

Hi There,

It is raining right now!!! I am so excited! The farmers, orchards, gardens and flowers need the rain! I hope it rains all day!

I hope this note finds you well. I know the world is in a strange place with war, hate, poverty, and upheaval. Please know you are prayed for by many and held in thoughts by many!

You are a huge part of the history of Grace Church. The church (all churches) have changed so much from when you were young. It seems some things don't change, however. The scripture this week is Matthew 9:35-38:

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

I have heard it said repeatedly that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Today it may even be less than 20%. People are busy! Children have multiple activities. Parents are both working full-time jobs. Ever one seems to moving in high speed. I wonder how God sees humanity today?

I believe God sees humanity in the same way God envisioned humanity at the time of Creation. God loves humanity more than we can imagine. God wants what is best for humanity. God walks with us! God runs when we run and sits when we sit. I find that so reassuring. The older I get the more I realize all this rushing is exhausting. Do you remember hearing, "Stop and smell the roses?" I want to shout that from the rooftop, but I am afraid of heights! So instead, I will just put a sign on my door to remind people.

When we so down we have time to see the marvelous beauty God has created for us!!! You are part of that beauty that God has created! You are the reason Grace Church is what it is today! Your hard work all those years is appreciated, remembered and loved. You are loved!!!

I thank God for You,

Pastor Bonnie

June 18, 2023
Third Sunday After Pentecost
Sharing the Gifts of Bread and Drink of Our Lord and Savior
Recognizing the Men In Our Lives That We Love

Gathering Music

Welcome

Westminster Chimes

Prelude "Father In Heaven, We Do Believe" ~Bryant

Please Stand as We Sing, "Faith Of Our Fathers" #279

If You Are Able Remain Standing for the Call to Worship

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

You are truly good, O God.

Your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness extends to all generations.

(Psalm 100:4-5)

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

Let Us Worship the Lord, our God!

Remain Standing and join in singing the Hymn

"Through the Eyes of the Father"

Prayer of Confession

God, we ask forgiveness for the times we have caused you to weep; Some of which we know and some is known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

Take a moment to pray your personal confession to God.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon

Reading from the New Testament Romans 5:1-8

Thank you for your continued support of Grace Church.

As the Offering Plates are passed please put your questionnaire in the plate.

Thank you!

Let Us Pray: **Good and gracious God, you have blessed us abundantly and give us multiple opportunities to give back in your name. Bless these gifts we have given. AMEN**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Matthew 9:35-38

Message "Your Help Is Needed"

The table is open for all!

The gifts Christ shared with the disciples are gifts for all.

The Upper Room

The Bread

The Cup

The Blessing of the Bread and Cup

Please join in singing, "Break Thou the Bread Of Life" #274

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, God, for the gift of bread and cup. Give us the strength and courage to go out into our world and labor for you. Give us a smile, willingness to serve and compassion to offer our labors to all in need of help and love and kindness. AMEN

Join in singing: "In Remembrance of Me"

To All Men Who Treat Us as Their Own

Enjoy The Video; "Father's Day Smiles Delivered By Kids"

Prayer

Please Stand for the Closing Hymn "God Of Our Fathers" #573

Benediction

Postlude "Our Heavenly Father Loves His Children" ~Martin

Today we join in the celebration of Eugene and Frances Bixler's 70th Wedding Anniversary. Eugene and Frances were married in 1953! Congratulations! The flowers on the Altar are presented by Craig and Linda Bixler in honor of this anniversary.

I thought you might enjoy a
couple of hymns this week!!

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

I stayed in the garden with Him
Though the night all around me is falling
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known
None other has ever known

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.



Church is Fun

Word Search

L B L M C U D C O U R A G E G R A C E R
H E A L I N G V K F W T P E A C E I C B
J E S U S F N K P C H U R C H M X L F O
X O P F Q L U H O L Y N F A I T H I O N
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O N E V A E H D A J G E J M X U L K S Q
T R U T H J B E F D D K B U V M N D V F

Word list:

BELIEF
BLESSINGS
CHRIST
CHURCH
COMPASSION
COURAGE
ETERNAL
FAITH
FAITHFULNESS
FORGIVENESS

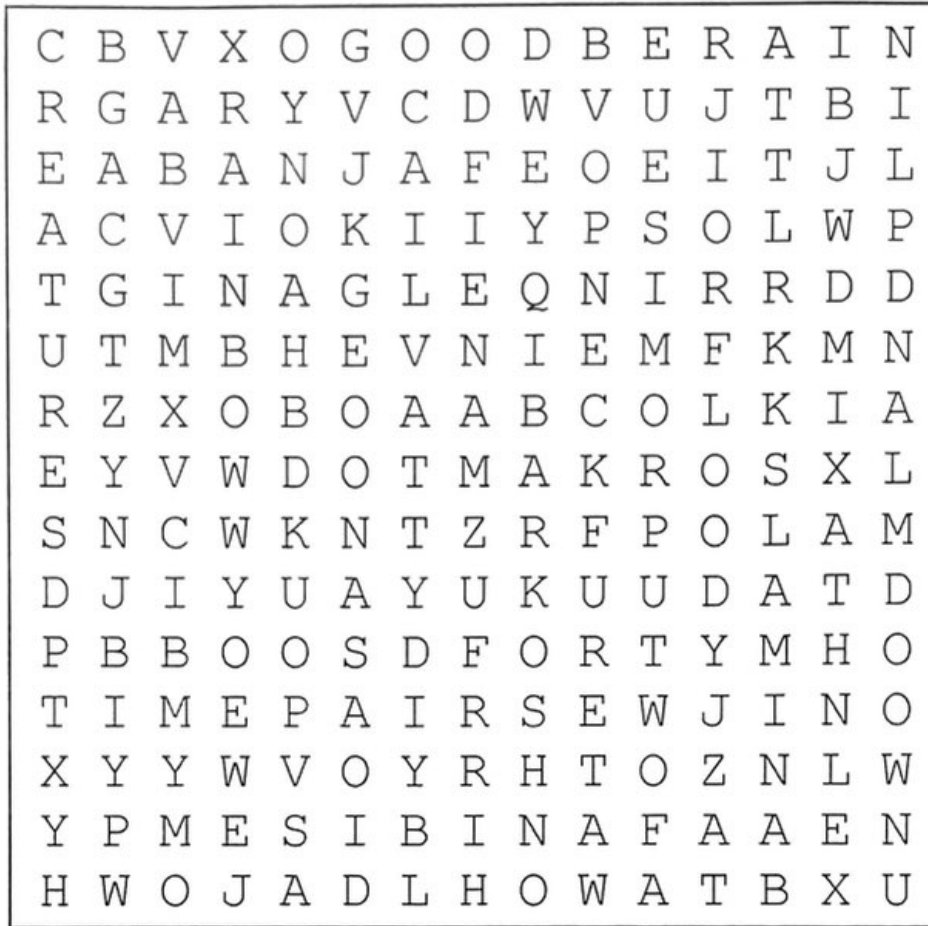
FRIENDSHIP
GIVING
GOD
GRACE
GUIDANCE
HEALING
HEAVEN
HOLY
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JOY
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OBEDIENCE
PATIENCE
PEACE
SALVATION
SPIRIT
TRUTH
WISDOM



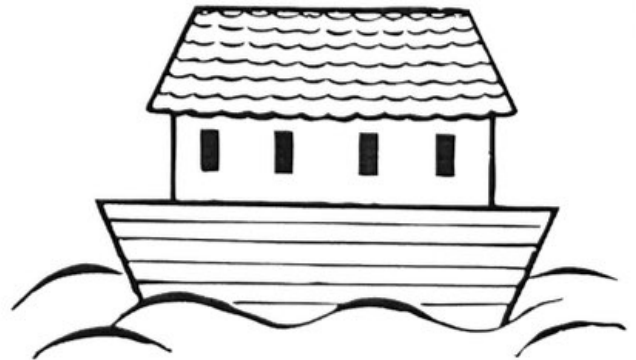


Noah and the Ark



Word list:

ANIMALS	LAND
ARK	MOUNTAIN
BELIEVE	NOAH
BUILD	PAIRS
CREATURES	PROMISE
DOVE	RAIN
EVIL	RAINBOW
FLOOD	TWO
FORTY	WATER
GOOD	WOOD



THE
WORD SEARCH BATTLE

Bible

Difficulty: Medium

V	V	S	A	V	I	O	R	G	O
P	S	N	A	M	O	R	N	N	Z
W	M	P	V	I	L	B	Y	I	F
N	W	K	B	U	Y	F	E	K	W
H	V	B	K	J	A	M	E	S	N
I	A	E	L	M	T	H	O	C	O
R	J	K	O	K	S	I	V	O	A
K	U	O	R	R	W	U	T	C	C
I	D	Q	D	A	V	Z	Q	U	T
K	E	A	N	M	N	H	O	J	S

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ACTS
JAMES
JOHN

JUDE
KING
LORD

LUKE
MARK
RABBI

ROMANS
SAVIOR
TITUS

60's Songs 1 - Word Search

S P I H M H P U P P Y L O V E L F
 C H E R I S H B S I H P M E M V W
 Y E L E N O R E G L Y I U R T O B
 A M T E V L E V E U L B S I I A L
 D L H T T Q A N G M Y N A F B P P
 I Y E D K R P Y I A I D P Y B N G
 L T T G N Z M H D V O X L S A Q C
 O M W X N M R R E W O O H I R S R
 H Z I W Y A E U N A V O R R E O Y
 Y V S U I T N T N E T E R J T U I
 P A T V S N O E F A L W X G I L N
 A V T E S W D O E L W Q A G H M G
 N X Y S N S S Y A T R A M V W A W
 A I M A R A C V Y M Y D Y A E N W

- **BABY LOVE**
- **BLUE VELVET**
- **CARA MIA**
- **CHERISH**
- **CRYING**
- **DOWNTOWN**
- **ELENORE**
- **FIRE**
- **Valleri**
- **GROOVIN**

- **HEATWAVE**
- **HOLIDAY**
- **MEMPHIS**

Memphis
My Guy
Puppy Love
Runaway
Soul Man
Stay
Teen Angel
The Twist
White Rabbit

Windy

Yesterday

The **July Movie** will be shown **Friday, July 14 at 3PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The film is the true story of the founding of the Equal Justice Initiative. This organization defends those who are poor and often unjustly accused of crimes they did not commit. The title of the Film is "**Just Mercy.**" It is rated **PG-13** and runs 137 minutes.

Snacks provided.

The **Phone Prayer Line** is in need of people to volunteer for this ministry. The phone is user friendly and able to be taken to your home or used at the church, to tape the prayer concerns and a short scripture passage. Please call the office 717 632 1146 or one of the Consistory Members to help!

Please Check the "**Prayer Card**" board in the Gathering Place. Take a prayer concern (or two or 3) to add to your prayers for this week. Saturday evening you can dispose of the card and take new ones Sunday morning.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Those living with cancer, those recovering from surgery, the persons facing transitions, the children that are out of school, those that are hungry or cold or unloved.