

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Morning Prayer & Sermon
September 13, 2025 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Cinquième symphonie Op. 42 N°5, Adagio

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

HYMN 494 Crown him with many crowns *(All stand to sing the hymn)*

DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
People I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant invites the people to confess their sins.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Then all kneel and say together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest alone stands and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

(Please stand)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Venite, exultemus Domino.

Anglican Chant (*Rimbault*)

O COME let us sing / unto . the / Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our . sal- / - VA - / -tion.
Let us come before his presence with / THANKS - / - giving;
and show ourselves / glad . in / him . with / psalms.
For the Lord is a / GREAT / God;
and a great / King . a - / - bove . all / gods.
In his hand are all the corners / of . the / earth;
and the strength of the hills is / HIS / AL - / - so.
The sea is / his and . he / made it;
and his hands pre - / - pared . the / DRY / land.
O come let us worship and / FALL / down,
and kneel before the / Lord . our / MA - / - ker.
For he is the / Lord . our / God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the / sheep . of / HIS / hand.
O worship the Lord in the / beauty . of / holiness;
let the whole earth / stand . in / awe . of / him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge . the / earth;

and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the / peo - . - ples / with . his / truth.
Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,
and / to . the / Ho -.- ly / Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and / e -. -ver/ shall be,
world without / end. . A - / - A - / - men.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 50:15-21

(Please be seated.)

Cecily Elizondo

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-13

(To be said by all)

Benedic, anima mea

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

SECOND LESSON Romans 14:1-12

Jason Slibeck

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother

or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM, Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

G. H. Bourne

THIRD LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

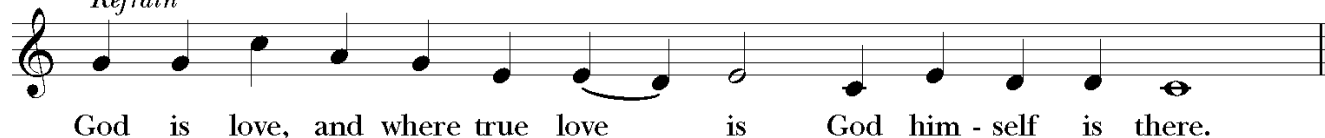
(Please be seated)

Dana Foote

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Refrain

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (To be said by all, standing)
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer p. 53

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please kneel if you are able)*
Our Father, who art in heaven,
be thy Name,
kingdom come,
will be done,
earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
ever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer p. 54

SUFFRAGES A
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECTS

Book of Common Prayer p. 56

INTERCESSIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Prayer p. 58

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM, Battle Hymn of the Republic

*William Steffe (1830-1890)
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky (1902-1978)*

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Chorus
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires
Of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar
In the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence
By the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

Chorus

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me;
That transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy,
Let us die to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Chorus

Julia Ward Howe

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DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

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

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-
 2 Praise to the Lord; o-ver all things he glo-rious-ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy way and de-
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-
 a-tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign-eth: borne as on ea-ple-wings, safe-ly his
 fend thee; sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
 health and sal-va-tion: join the great throng, psal-ter-y,
 saints he sus-tain-eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev-er at-tend thee; pon-der a-new what the Al-
 prais-es be-fore him! Let the a-men sound from his
 or-gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion.
 need-est hath been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
 might-y can do, who with his love doth be-friend thee.
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for ev-er a-dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
 Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;
 harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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DISMISSAL *The people respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Cinquième symphonie Op. 42 N°5, Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor

Serving Today

The Combined Grace Church Choirs
The Opening of the 132nd Season of the Choirs
Emma Slibeck, Rachel Thompson, Ivey Ao, *Acolytes*
Cecily Elizondo, Jason Slibeck, Dana Foote, *Readers*
Charlie Johnston, Rachel Kuhns, Jason Slibeck, Colin Heywood, Vanessa Han, *Ushers*
Lillie Chance, Rachel Kuhns, *Altar Guild*
Luke Waring, *Grace Productions*

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TODAY

Welcome Back Sunday - Today we launch a new program year of the church, including many opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, and outreach to the community.

The Parish Choir – If you are an adult or teen who likes to sing with others, you can join the Parish Choir for the 9 am Sunday service. All you have to do is meet Dr. Allen at the chancel steps this Sunday at 8:30 am, and he will ready the group for the service. You will be backed up by a quartet of professional singers, so there is no fear factor if you don't always hit the right note. After this week, the Parish Choir typically sings on the first Sunday of every month, including Oct 4, Nov 1, and Dec 6. Give it a try!

The Sunday Forum resumes in the reception room at 10 am. The Sunday Forum is a weekly opportunity to gather with others and delve into topics of Christian concern, including theology, history, Scripture, and politics. For the opening session, the Rector will give a presentation entitled "No Place Like Home." Is the Waring family really living inside the plywood palace, formerly known as the rectory of Grace Church? Will the scaffolding in the yard ever come down? Join us for pictures aplenty. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

The 132nd Season of the Choirs of Grace Church – The Combined Choirs of Grace Church (The Choir of Men and Boys, The Choir of Adults and Girls with High School Singers, and The Adult Choir) will sing at the 11 am service.

Children's Chapel Returns for Kids Ages 5–12 – During the 11 am service, children are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join a member of the clergy and a musician in the chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez at esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

Festive Fellowship – Following the 11 am service, we will enjoy a time of festive fellowship on the lawn of Huntington Close. Abundant treats and beverages for all, and the playground will be open for the children. Bring your sunglasses!

Hymns from Grace Returns – Hymns from Grace features favorite hymns, anthems, and voluntaries on The Bicentennial Organ from 4–4:45 pm on Sundays during the program year.

COMING SOON

Sept 15 – The 2026–2027 Season of Bach at Noon Begins – Bach at Noon is offered Tuesday–Friday from 12:20–12:50 pm on The Bicentennial Organ by our Organist and Master of Choristers, Dr. Patrick Allen. Feel free to stop into the church at any time during this 30-minute meditation to enjoy a diverse selection from the works of J.S. Bach.

Sept 19 – Weekend Organ Meditations Return – Weekend Organ Meditations feature the diverse repertoire of the pipe organ from 4–4:45 pm on Saturdays during the program year.

Sept 16 – Wednesday Evening Classes Resume – All are welcome to join the Rev. Eva Suarez immediately after the 6 pm service for our final "summer book club" discussion of Abraham Joshua Heschel's *The Sabbath*. Reading in advance is encouraged, but absolutely not required. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez at esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org with any questions.

Sept 20 & 27 – The Sunday Forum – William White and the Making of the American Episcopal Church – Join us in the reception room at 10 am for a two-part Sunday Forum on William White (1748–1836), the first Bishop of Pennsylvania and the first Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who stands at the center of the church's transformation from a colonial extension of the Church of England into a distinctly American body. Led by parishioner and NYU professor Nicholas Birns, we will explore the former presiding bishop's life, ministry, and enduring legacy in the year that we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Sept 23 – Wednesday Evening Class – Prayers of the Eucharist – The 1979 Book of Common Prayer includes six different Eucharistic Prayers, each one striking slightly different theological themes. Beginning Sept 23, we will examine the history, theology, and Scriptural backing of each one, aiming to come to a deeper understanding of the prayers we are praying at the Eucharist. 6:45 pm in the reception room. Led by the Revs. Eva Suarez and Don Waring. Refreshments are served.

Sept 24 – GCW Talk with the League of Women Voters – In preparation for the November 3 election for State and Federal offices, the Grace Church Women (GCW) have invited the League of Women Voters of the City of New York to speak about what's on the ballot, efforts to get out the vote, and other election-related matters. Everyone is invited to meet at 6 pm in the reception room. Light refreshments will be served.

Sept 26 – Volunteer Day at The Red Door Place – Help us prepare a meal for our neighbors at The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, our food ministry partner. There are two available shifts, 8:30–11:45 am and 11:30 am–2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org if you would like to attend.

Sept 27 – Pet Blessing & Fall Treats on Huntington Close – If a beloved member of your family has fur, four legs, or even feathers, bring your pet to our annual Blessing of the Animals in observance of the Feast of St Francis. We'll gather at 4 pm on Sunday, September 27, begin with a short pet blessing service, then enjoy fellowship over festive fall treats. All pets must be leashed or in carriers.

Sept 27, Oct 4, 18 & 25 – Bible Passages for Bad Days | Sunday Evening Adult Formation – It's not fun, but all of us have bad days. Can you think of a time when a family member wasn't doing well, or work got you

down, or the world was too much with you? Those days are hard to navigate, but thankfully Scripture is filled with wisdom and examples of how to traverse troubling times. Meeting a total of four evenings, this course will explore passages from the Bible along with other resources in a small group setting. Led by the Rev. James Morton, we will meet in the Chantry on Sunday nights immediately following the 6 pm service. No advance reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

Sept 29 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:45 pm in the Reception Room of the Parish House. We'll explore intersections of the divine and our everyday lives. No advance reading is necessary! Pizza, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email the Rev. James Morton (jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) to RSVP.

Oct 1 – Trivia Slays – Come join the Grace Church Women (GCW) at 6 pm for an exciting trivia night post-Michaelmas (the Feast of St. Michael)! Enjoy a delicious feast of traditional and vegetarian chili and fixings to fuel your brain for an emcee-led Trivia session from 7–9 pm. Suggested donation for entry is \$25 per person. All proceeds will benefit GCW's good works, including support for the Red Door Place.

Oct 4 – Acolyte Training (Pizza Served) – Acolytes play an integral role in leading worship at our 11 am service. If you have never acolyted before, this can be a fun and meaningful way to worship. Those interested in learning more are invited to an informal lunch in the Reception Room followed by a brief training in the Church after the 11 am service on Sunday, October 4. Children and adults are welcome to take part (you just need to be old enough to hold our processional cross). RSVP to the Rev. James Morton (jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

Oct 17 – New York Altar Guild Workshop – Everyone is invited to attend the annual New York Altar Guild workshop from 11 am–2pm in the church. At this diocesan-wide event hosted by the GCW, we will gather for the Holy Eucharist and commune over breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. The Very Rev. Harry Krauss will be this year's speaker. You do not need to be a member of the Altar Guild to join. Just come, learn more, and meet other parishioners from across the diocese!

Oct 18 – New Worship Leader Open House (Refreshments Provided) – Curious about joining a worship ministry, but not sure where to begin? Readers, ushers, acolytes, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church and new worship leaders are always welcome to join. Meet us for refreshments in the Reception Room of the Parish House following the 11AM service to learn more. We'll have representatives from each worship guild speak to their ministry so you can discern where to plug in. RSVP to the Rev. James Morton (jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

Oct 25 – Shojin Cooking Demonstration – Tokyo-based chef and Buddhist monk Masami Asao will visit Grace Church from 12:30–4 pm for a Shojin cooking demonstration. We will learn to make miso soup and a selection of dashi (broths), and about the significance of tableware in Shojin cooking. Also featuring Japanese music, flowers, and trivia, it is bound to be a fun-filled afternoon!

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship with us at 9 and 11 am in the church and 6 pm in the chantry. The 11 am service is livestreamed at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/worship/live/>.

6 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chantry – Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano. Evening services are often followed by classes or a Bible Study. See "Today" and "Coming Soon" for more information about current offerings.

The Sunday Forum is a weekly opportunity to gather with others and delve into topic of Christian concern, including theology, history, Scripture, and politics. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

Coffee hour and fellowship take place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

Nursery Care – The nursery is open from 8:30 am–12:30 pm (during and between both morning services). The room is located in the Sunday School wing just off Tuttle Hall and is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines. Adults can sign children ages 0–4 in and out at their convenience. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez at esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

Children's Chapel – During the 11 am service, children are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join a member of the clergy and a musician in the chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez at esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

Activity Corner for Children – In the north aisle of the church, you will find coloring supplies and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave and help us keep the area clean for future families.

Hymns from Grace – Hymns from Grace features favorite hymns, anthems, and voluntaries on The Bicentennial Organ from 4–4:45 pm during the program year.

EVERY WEEK

Enter, Rest, Pray (Open Door Hours) Sunday: 8:30 am–5 pm, Monday–Saturday: 12–5 pm. Wednesday and Sunday 6 pm services are in the chantry.

Monday – Centering Prayer – 12:15–12:45 pm – In person and on Zoom. Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see The Weekly Epistle. To practice in person, please come to the southeast corner of the church, just to the right of the organ and behind the pulpit. If you come down the center or north aisle and turn right, you'll see the spot set up.

Tuesday–Friday – Bach at Noon – Held in the church at 12:20 pm. 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach offered on The Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesday – 6 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chantry – Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano. The first Wednesday of every month includes prayers for healing and anointing with oil. Evening services are often followed by classes or a Bible Study. See "Coming Soon" for more information about current offerings.

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditations – Weekend Organ Meditations feature the diverse repertoire of the pipe organ from 4–4:45 pm during the program year on The Bicentennial Organ.

OUTREACH

Food Donations for The Red Door Place – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is a vital pantry/soup kitchen serving those in need, supporting the social safety net in our neighborhood. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. Clothing donations are not needed for this ministry.

Fresh Direct Bags Needed – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct bags to support its ministries. Please note that they only accept Fresh Direct bags. Other reusable bags are not needed. If you

would like to donate bags, please place them in the collection baskets in the narthex with the food items.

PARISH LIFE

Baptism and Confirmation at Grace Church – Are you interested in learning more about the sacrament of Baptism for you or a family member? Were you baptized as an infant, and not sure what that means now that you're returning to church as an adult? Grace Church is a place where everyone is welcome to deepen their life of faith. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez at esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org to learn more about Baptism, Confirmation, and other Rites of Initiation here at Grace.

Join the Choir! – Do you have a child in grades two through twelve? The Choirs are always recruiting and, with creative scheduling, all young people are eligible to participate, not just those who attend Grace Church School. It's fun, y'all come! Contact Patrick Allen via email at pallen@gracechurchnyc.org to work out the details. Please visit the choirs page at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/music/choirs/> for more information about the choirs.

Altar Flowers – Donations of flowers beautify our sanctuary every week, a steady reminder of the love God shows us in creation. Flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a milestone, or just in general thanksgiving; both donors and their commemorations will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. The cost to sponsor our usual Sunday display is \$400. Families, individuals, and groups can also sponsor jointly. Please note that flower arrangements are designed in coordination with our Worship schedule, so we are not able to meet every request of specific flowers or colors. To learn more, please email our Parish Office Administrator, Mickey Hawley, at mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org.

Become a Worship Leader – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all of our services here at Grace Church. If you feel called to help us lead worship and are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, email the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

Is hospitality your forte? Would you like to help put on parish events? If so, the Hospitality Guild wants your help! Throughout the year, Grace Church puts on many special events and opportunities for table fellowship. At parish dinners, summer cookouts, and other festive receptions, the Hospitality Guild helps set the table, lay the buffet, and extend the church's hospitality to members and newcomers alike. If you would like to be on the list of people we reach out to when we need hospitality volunteers, please email Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org.

Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please email Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org so he can make you one.

20s & 30s at Grace Church – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. If you are interested in connecting with us, please email the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org and he will add you to our email list.

Grace Cares – Would you like a visit at home, or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org.

Restrooms are available on the first floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church to help keep the church a clean and peaceful space for all.

Nut-Free Fare – To ensure the safety of all our parishioners, every precaution is taken to provide food that is nut-free at coffee hours and other receptions. If you are bringing treats for others to enjoy, please make sure they are nut-free.

Safe Church – Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors with a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safeguarding-our-community/> to find a direct means of providing feedback.

Assistive Listening System – During Sunday morning worship services, Grace Church provides an assistive listening system (ALS) for visitors with hearing loss. Please bring a small, handheld FM radio to the church to access this system. Once at the church, tune in to frequency 87.6 mHZ on your FM dial to listen. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/> for more information.

Give Via Venmo – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can make a donation via Venmo at <https://venmo.com/u/GraceChurchNYC>. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin? Please contact a member of the clergy by 12 pm on Wednesday to request to add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin.

Photos and videos taken at services display the vibrancy and joy of Grace Church in print and online materials. As a participant in Grace Church events, you have a right to opt out of photos and videos. To do so, please contact Michelle Henderson at mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.