

Síxth Sunday After Epíphany February 13, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

Holy Communion

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

Prelude

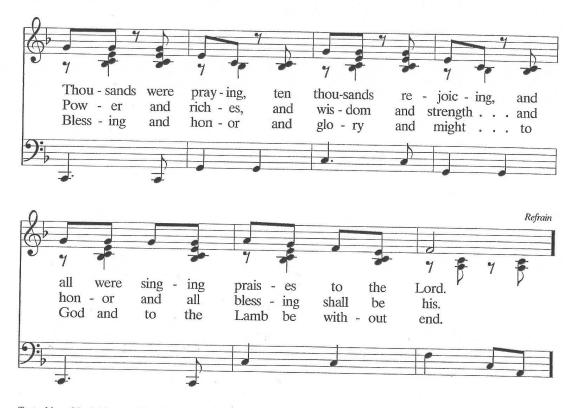
<u>Greeting</u>

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise





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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of sustenance.

Provide us with your living bread daily so that we might be brought to eternal life. Help us share your living bread with all who will receive it.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Psalm 34:1-10

A reading from Psalms:

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

³O magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

 $^{4}\mbox{I}$ sought the LORD, and he answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,

and was saved from every trouble.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

⁹O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger,

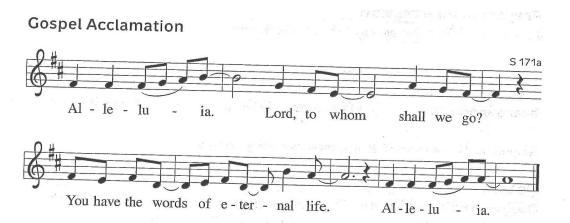
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: John 6:35-59

The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn

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by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated

<u>Children's Message</u> Pastor Pingel

Sermon Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: "One Bread, One Body" #496, Page 9

One Bread, One Body



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Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory

The congregation stands

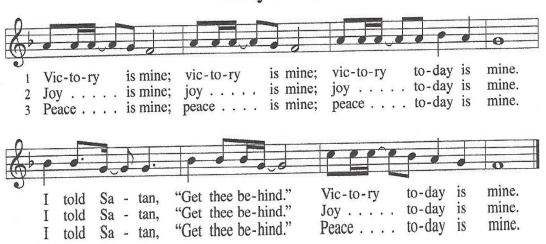


Offertory Response

Add the following words to verses 2 and 3 as we sing together:

Verse 2 Joy in Christ... Verse 3 Peace on earth...

Victory Is Mine



Text: traditional

Music: VICTORY IS MINE, traditional

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

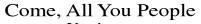
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciple, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated.

0 Lamb of God SERVICE MUSIC 0i, Jumalan Karitsa 197 Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man Lamb . . of God, you take . . . a - way . . . the sin of the syn - nin, ar-mah-da mei-tä, ar-mah-da mei - tä. world; . . have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Ju-ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, io-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin, Lamb of God, you take . . a - way . . the sin of the world; . . . an - na meil-le rau - ha - si ja siu-na - uk - se - si. grant us vi-sion, grant us jus-tice, grant us your own true peace. Music: Matti Rantatalo Music © 1992 Matti Rantatalo

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be **seated**.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Communion Distribution: One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, you may respond as follows:

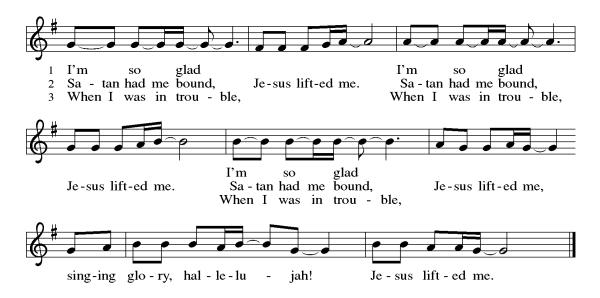
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,

+ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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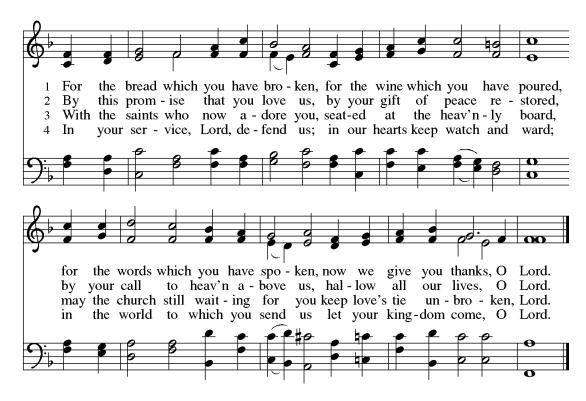
Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary World. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Keefer/Rankin Families

Altar Guild: Jane Stein

Assisting Minister: Tripp Franklin

Communion Assistant: Quinn Franklin

Thea Franklin

Council Person of the Week: Jean Morgan

Covid Monitor: Carolyn Hite

Offering Stewards: Jean Morgan

David Proctor

Ushers: Gail Johnson

Jerry Kite



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of our loved ones.



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Karen Van Stee, Presiding and Preaching Psalm 147:1-11 John 7:37-52



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks,

in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

<u>Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)</u> Alex Skelton

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Lisa Barmore, Friend of many at Grace, member of Christ Tabernacle
Talika Biggs, Friend of Kathryn Johnson
Carrie Gibbons, Friend of Hospice Workers
Sharon McCarthy, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Bob Smith, Father-in-Law of Jessica Lynch Smith

<u>Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)</u>
Birth of Ruth Helena Kite, Granddaughter of Jerry and Gwen Kite

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower
Marie Brown Nancy Fitzgerald
Sandra R. Hoy Phyllis Kite
Bob Knemoller Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer Barb Susen

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht George Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Elizabeth Elliott, Daughter of Ty Elliott and sister of Brad Elliott

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Carolyn Hite Mike Trauscht Peggy Caister Carol Bowers

The Needs of the World

The epidemic of shootings in our nation— Bridgewater, Blacksburg — 25 this year alone

Our nation and democracy and seeking the common good

Covid-19—our patience and vigilance at a time of weariness

Wildfire Devastation in Colorado

Peace among the nations—Russia, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Nigeria

The Church

Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the Community

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James, Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Basic



Welcome to Worship!

- During the Season after Epiphany, we celebrate our unity in Christ with sisters and brothers from around the world, and in our own communities, with songs of praise, hymns and other songs in the worship service that reflect our rich diversity in Christ. We'll be using this Worship Setting through January and February.
- We will also be using the <u>contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer</u>.
 The gift and challenge to doing so is to help us focus on what Jesus has taught us to pray. Using the Contemporary form helps us to pray with new ears and hearts!
- We continue to mask and distance, and remain mindful of each other's health and safety when we gather, and share in fellowship.
- Please mute, silence or turn your cell phone off prior to worship, to help you to hear the Word, share in God's Grace, and give God your praise.



Grace Annual Congregation Meeting - Today, February 13th, after worship, there will be a called Congregation meeting for the purposes of (1) presenting the Annual Report, and (2) for our Strategic Planning Committee to make a presentation about the process of the Strategic Plan. We are a community of servants sharing in the word and work of Jesus! Your participation is important!



Prayer Group on Wednesdays - We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Our prayer is formed around "ACTS" - Adoration and Praise; Confession; Thanksgiving; and Supplication, asking God for what we need. We pray for the Church, the World, for the sick and those in need; for our household of faith and each other; for God's Creation; we give praise to God. Our time together is typically 30-45 minutes. Come to Grace Chapel for Prayer!



Just a reminder...Grace's office hours changed January 1. The Church Office is now open Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The office is closed on Fridays.



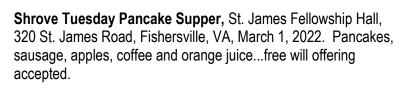
Souper Bowl of Caring! Today is Super Bowl Sunday, and it gives us an opportunity to collect for local organizations that are on the front lines of alleviating hunger in our area! We will be collecting for Calvary United Methodist and Main Street United Methodist food pantries. We regularly donate food and other necessities to both, and know there are times when it is necessary for them to supplement what they receive with other items. Look for our young "Team Members" passing the bucket or pot down your pew after worship!



New Adult Sunday School Class! A new class will begin on Sunday, March 6th, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with a study of the Gospel of John using the Book of Faith materials from the ELCA. Please contact the church office or use the sheet in the narthex to sign up so we can have enough books on hand. For questions call or text the facilitator Pastor Karen Van Stee at 540.325.0736.



Sharing Church News—If you would like to add an announcement, add someone to the prayer list, etc. for the bulletin, please have this information to the church office by Wednesday in order to get it included in Sunday's bulletin. If you would like an article, etc. added to the newsletter (Grace Notes), please have that to the church office by the 20th of the month prior in order to have it included in the upcoming newsletter. Communication and news is a priority for our church family. Word is the preferred format when sending information, but we can also use PDF.





Covid At Home Tests Available to Your Door - the Federal Government has made Covid at-home rapid tests available to you by mail. You can order up to four tests for your household at www.covidtests.gov



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made twenty-three deliveries thus far, ten to Main Street United Methodist, and thirteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Overall, we have given well over a TON of food! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

Monday

Genesis 30:1-24 1 John 1:1-10 John 7:39:1-17 Psalm Morning 145, Evening 112

Tuesday

Genesis 31L1024 1 John 1:12:1-11 John 9:18-41 Psalm Morning 146, Evening 86

Wednesday

Genesis 31:25-50 1 John 2:12-17 John 10:1-18 Psalm Morning 147:1-12, Evening 4

Thursday

Genesis 32:3-21 1 John 2:18-29 John 10:19-30 Psalm Morning 147:13-21, Evening 27

Friday

Genesis 32:22—33:17 1 John 3:1-10 John 10:31-42 Psalm Morning 148, Evening 139

Saturday

Genesis 35:1-20 1 John 3:11-18 John 11:1-16

Life of Grace Church February 13-20, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	02/13	10:00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Epiphany Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		Sacrament of Communion	Congregational Meeting
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	02/14		Valentine's Day
Tuesday	02/15	7:00 p.m.	Council (Conference Room and via Zoom)
Wednesday	02/16	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	02/17	8:00 a.m.	Newcomers Club (Fellowship Hall)
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		11:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room and Zoom)
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		5:30-7:00 p.m.	Virginia Organizing (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	CCEJ Group Zoom
		7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room and Zoom)
Friday	2/18		Pastor—Out of Office
Saturday	02/19	PASTOR PASTOR IS AWAY	Pastor—Out of Office
		11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
		11:00 a.m.	Prayer Vigil for Racial Recognition (Constitution Park)
Sunday	02/20	10:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday of Epiphany Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



Members of Grace Congregational Council

Robin Crowder, President

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