



GRACE

MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A parish for all people in the heart of the city.

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Land Acknowledgement

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church occupies the traditional, ancestral, unceded and ceded lands of many tribes throughout Western Oregon. Following multiple treaties between the federal government and Indigenous peoples, Indigenous communities were forcibly removed from the land Grace now occupies to reservations throughout Oregon. Today, living descendants of these people are part of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. Indigenous people are valued, contributing members of the Episcopal community in Oregon and there are multiple sovereign tribes represented among our parishioners and staff. Grace is comprised of faithful Christians who confess our historical participation in, and ongoing benefit from, the displacement of Indigenous peoples throughout Western Oregon. We accept our responsibility for understanding the continuing impact of that history on these communities. In the spirit of our Baptismal Covenant, self-reflection, worship, reconciliation, and partnership, we are committed to learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. This statement is in accord with the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church and in accord with the 135th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon, 2023.