

Grace Episcopal Church

June 21, 2026

The fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 7

Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ
by sharing God's love with the world.

Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water

Praise Book #3

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Collect

BCP p 211

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

BCP 357

A Reading from the Book of **Genesis 21:8-21**

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it
and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

A reading from **Romans 6:1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn

O Master, let me walk with Thee

Blue Hymnal #660

The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 10:24-39**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to

the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Canon Rosalind Hughes

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP p 387

O Lord, you are good: while we were still weak, Christ died for us. Touch us in our weakness even now. And heal those afflicted with disease or sickness. Especially we pray for Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, Aria, Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Martha Mackey, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew and Ali, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, Judith Junda, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial, Franny E., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat Newyear, Gail, Sue, Susan Shepherd, Katherine R., Bill Trsek, Shirley Wilkes, Peggy & Frank Burkacki, *Victoria Antoino, Riley Gumto, and the Schupp family.

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

We celebrate the birthdays of Scott Arra, Jessie Billhardt, Greg Mackey, Noah Seymour and the anniversary of Dave & Debbie Zimmerman.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Christ for the world we sing!

Blue Hymnal #537

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer D

BCP 372

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

Praise Book S-130

Memorial Acclamation

Praise Book S-138

The Great Amen		Praise Book S-147
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p 364
Fraction Hymn	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	Praise Book S-154
Communion Hymn	<i>On Eagles Wings</i>	Praise Book #10
The Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p 365
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>I love the kingdom, Lord</i>	Blue Hymnal #524
The Dismissal		

Sunday School Note:

We will be taking a summer break and resume September 13th
 We will offer social time during the service as long as supervision is available.
 (Volunteers needed, if interested please see a Sunday School team member)

Choir is taking a summer break!

Don't worry! PopUp Choir is happening instead. Please show up on Sunday morning by 9am to warm up those beautiful voices! All are welcome!!!! Request a Hymn forms will are available Today! May 24th.

**Please return the Hannah Home Baby Bottles.
 Last day to receive before pick-up is
 Today! Sunday, June 21, Father's Day!**



Starting July 1st, for 2months, the city of Willoughby will close part of Ridge Rd. Between Shankland and River Rd. This is east of Grace Episcopal Church.