

SHARING GRACE

NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1405 KENTUCKY ST. FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

A Letter from our Rector, Rev. Karen Freeman

Dear Grace Family,

I am writing this before the occasion of the Bishop's Visitation, trusting that it will happen! I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who worked to make this day very special for me, for Gaby (happy confirmation!), and for the whole community of people who attended, either in person or online. We always come together with such joy in worship and fellowship. I am truly blessed to be your priest and pastor; we bless each other.

Autumn feels exciting; a new season with new opportunities for connecting with God, with each other, and with our community: a new formation class led by James Fulmer starting on Monday evenings, "Romans: What difference does it make?" We have the picnic hosted by GEM in the Courtyard on Oct. 7, the Blessing of the Animals service on Oct. 8. I have the pleasure to officiate on two occasions to celebrate love: Gregg and Evelyn Wickham's renewal of vows on Oct. 22, and the wedding of Tiffany Sutherland to Colin Smith at Yin Ranch on October 28. Many congratulations to both couples!

We have the opportunity to serve the less fortunate on October 31 at Epiphany in Vacaville, when we host the takeaway lunch, and on November 21 at Willow Hall in Fairfield, as we are committed to help with the community Thanksgiving Dinner; and the Ron Cupid Memorial Coat Drive is in full swing – please donate a children's coat and bring it to the box in the Narthex. Thank you!

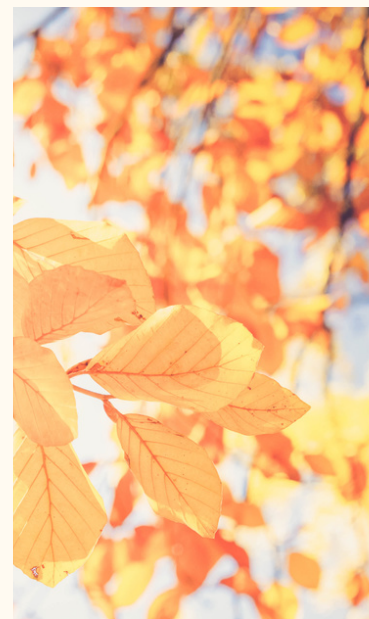
Meanwhile, work continues on the Vitality Improvement Project; not too much to report on that at the moment. I continue to volunteer in a kindergarten class at Fairview Elementary, which I love. I will be attending the Diocesan Convention, November 3 & 4, at Faith Church in Cameron Park, along with the delegates that were elected by the members of Grace Church: June Gillam, Carol Allen, and James Fulmer. Our alternates are: Gregg Wickham, Matt Thomas, and Jim Klopstock.

We have an active church with amazing, dedicated volunteers, but we could do with additional help. It would be wonderful if more church members offered to be ushers and lectors. It would be lovely if we had the capacity to host a coffee hour after the 10 o'clock service. Think about these roles and whether you are able to offer your services for the benefit of the church.

Every blessing,
Karen+

MISSION STATEMENT

Grace welcomes ALL
to experience and participate
in God's love for the community
as we learn, serve, and grow.



We gather for worship at
8:00am and 10:00am.

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PRAYER REQUESTS



We pray for those who have died and their families: Anne Prather and Maureen Johnson.

We pray for those who are ill and who have asked for our prayers:

Deni, Tom & Mary Ann, Judy, Sarah, Millie, Martha, Leticia, Bob, Noella, DeeDee, Jeanne, Sheryl, Adrienne, Scotty, Laura, Rhonda, Steve, Felipe, Tim, Gregg, Betty, Ruth Anne, David, Daniel, Gwen, John, Vernon, Warren & Carolyn, Laurie, Priya, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, James, Ava, and their families.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list please contact Rev. Karen

Office Information: Kim's working hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon. She is physically back in the office starting 10/10/23. Please continue to email questions/requests to the office at gracechurchff@sbcglobal.net. You may also call and leave a voice message on the office phone (707-425-4481) if you are unable to email. If there is an emergency outside normal office hours, please contact Rev. Karen or James Fulmer, Senior Warden.

Sharing Grace is published bi-monthly (the next edition will be in December). Submissions will be due by the 20th September. Your contributions are warmly encouraged. Please email them to Adrienne Krongard at pugzmama@live.com.



Dear Grace family,

We are celebrating our 50th anniversary this October. On October 22, at the 10 am service, we will be renewing our vows. We would like you to join us for that, and for cake afterwards in the parish hall.

Blessings,
Evelyn & Gregg Wickham

HAPPY BIRTHDAY September Celebrants

Sylvia Polk 9/13
Barbara Makin 9/18
Lynn Thomas 9/25
Suzie Peterson 9/28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY October Celebrants

Don Allen 10/12
Laura Minkel 10/23
Mary Ann McKinney 10/24
Heidi Lindsay 10/25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY November Celebrants

Charles Karnopp 11/10
Lynne Secrist 11/10
Kim Worthen 11/10
Nancy Klopstock 11/12
Kenneth Snyder 11/13
Gwen Fry 11/16
J.D. Klopstock 11/16
Rodney Shoemaker 11/19
Judy Smith 11/25
Perry Polk 11/26
Stephen Harris 11/30



If you would like to be added to our birthday list, please contact the church office.

Team Grace Episcopal Church Alzheimer's Informational Resources - Deborah Cupid, Captain

Vascular Dementia	Symptoms and Causes	mayoclinic.org
Dementia	Queensland Brain Institute	qbi.uq.edu.au
Memory Loss	Signs and Symptoms	mayoclinic.org
	University of Minnesota	sph.umn.edu
	Healthline	health">https://www.healthline.com>health
	Brain Exercises	">https://www.medicalnewstoday.com>
Alzheimer's	Symptoms and Causes	alzheimers">https://www.cdc.gov>alzheimers
		https://www.alz.org
	Memory loss and dementia	me">https://www.alzheimers.org.uk>me

Thank you for supporting the Alzheimer's 2023 Walk. We are walking at the Suisun Harbor Plaza which is located at 600 Main Street in Suisun City. Please join our team by registering. When making your donation, please know that all donations made are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated to help fight against Alzheimer's. Go to our web link at https://act.alz.org/goto/Grace_Episcopal_Church to donate or register. The mailing address, if you are not completing your form online, is Alzheimer's Association Headquarters, Solano Walk Northern California and Nevada Chapter, 2290 N. First Street, Suite 212, San Jose, California, 95131.

Check in 8:30 A.M.

Ceremony 9:30 A.M.

Walk 10:00 A.M.

Please wear something purple, and meet at our Grace Episcopal Sign near the opening ceremony and Flower Garden.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July (Unofficial) and August (Unofficial) 2023

	July 2023	August 2023	YTD
Income:	\$ 10,025	\$ 15,599	\$ 100,699
Expenses:	\$ 15,866	\$ 14,633	\$ 126,002
Net (Loss)/Gain:	\$ (5,841)	\$ 966	\$ (25,303)

Please continue to give your pledge or offering by:

1. Mailing a check to Grace Episcopal Church - 1405 Kentucky St., Fairfield, CA 94533
2. Giving safely and conveniently online through the "online giving" tab on our website:
www.gracechurchfairfield.org

Second Sunday Offerings will go to the following:

September 10 - October 7, 2023 - Downtown Theatre for the Arts

October 8 - November 11, 2023 - Solano Animal Care Division

November 12 - December 9, 2023 - Food Bank of Solano County

Please designate on your donation if it is intended as a Second Sunday offering.

Thank you!

National Night Out - August 1st - We enjoyed delicious BBQ, fantastic music from Running with Scissorz, aikido entertainment, and fellowship with an impressive turnout from many of our friends and neighbors



Travis AFB Interfaith Extravaganza

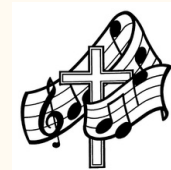


The Rebirth of our Parking Lot Sign





In this exposé, I will detail my process in composing an original anthem commemorating the visitation of the Bishop and the five-year anniversary of the Reverend Karen's institution as Rector of Grace church.



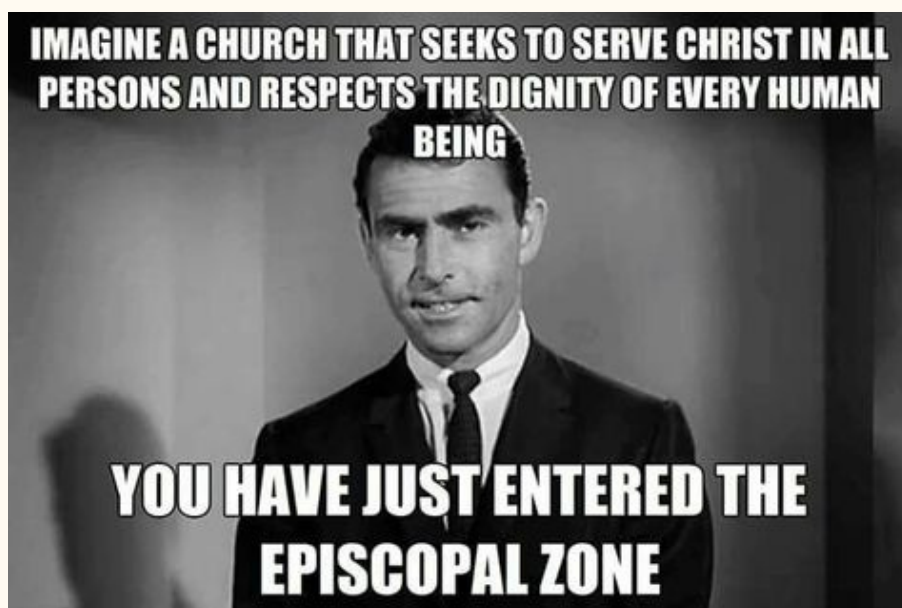
In my studies of opera, and other sung music, it is always the language that comes first. Luckily, I chose to write in English today, so all translation work was reduced to nothing! However, I did need to find a text to set to music. I consulted the Book of Common Prayer which offered two scripts. I chose the one that had better words suited for singing and imagery.

After confirming the text, I had to decide on mood, and speed of the music. I decided the music would begin with a grand organ showcase, and the choir would pick up after some time. The speed would be somewhat march-like, or peppy. The choir would begin in a traditional "5th" based harmony, a symbol of resting place, or exposition, and the tenors would elaborate furthest, singing the sweet "third" note of the chord. The choir would split in a pastoral harmony on the words "Shepherd of Thy people." A brief trumpet call from the organ leads the choir into the highlighted line of the first part, "We give Thee thanks for Thy servant, Karen" as both tenors and sopranos sing up to an F sharp. The choir then gracefully floats down in sweet parallel sixth chords to an unexpected chord of resolution.

The next section modulates from the bright D major, to its relative minor, B minor on the words "We Pray." This reflects the pious mood of the next section. The organ echoes the words of the choir evoking an ethereal mood. The choir then sings in unison "Following her example of a holy life." The next line, "Growing into the stature and fullness of a holy life," has the choir split into rich harmonies, swelling and growing along with the words.

The concluding section is an alternation of unison song, gently expanding to chords. The word that stuck out to me was "reigns," so I made the chords sound regal and powerful. I chose throughout this piece to use "mediant" harmonies, which are somewhat unexpected and lend interest and modernity to the sound. This section almost has an epic, Lord of the Rings sound. Finally, a traditional "Amen" chorus ends the song.

Humbly submitted,
Sergio Cabada - Music Director



**Would you like to
help make a
difference for
future
generations?**

**Please remember
Grace Episcopal
Church,
Fairfield, CA in
your estate plans
through your will
or trust.**

**Thank you for
your support.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

OUR SERVICES

The common cup is offered to those who wish to receive and for intinction. For those who prefer the latter, the Eucharistic Minister will intinct for you once the bread has been administered by the celebrant.

Please join us in person each Sunday or Facebook live. Healing Eucharist is held in person every Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the Chapel.

LITURGICAL SERVICES - 8:00am and 10:00am - in person and online on Zoom or Facebook Live

October

- **1st - Pentecost XVIII**
- **8th - Pentecost XIX**
- **15th Pentecost XX**
- **22nd Pentecost XXI**
- **29th - Pentecost XXII**

November

- **5th - All Saints Day / Pentecost XXIII**
- **12th - Pentecost XXIV**
- **19th - Pentecost XXV**
- **26th - Christ the King / Last Day of Pentecost**

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Healing Eucharist, Tuesdays, 10:00am, in the Chapel
- ECW: Normally the first Thursday of the month; contact Evelyn Wickham for details
- GEM: Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 7:30am at Huckleberry's Restaurant in Fairfield; contact Don Allen for information

OCTOBER

- Sunday, 1st, 10:00am only - Bishop's Visitation, Confirmation of Gaby Lopez Osuna, and Rev. Karen's 5th Anniversary at Grace Church
- Mondays, starting October 2nd for seven weeks, 7:00pm - Romans Bible Study on Zoom
- Thursday, 5th, 10:30am - ECW Meeting
- Saturday, 7th, 11:00am - GEM meeting before the Picnic
- Saturday, 7th, 1:00pm-3:00pm - Picnic in the courtyard, hosted by GEM
- Sunday, 8th, 10:00am - Blessing of the Animals in the courtyard
- Wednesday, 11th, 7:00-8:30pm - Solano Fly Fishermen meeting in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, 17th, 7:00pm - Vestry Meeting on Zoom
- Saturday, 21st - Alzheimer's Walk (See article inside or Deborah Cupid)
- Wednesday, 25th, 6:00-8:30pm - Coin Club meeting in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, 31st, 11:30am-2:00pm - Lunch Project at Epiphany in Vacaville

NOVEMBER

- Thursday, 2nd, 10:30am - ECW Meeting
- Friday-Saturday, 3rd-4th - Diocesan Convention in Cameron Park
- Tuesday, 21st, 12:30-2:30pm - Community Thanksgiving at Willow Hall
- Tuesday, 21st, 7:00pm - Vestry Meeting on Zoom

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Let gratitude be
 the pillow upon
 which you kneel
 to say your
 nightly prayer.
 And let faith be
 the bridge you
 build
 to overcome evil
 and welcome
 good.

-Maya Angelou

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