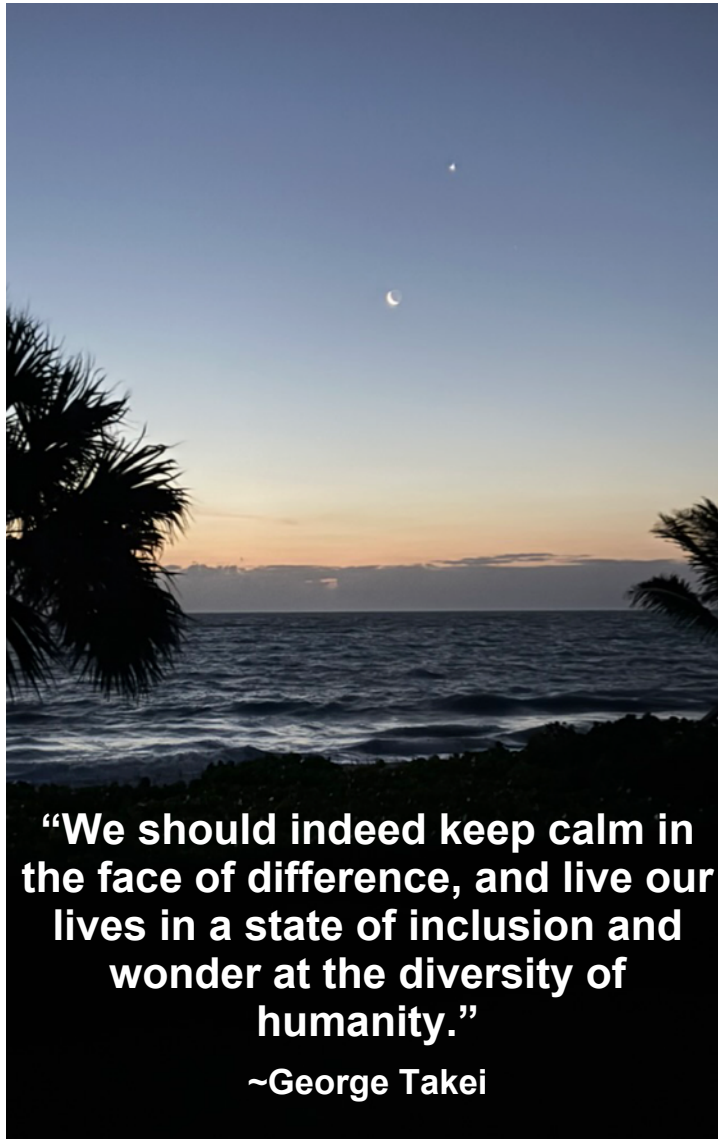




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## *Second Sunday After Pentecost June 22nd (Rite II)*



**“We should indeed keep calm in the face of difference, and live our lives in a state of inclusion and wonder at the diversity of humanity.”**

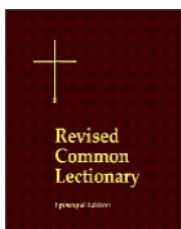
**~George Takei**

Subdeacon/Chalice	Rick Scott
MC/2nd Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	David Brokaw
Crucifer	David White
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	Phyllis Guardino
OT Lector	Lourdes Cruz
NT Lector	Lorraine Witkowski
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Mark Strunsky Sue Scott John Cusack

Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. [Click Here](#)

To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. [Click Here](#)

For the Sunday prayer bulletin. [Click Here](#)




### Website for Lectionary Readings

The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2025.html>

## Upcoming Events

Sunday June 22nd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
	Monthly Vestry Meeting 11:15 AM
Wednesday June 25th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday June 29th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday July 2nd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Friday July 4th	Happy Independence Day! 
Sunday July 6th	9:30 AM Morning Prayer (Rite II) while Father Vlc is away.

## The Photography Corner



This week's photograph was sent to us by Janet Cusack which she took in Maine on Mother's Day weekend. Thank you Janet!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. ~Joe



ShopRite Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale EVERY Sunday after each service. Grace Church receives 5% on the sale of the cards from ShopRite, while you purchase the cards at face value! ShopRite gift cards can make shopping for the family easy. Our ongoing fundraiser of ShopRite gift cards helps you prepare your holiday meals while helping Grace Church. Please keep us in mind when preparing your shopping lists!

We are happy and pleased to announce that we can accept credit card purchases for the ShopRite gift cards. So, if you use a rewards credit card you can now accumulate points while supporting Grace Church! To purchase gift cards, please see either Eileen or Claire.

## Mystic Poets Society

This week's poem was sent to us by Eileen Bloomer. Thank you Eileen!  
If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow parishioners, please send it to me. Thank you. Joe.

I wonder when her fingers, (my fingers)  
became too stiff, she said, (I say)  
to play all the piano scales once known by  
heart

and practiced every day in different  
seasons.

The music, the music  
always played in my head and heart:  
I'm told that before words  
I would sway to the rhythm for hours,  
alone and on purpose.

I wonder when she decided  
to stop singing, to lock away

her perfect pitch, only a memory now,  
a long ago voice singing nursery rhymes  
as my small dancing body sat on her lap,  
listening.

And now I remember scales and songs,  
now, years of stiff fingers and silent voices,  
mirrors of time and memories,  
are gentle clouds on the sunset horizon.  
And I wonder when her body (my body)  
curved into a question mark  
as I watch my granddaughter  
dance her circle to the music of a fiddle:  
life circling, circling, circling.

~Eileen

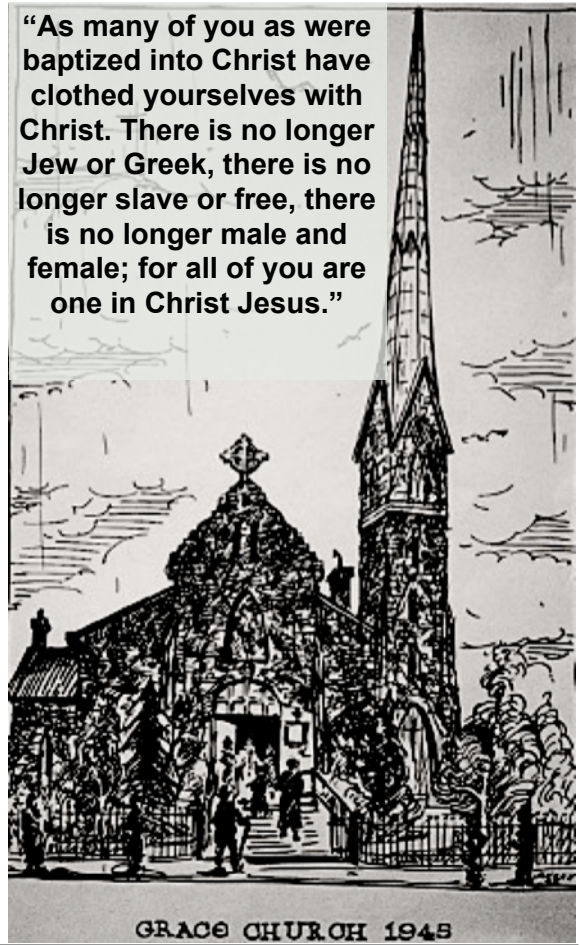
## Grace Music News

"Adore and Be Still" is the title of the prelude I will be playing this Sunday. It's a very appropriate title and reflects the hope that I and many church organists have that the congregation will be more quiet as the start of mass approaches. Back in the "old days" Father Osgood preached that the last 10 minutes or so before mass should be quiet and reflective time. Even before those last 10 minutes, fellow parishioners may be deep in prayer. As I arrive early for warmup at the organ I even see people in the pews 40 minutes before mass, but of course we want to greet each other in those times more far removed from the start of mass. The Postlude and Coffee Hour are when we can let loose and start the party. Thanks. ~ Don



The scaffolding for the Montgomery Ward construction project next door is being installed. This photo was taken from the Board Room landing window looking toward North Street.





## **Vestry News**

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday June 22nd starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the April 27, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the March 16, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

## **Your Grace Church Vestry.**

### **Wardens:**

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

*Clerk of the Vestry:*

*Treasurer:*

Kathleen Hamilton

Allison McLean

### **Vestry:**

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)