

# Grace Episcopal Church

107 S. Prospect Street  
Galena, Illinois 61036

# Celebration of Music

May 25, 2025  
10:30am Worship



## Welcome to Grace Church

*It is, as always, a pleasure to worship together today. Your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular attendee. Please be aware that we are live streaming this service on YouTube. Restrooms are located up the ramp on the left side of the sanctuary, through the double doors, and to the right.*

## Ministers of the Service

The Rev. Dr. Paula Harris, *Celebrant*  
Steve Wendorf & Michele Sullivan, *Lectors*  
Phil Jackman, *Vestry Coordinator*  
Amy Hardwicke, *Greeter*  
Phil Jackman, *Vestry Coordinator*  
Guta Cvetkovic, *Sound/Livestream Tech*  
Carole Sullivan, Janet Post, Chuck & Mary Edwards, Alasdair Terry, *Guest Musicians*

Robin French, *Music Director*  
Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff,  
*Erben Organists*  
Pat Golden & Charlotte Stryker,  
*Altar Guild*

# A Service in Celebration of Music

Prelude

Diapason Movement  
Nancy Cook

John Stanley

*Please stand as the bell rings.*

## Opening Hymn

UMC 158: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high;  
3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

1. Loud praise to Christ our King;  
2. Let prais-es fill the sky;  
3. Life shall not end the strain; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

1. Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore his throne re - joice;  
2. He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will at - tend;  
3. On heav-en's joy - ful shore His good-ness we'll a - dore,

1. Praise is his gra-cious choice:  
2. His love shall nev - er end:  
3. Sing - ing for - ev - er - more: } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: 66 66 D; Christian Henry Bateman, 1843, alt. Music: Spanish Hymn, source unknown.

## Welcome

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:**           **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Music**

Celebrant: O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:**           **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Angels Are Making Their Rounds**

Pepper Choplin

*Angels are making their rounds, O what a beautiful sound,  
angels are making their rounds.*

*Fear not, Zechariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer. Elizabeth will bear a son.*

*Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God.*

*Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound.*

*Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds.*

*Fear not, Joseph, go and take Mary to be your wife, for she carries a holy Child.*

*Unto you is born a Savior, glory to God and peace on earth,  
for now the Lord is with you.*

*Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound.*

*Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds.*

### **Lord, Speak to Me**

Havergal/Hopson

*Lord, speak to me, that I may speak, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as  
thou has sought, so let me seek, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.  
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed, that I may feed thy hungering ones with manna sweet.*

*O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.  
O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to feel, thy praise to show.  
O use me, Lord, use even me, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share. Amen.*

## **There Is a Balm**

Traditional/J.Bell

*There is a balm in Gilead.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.  
  
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.  
  
Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack the knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

## **Instrumental**

Ave Verum Corpus  
Anna Ashcraft, *flute*; Phil Jackman, *clarinet*

W.A. Mozart

## **Reading**

Romans 8:26-27

Lector: A reading from Romans.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Pray for the People

Pepper Choplin

*Pray for the person on your left. Pray for the person on your right. They may seem strong, but we don't know all of the struggles and the burdens they hold.*

*We pray, Lord, we pray. Give them power to face the day.*

*Lord, we lift them up. They try to be strong, but only you know all of the struggles and the burdens they hold. We pray, Lord, we pray. Give them power to face the day.*

*Pray for the person on your left. Now we pray, "Lord, have mercy." Pray for the person on your right. Now we pray, "Won't you bless them, Lord." They may seem strong, but we don't know all of the struggles and the burdens they hold.*

*We pray, Lord, we pray. Give them power to face the day.*

*Lord, we lift them up, now we are praying. Lord, we lift them up, all the brothers and sisters. Lord, we lift them up, let them feel your presence let them know your power. They try to be strong, but only you know all of the struggles and the burdens they hold.*

*Lord, we pray. Give them power to face the day.*

*Pray for the person on your left. Pray for the person on your right. Pray for them and as you do, people all around are praying for you.*

*We pray, Lord, we pray. Give us power to face the day. Amen.*

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury/Walford

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!*

*With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear to Him, whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.*

*And since He bids me seek His face, believe His word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

## Amazing Grace

Newton/Virginia Harmony/Schrader

Steve Coates, director

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, shining bright, bright as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.  
Amazing grace! Amazing grace; how sweet the sound.*

## Announcements

### *Celebrations*

Thanksgiving for the birthday of: Cindy Blakemore, Lane Hollis

**All: 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 your peace which passes understanding  
abide all the days of their lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Giving*

Link to online giving via PayPal:



## Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: “On this day the Lord has acted, we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

## Instrumental

This Little Light of Mine  
Warren Johnson, *tuba*

Traditional/Hayes

## Reading

John 14:23-29

Lector: A reading from John.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Let All Mortal Flesh

Liturgy of St. James/Traditional Carol/K.Davis

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary as of old on earth he stood, Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood, He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heav’nly Food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six-winged Seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluya! Alleluya! Lord most high.*

### Surely He Has Borne Our Grief

Isaiah 53:4-6/M. Hayes

Janet Post, cello; Nancy Cook, director

*Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions.*

*He was bruised for our iniquity. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

## Dance Alleluia

Arnold Freed

Melanie Hoffman, director; Mary Edwards, *djembe*;  
Chuck Edwards, *woodblock*; Alasdair Terry, *bass guitar*  
*Alleluia!*

## Blessing

**Celebrant:** This life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of the God who loves you, redeems you and sustains you, be with you and those you love forevermore.

**All:** **Amen.**

## Collect for True Singing

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**Celebrant:** Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

408: Sing Praise to God

## Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## To Sing with You Is Home to Me

B. Hesla

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1. To sing with you is home to me, a com- pass at the  
2. To sing with you is home to me, a throng of friends to -  
3. To sing with you is home to me. I'm back up - on my  
4. To sing with you is home to me. Be neath the sky all



4      D                      A                      G

close of day to guide my soul in deep - er ways as  
ge - ther breathe. We set the an - cient spi - rits free and  
mo - ther's knee while she pi - a - no plays for me, her  
black and bright we join the loud and ho - ly night of

7      D                      A                      D

o'er the years I roam. tone. throne. To sing with you is home.  
drink the blend - ed voice my life - long ga - la - xies un - known.

**Postlude**

**Toccata**  
**Alasdair Terry**

**Pietro Domenico Paradies**

## **Announcements**

*Find additional information in Grace Happenings, our weekly email newsletter sent every Friday. To subscribe, send a request to [gracesec@gracegalena.org](mailto:gracesec@gracegalena.org). The deadline for announcements is noon on Wednesdays. Thank You!*

**The Altar Flowers Were Given by – Cindy & Carl Blakemore**

**Social Hour Host – Lynn Giles**

**Honoring Memorial Day** – The Poppy Wreath that is being displayed today is in memory of those who have given their all for our Country. The wreath is donated to each church by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary.

**Ministry of Care Update and Gratitude** – After much prayer and thought, and several transition meetings, Bonnielynn Kreiser has stepped down as chairperson of the Ministry of Care team. We will celebrate her retirement from this ministry with a festive Coffee Hour on June 22. If you would like to express your gratitude for her kind and generous service in this capacity, please bring (or send to church in advance) a card, which we will gather to give her on June 22.

Due to this change, Mother Paula and the Ministry of Care team are actively reflecting on our caregiving at Grace. We would value your thoughts about how we all care for one another as we experience and reflect on this important ministry transition. (Chairperson: Mother Paula Harris; Team members: Cathie Elsbree, Terri Jackman, Debbie and Eric Kallback.)

**Pride Picnic** – The Galena Pride Picnic is scheduled for June 14, 12-5pm, in Grant Park (the same weekend as our 190th Anniversary celebration). Grace is an event sponsor again, and will also have a booth at the park. If you would like to help with the booth, please see Terri or Phil Jackman.

**Historic Luncheon** – During our 190<sup>th</sup> Celebration, following the service, we will offer a luncheon featuring historic recipes. If you plan to attend, please see the sign up sheet in the parish hall. Also, if you would like to prepare a dish, please see the food sign up sheet. RSVP by Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Historic recipe booklets are available for all to enjoy.

**190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Please take some of the celebration cards and use them to invite friends and neighbors to the day's events!



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## In the Greater Galena Community

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**Jo Daviess County Senior Expo** – Wednesday, June 4, from 9 AM to Noon at Galena Elementary & Middle School. An opportunity to explore and purchase various services related to seniors. Perfect for older adults, caregivers, and families. Free admission. Sponsored by the Senior Resource Center, serving Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties.

**5th Annual Galena Food Pantry Golf Outing & Silent Auction** – Tuesday, July 22 at 10am at Eagle Ridge South Course (10 Clubhouse Dr, Galena). Support the Galena Food Pantry by participating as a golfer, sponsor, or silent auction donor. View details and registration at [www.galenafoodpantry.com](http://www.galenafoodpantry.com).

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## Prayers of the People

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*Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

**For Our Outreach Partners:** Opening Doors; Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; La Santa Cruz Parish in the Diocese of Southeast Mexico; the United Thank Offering; the Galena ARC; the United Churches Food Pantry; Episcopal Relief and Development; Shelter Care Ministries; and Dubuque Rescue Mission.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** for † Sean, our Presiding Bishop; † Paula, our Diocesan Bishop; Paula †, our Rector; and all members of Grace Church.

**We pray for those who are sick or in need:** Connie Bennett, Emery Beyer, Denise Biagini, Bob Burton, Margaret Carlisle, Shawn Crossley, Matthew Dowe, Cathie Elsbree, Kathie Farlow, Carmen Ferguson, Jennie Fjelde, Krista Ginger, Gary Grimm, Adeline Hanson, Carole Jacques, Mark Klausner, Diane & Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Hal Martin, JoAnn Mikelson, Carolyn Norton, Alan Oyen, Tony Packard, Karen Persen, the Purdy Family, Warren Schaller, Melody Serwich, Ann Shepard, Mike Simosky, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Joe Watts, Jim & Kathleen Webster, Doris Whitesell, Vicki Whitesell, Abby, Andrea, Erin, and Mina.

**We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:** those who serve in the military; all essential workers and their families; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; and all who worship in this place & those who have not yet walked through these doors.

**We pray for those who have died, and for the anniversary of the deaths of:** Ruth Martin, Joe Looney, Sally E. Murphy, Lida Martin, James Stahl, Frank Martin.

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## Events This Week

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### **Sunday, 5/25**

Celebration of Music: 10:30am

### **Monday, 5/26**

Poetry Group: 2pm (offsite)

### **Tuesday, 5/27**

Outreach Committee: 10am

Church Office Open: 12:30 - 4:30pm

Compline: 8:30pm via Zoom

### **Wednesday, 5/28**

Midweek Eucharist: 8am

Church Office Open: 9am - 4:30pm

Bible Study: 10am

### **Thursday, 5/29**

Church Office Open: 9am - 4:30pm

### **Friday, 5/30**

Centering Prayer: 9:00am via Zoom

### **Saturday, 5/31**

Elsbree Celebration of Life: 11am at

Casper Creek Natural Cemetery

### **Sunday, 6/1**

Eucharist: 10:30am

Poston Memorial Service: 12pm



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Tues./Thurs. 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Wed. 9:00am – 4:30pm

## **Vestry**

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**Eric Kallback**, Sr. Warden

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**Michele Sullivan**, Clerk

**Cindy Blakemore**

**Maren Coates**

**Georgia Hansen**

**Charlotte Stryker**