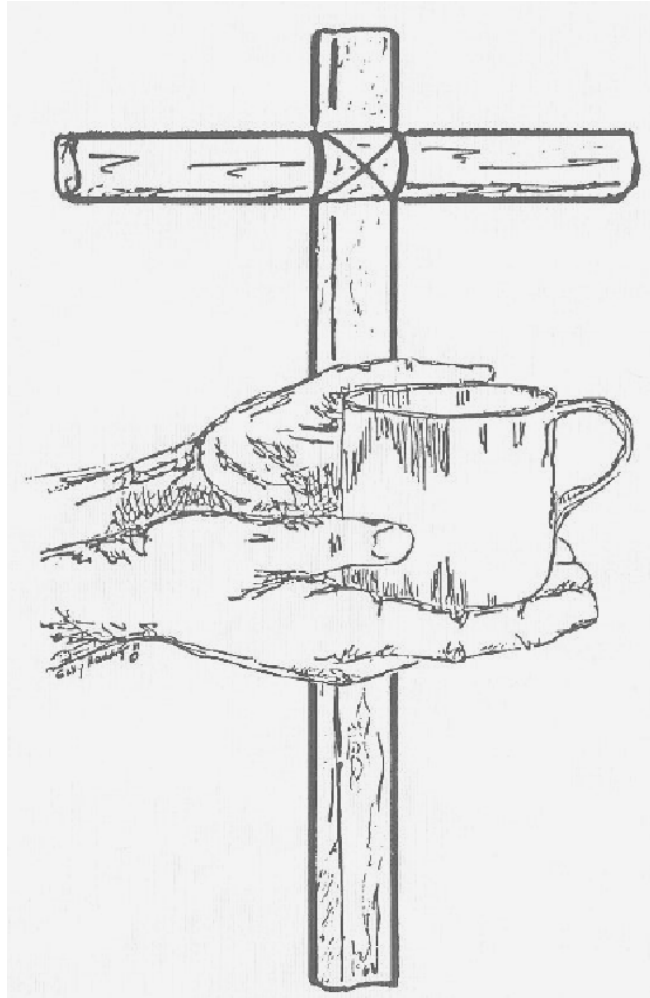


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
April 22, 2018

GATHERING

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"O Give Thanks"

RESPONDING

*The Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to come away --

People: away from superficial language, empty words, and half-truths.

Leader: God calls us to come out --

People: out of the tomb of self-interest, easy answers, and the worship of work.

Leader: God calls us to come in --

People: into the joy of friendships, the light of listening, and the courageous joy of loving the world.

Leader: God calls us into resurrection.

People: Deep, daily resurrection.

Leader: We are people of resurrection!

People: So let us worship together! Amen.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"The Church's One Foundation"

#386 v. 1,2,4

The Offering

ENGAGING

Prayers of the People

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

The Choral Meditation

"Great Is The Lord"

Words of Grace

"Commands of Christ: "Love"

SOJOURNING

*The Hymn of Benediction

"We Love Your Realm, O God"

#312 v. 1,2,4

*The Benediction

*The Choral Benediction

"Peace I Leave With You"

*The Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today -

Collecting items to add to the "Exam Relief" packages to send to our college students.

Shower for Katelyn McMillan. 2:00pm to 4:00pm

June 2 - Engagement/Wedding Party for Steve and Sue.
6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Statesville Women's Club.

June 3 - The choir will be coordinating a Grace Potluck to celebrate with Steve and Sue after the wedding on the 3rd.
More details to come.

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Kevin Angell & Phyllis Rogers

Alt. Tom Wiberg

April 29 - Louise Grose & Andora Nicholson

Alt. Carole Hendrix

May 6 - Susie Wiberg & Carole Hendrix

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Hendrix

May 6 - McDougall

May 13 - Shaver

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$25,043.40
Received year to date: \$23,724.00
Under budget: \$1319.40
Weekly needs: \$1669.56

Our Life Together

Monday
8pm - NA

Wednesday
7pm - Choir rehearsal

Friday
8pm - NA

Birthdays

23 - Lyndsay West

24 - Jamie Rudd

24 - Jim Streetman

25 - Sheri Coarsey

26 - Baron Barker

26 - Macey Preslan

CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

22 - David & Dawn Bradley

28 - Kevin & Marsha Angell

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Anita Johnson, Brian Bumgardner and family,
Gay Shaver, Edith Harris, Teddy Raye, Georgia Theriot,
Robert Riese, Nitza Rodriguez and children,
Casey Leslie, Mae Cashdollar,
Billie Bourgeois, all God's people,
victims and families of recent school shootings,
those making decisions concerning gun violence,
those affected by the recent Earthquakes and
Wild fires, homeless children, our Nations Immigrants.

Mary Alice Woods, Tressie Starrette, Nellie Grant, Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Rosemary Rector, Ernestine Lanford,
Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Beecher Grose.

Those facing tough times: those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West,
Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,

*WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that your being present will bring joy and peace and presence of God to you.
You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.*

*If you are interested in joining this congregation as we seek to discern and live out God's call to us, please speak to our pastor or a church member.
You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130,
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