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Sunday, September 5, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn: 541, vs. 1, 5**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

"Come, labor on"

*Ora Labora*

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Servants, well done."

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**

### The Gloria

**Glory be to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the Lord pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

#### **Psalm 125**

*Qui confidunt*

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

**Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Sequence Hymn: 593, vss. 1, 2**

*Dickinson College*

*(Please stand as able)*

"Lord, make us servants of your peace"

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

**Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

*(Please remain standing)*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you

may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Susan Scranton

### **The Nicene Creed**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR LABOR DAY ~ 2021**

**Almighty God**, as we come before you on this Labor Day, we come with hearts full of concerns, fears and worries, not only for our labor and jobs in the midst of a world-wide pandemic but for our country and our world as political unrest dominates the Middle East and catastrophic fire and weather events are demolishing our homes, our forests, and our lives, disasters made all the worse by climate change. And so we pour out our hearts to you, O Lord, and ask that you hear our prayers.

For all those who labor this day, that they may be kept in safety as they work in the midst of the raging Delta variant of COVID-19, we pray to you: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

For teachers and students who labor in close quarters with young children unable to yet be vaccinated, that mask wearing, social distancing, and testing will be accomplished without rancor and that you will protect them all from illness, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

For those who have lost jobs and livelihoods due to the pandemic, that they may find new work that is both satisfying and economically viable, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

That through this time of multiple tragedies in the western states that are burning up and in the eastern states slammed by Hurricane Ida that those most affected and who have lost the most will know of God's presence and learn of the Holy Spirit's comfort, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

That the fires be extinguished, the floods recede, and firefighters, medical personal, and rescue workers be protected in their work, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

Prompted by the Spirit, we ask God's gentle comfort to those who have lost worldly possessions, and have little to return to after being evacuated, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

That all Christians will remember their struggling brothers and sisters, and contribute the time or treasure to assist them in their continuing need we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

For all of God's creation that has been ripped away or destroyed by earthquake, wind, fire, and rain—that the natural beauty of the earth will be restored in time, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

Empowered by the strength of the Holy Spirit, we pray that all people will begin to respect the growth of climate change, and work to forestall its effects, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

For the peoples of Afghanistan, for women and children, for those who assisted our country, and are now fleeing and vulnerable, their lives endangered, that you will send your Spirit to rally the resolve of the nations of the earth to find pathways to save human lives, protect human rights, and to resolve the hardships of those seeking refuge, asylum, and safety, we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

For ourselves and our loved ones, for those who are ill and seeking healing (we pray especially for those our parish prayer list. Are there others?) we turn to you and we pray to you:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

Celebrant: We offer up our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows to God, our refuge and strength. Lord, listen to our prayers, and hear the voice of our supplications, as we, who trust in your word, eagerly await your help: for you are the God of our salvation. This we ask through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*(Please kneel or sit as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome ~ Birthday and Anniversary Prayer ~ and Announcements

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

"Fill-A-Me-Up"

Pepper Choplin

Grace Church Parish Choir

Michael Lopez, soloist

## The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

*(Please kneel or sit as you are able)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*While communion is being received, the following prayer for Spiritual Communion may be said by those who are worshipping with us online:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. [St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Bishop Curry]

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn: 493, vss. 1, 2

*Azmon*

*(Please stand as you are able)* "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

## Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Participants in Today's Service:

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Rev. Susan Scranton
LEM:	David Aldrete
Lectors:	Frank Boyd, Janet Kawamoto, Jon Sharp
Grace Church Parish Choir:	David Aldrete, choirmaster; Michael Lopez, soloist
Video Services:	Wayne Kawamoto
Assistant:	Nathaniel Olmos
Produced by:	Rick Sandona
Flower Guild:	Nancy Rice & Liz Sandona
Altar Guild:	Patricia Meyer, A.J. Roberts, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady Suzy Hageman

Ushers: Alex McKenzie, Frank Hageman  
Bulletin Editor: Nancy Rice  
Vestry Person of the Week: Rosann Kindt



### Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2021

Rev. Susan L. Scranton

Todd Rice - Senior Warden, Hannah Palpant - Junior Warden  
Karen Cleland - Treasurer

Jared Anders, Kathi Ferris, Laurel McKenzie, Rosann Kindt,  
Bobbi Patterson, Debbie Pullen, Pat McAlmond

### September Birthdays

2 – Dawn Mellon	11 - Gary Kindt	20 – Manette Thomas
2 - Al St. Onge	12 – Deborah Hoffman	23 – Suzy Hageman
6 – John Williamson	12 – Ted Kopf	24 – Emily Kawamoto
8 - Jerry Seielstad	13 – Carson Lakin	26 – Kelsey McKenzie
8 – Marlene McCormick	18 - Kari Roth	30 - Jon Sharp
	20 – Susan Sherman	

### Wedding Anniversaries

Janese and Bill Grady – 24 ~ Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11  
Donna and George Petrokowicz ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno

### Prayer List

**For healing and comfort:** Tess Marinian, Ted Anderson, Ron Gonzales, Ann Jones, Frances Stocking, Michael Gamble, Jennifer Jones, Tamara Bouchey, Judy Webster, Joey Brown, Don Baxter, Steve Emmett, Micah Palpant, Nathan, Father Bain, Kelsey McKenzie, Matthew Hageman, Paul & Ruthie Hatcher, Loren Rettle, Hank Montoya, Arlene Flach, Lacey G., Donna Petrokowicz, Jennie Grigolla, Theresa Mumma, Harry Ernest Critzer, Beth Owen, Hannah Pine, Marshall Meyer, Patricia Meyer, Solomon & Malcolm, Roberta Wolfe, Doug Rice, Lois Loughery, Zhea LeClair, Andrew Benardini, the citizens of Afghanistan, the citizens of Haiti, citizens of Louisiana

**For comfort & guidance:** Jean Beaulieu, Mandy, John & Family, Kevin, Don Lockery, Susan K., Theresa Proctor, Marylyn Brown, Linda Rice, Shirley Reeves,

**For prayers & safety:** Addison Hoffman (For his upcoming deployment.)

**For those who have died:** Kay Slepr, Herschel Green

**For those in mourning:** Susan Sherman and Carol Winship, Ann Green

**For those serving in the military:** Addison Hoffman ~ U.S. Army, Wyatt Helmer ~ U.S. Navy Seabees, Josh ~ U.S. Marine Corps, C.J. Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy (Glendora Residents), Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scrip Sunday** ~ Today, until 12:00 noon. Please place your September scrip orders with Bobbi Patterson by today at 12:00 noon.

**Remembering 9/11 Twenty Years Later** ~ Saturday, September 11 at 8:46 AM  
(Gathering at the Flag Pole at Foothill Blvd and Glendora Ave)

The Glendora Ministerial Association will be hosting a service of remembrance on this the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Remembering that the first plane struck the World Trade Center at 8:46 AM our time, this service of remembrance will gather the community to remember. Rev. Susan will be a part of the service. All are welcome.

**Youth Group Gathering** ~ Sunday, September 12 after the 10:00 AM service

All youth in grades 6 and above are invited to the first youth gathering of the new school year. Please meet in Baxter Hall following the 10:00 AM service for lunch, followed by game day at Finkbiner Park. Please remember to wear your masks. Questions: Contact Jade Petteruto.

**Blood Drive Sunday** ~ September 19 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**This drive is by appointment only to maintain your safety and the safety of other donors.**

You can register by contacting Catie Anders at [blooddrive@graceglendora.org](mailto:blooddrive@graceglendora.org) or call/text at 909.994.7794. Be sure to include your full name and time you would like to make an appointment. You may also call the American Red Cross, Pomona Donation center at 800 733-2767 or Register online at this link:

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