing
- *October 3*, Chimers at 5pm Treble Choir at 5:30pm Chancel Choir at 7:00pm
- *October 3*, 7:00pm Thursday night Eucharist and bible study
- *October 5*, 7:30am Men’s Group Breakfast
- *October 5*, Shepherd’s Table volunteer
- *October 6*, Strolling Seniors Montgomery County Historical event/luncheon
- *October 7*, 7:00pm History Team Zoom meeting
- *October 8*, 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- *October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13* - Episcopal 101
- *October 10*, Chimers at 5pm Treble Choir at 5:30pm Chancel Choir at 7:00pm
- *October 10*, 7:00pm Thursday night Eucharist and bible study
- *October 12*, 3:30pm Ukulele Group

Sunday Forum Schedule 9:30 am - 10:25 am in the Undercroft

*Please contact Rev. Yaa if you have any questions about these events.

Today, September 29 - Christian Nationalism Discussion- New Testament professor Dr. Greg Carey will speak to the congregation about the rise and dangers of Christian Nationalism.

October 6 – Rice and Bean bagging for San Mateo

October 13 – Discover Genealogy as a Powerful Tool for Social Justice.

Sunday School Schedule

Pre-K through 1st Grade Sunday School meets each week.

2nd through 5th Grade Sunday School Class:

September 29- Sunday School

October 13- Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Formation: October 13, Discover Genealogy as a Powerful Tool for Social Justice.

Join us on Sunday, October 13, at 9:30 am for an inspiring Adult Forum presentation by **Aungelic “Gigi” Nelson** on the transformative power of genealogy in the fight for social justice. With October being Family History Month, this conversation couldn't come at a better time!

Gigi will guide us through how tracing family histories can serve as a key component in advancing social justice, whether within our own families or as part of a parish’s broader history program. Genealogy, in this light, becomes more than a personal journey—it’s a way to illuminate untold stories, reckon with our shared past, and build a more just future.

As Chair of the Education Working Group of the Diocesan Committee on Reparations, Gigi brings a wealth of expertise. Her passion for genealogy began in college, and two years ago, she published For the Culture: A Genealogy Handbook for The Cool Kids, which seeks to engage Black youth and adults in uncovering their own roots. Through her work on reparations, Gigi has also delved into how genealogy can expose historical injustices and contribute to healing and reconciliation.

Refugee Ministry Diaper and Formula Drive Sep. 22 thru Oct. 13 - The Refugee Ministry is partnering with Food Justice DMV to hold a diaper and formula drive to support babies born to migrant families; specifically size 5/6 diapers and Similac formula with the blue lid. Please look for collection boxes in the Undercroft. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Beaudreau at carriellenc@gmail.com.

Episcopal 101 - classes this Fall - *Episcopal 101*- Intro classes for any interested, new members, and/or adults seeking confirmation / reception in Episcopal Church. October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13. Click the QR below to rsvp for the classes.



Blessing of the Animals - Join us as we celebrate the joy of pets in our lives at Grace's annual Blessing of the Animals on **Thursday, October 3**. Bring a picture of your pet or a stuffed animal to be blessed at a short ceremony at 5:30pm in the Undercroft. Afterwards, clergy will be available for drive-up/walk-up blessings in the parking lot from 5:45-6:45pm.

Seeking Volunteers for Nominating Committee - We are currently seeking interested parishioners to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee plays a crucial role in our governance process and requires a short-term commitment of approximately one month. In October 2024, the Vestry will appoint this committee, which is the first step in our annual process leading up to the Annual Parish Meeting in January 2025; during this meeting, we will elect at least three Vestry members, one Warden, and at least one Lay Delegate to the Diocesan Convention. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for identifying candidates for those positions. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know by October 4 by emailing the Junior Warden, Laura Parks, at jrwarden@graceepiscopalchurch.org. For more details or if you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Sarah or contact Laura Parks. Thank you for considering this important role!

Youth Group to King's Dominion

Please use this QR code if you would like your youth to join the trip to Kings Dominion. On Saturday, **October 19th**, we will depart Grace Church at 10:00 a.m. and return by 10:30 p.m. We will still go on the trip, rain or shine. The cost is \$110 per attendee. The price includes two meals and entry to the park during the day and for haunt, parking, and a van rental. Please get in touch with Rev. Yaa if you have any questions.



Training - Daughters of the King NEEMA Chapter

Neema Chapter of the Daughters of the King will launch its training sessions starting in September. Consider joining this ministry with its focus on prayer, bible study, fellowship, and service to Grace. The training will be held one Saturday a month from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm (September 14, October 19, and November 16, with November 21 as a makeup session). If you are interested or have questions, please see Traci Thompson, Laura Collard, Aileen Moodie, or Cheryl Peterson.

October 6th, 12:30, please join the Strolling Seniors group for "an illustrated presentation on the Top 10 lesser known spots in Montgomery County with historical importance, amazing natural beauty or superlative in some other way." Our presenter will be Ralph D. Buglass from the Montgomery County Historical Society. All are welcome, food is available with a \$10 donation.

Looking for new ways to get involved at Grace? Join the Christmas Bazaar Team of Elves...

Each year, the Grace community comes together in a unique way to kick off the Christmas season, share in fellowship with each other and raise money for our ministry programs. There are many ways to be involved, contributing your time, talent and treasure:

- **Crafts:** We are looking for handicrafts that you have created, such as knitted or crocheted accessories, pottery, woodworking pieces, jewelry, and fabric items, just to name a few. We would love to include any artistic or crafty creations by our children and young people at our Kids' Crafts sale space as well. Please use the QR code to navigate to a brief form and let us know you would like to contribute this year. Donations should be in hand by October 20th. If you have any questions about participating, please contact Kay Raisch skraisch@verizon.net or Mary Anne Gehrenbeck at maryanne4tayo@yahoo.com
- **Gift of Food table:** We welcome all contributors who like to bake, prepare jams/jellies/relishes, etc.! These items can be quite festive or not, can be in holiday tins or not! We welcome all ideas! Donations can be brought to the church on the afternoon of December 6 or morning of December 7. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Hinds PSHinds@childrensnational.org or Linda Baily linda.baily@holton-arms.edu
- **Silent Auction:** Some in the Grace community have enjoyed curating baskets for the Silent Auction. Historically food and wine baskets are very popular. We have also seen great interest in services like yoga instruction, music lessons and home/garden. If you would like to donate an individual item or basket of items for the Silent Auction this year, please use the QR code to navigate to a form to tell us what you would like to contribute. Items must be received by November 22nd.
- **Kids' Toys:** Do you have kids' books and toys lying around that aren't being played with as much anymore? It happens! Donate those gently used toys to the Bazaar and we will help them find a new home. Donations can be dropped off at Pennyworth and labeled "Bazaar". Items should be dropped off by November 15th.
- **Project Coordination:** If your strengths aren't baking or crafts but you enjoy project management, we are also looking for 2-3 people to shadow two of our department leads to take on more leadership responsibilities. If you are interested in learning about fair trade crafts or the silent auction, please contact Suzanna Kelley at suzannawightkelley@gmail.com.

A full sign up sheet for volunteer spots the day of the event will be shared later this fall.

The Christmas Elves welcome everyone to find the small and big ways you can contribute to this event. We are excited to see and share the unique offerings of our community!

Crafts Donation QR code is right here:



Silent Auction Basket Donations QR Code is here:



Altar Flower Dedications - Requests for altar flowers dedication should be directed to Fern Johnson-Clarke: fernmjohnson@hotmail.com. The cost of flowers starts at \$50.

Shepherd's Table sign-up Shepherds Table Ministry allows parishioners to be directly involved with the most vulnerable in our community. Shepherd's Table serves a population experiencing food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty. Grace Church members serve brunch on the first Saturday of the month, from 9am - 12pm. Duties include serving food and drinks, greeting and assisting clients with seating, washing dishes, food prep, and post-service clean up, sweeping and mopping. Volunteers need only sign up for the dates they are interested in – there is no standing commitment. Shepherd's Table provides SSL hours for students looking to complete their school-related volunteer requirements. Kids 13+ may volunteer with an adult, kids over 16 may volunteer on their own. If interested, please sign up by using the QR code below. Our next service date is **October 5**. It's recommended to sign up for September no later **September 28**. For questions, please contact Kecia Brown or Zaida Jocson.



Exciting news and volunteer opportunity from Creation Care. Grace Episcopal has been given the opportunity to participate in an interfaith effort to promote native plants in our own communities. This project, called "Sacred Grounds," is sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and the Chesapeake Interfaith Partnership. As a participating congregation, we will:

- Design a native plant garden to be planted at our church next spring. (Native plants improve drainage and water quality by mitigating runoff. They also support native wildlife, birds, and pollinators!)
- Provide native gardening training for the congregation with info on why native plants are important in our gardens and yards.
- Sponsor a native plant giveaway!

Creation Care is seeking enthusiastic participants to help make this opportunity a reality! This includes needing 6-8 volunteers to participate in a one-time discussion this fall (Oct or Nov) for about an hour with NWF, date and time TBD.

If you are interested in helping with this project (either as a discussion participant or helping the Creation Care team implement this native plant initiative in another way) please email Ariana Sutton-Grier at ariana.suttongrier@gmail.com.

Grace's Little Food Pantry – Grace Little Food pantry is located in front of Grace House on Georgia Ave - it is the cute house-like cabinet that holds non-perishable food which folks can take for free. Please consider purchasing non-perishable items (canned meats/fish, soup, vegetables etc.) and bringing them to church with you. There will always be a box for food donations in the Undercroft, and a basket in the Narthex. For questions or to receive a SignUp Genius link, email Christy Joria at cljoria@gmail.com.

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Howard Rosenberg, dear friend of Patty Mitchell

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To share news or request pastoral support, please call the parish office (301-585-3515). After office hours, the church voicemail system will prompt you to leave your message for the clergy. To add a name to the prayer list, please email communications@graceepiscopalchurch.org. Throughout the week, the clergy and Grace Church chapter of the Daughters of the King pray for the people listed on our prayer list. The Daughters of the King also pray daily for those who submit prayer requests. Prayer requests may be dropped in the designated box in the Chapel, or sent via email to our private, confidential email address: dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org.

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