



# Modest Grace: Two Small Churches

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These are not the grand cathedrals of Europe. Generations of craftsmen did not labor on these churches. The physical differences are obvious, but they were built for the same purpose. Churches provide sanctuary, respite and a place to offer prayers to the Almighty. While humble and unassuming in scale compared to their European counterparts these small churches reflect the sensibilities, scale and devotion of the communities they serve.

They were built in places where the resources were limited, but the care and craft spent on these small houses of worship were unlimited. The churches are not modern in design, created instead to provide the comfort of tradition and shared values passed on from generation to generation. The ornamentation is spare, but the care and love for these houses are given from the heart of their congregations.

Just as those huge cathedrals in Europe are in harmony with the communities in which they were constructed, so too are these two small churches in harmony with their communities. And though modest in their appearance these churches are no less blessed with grace.

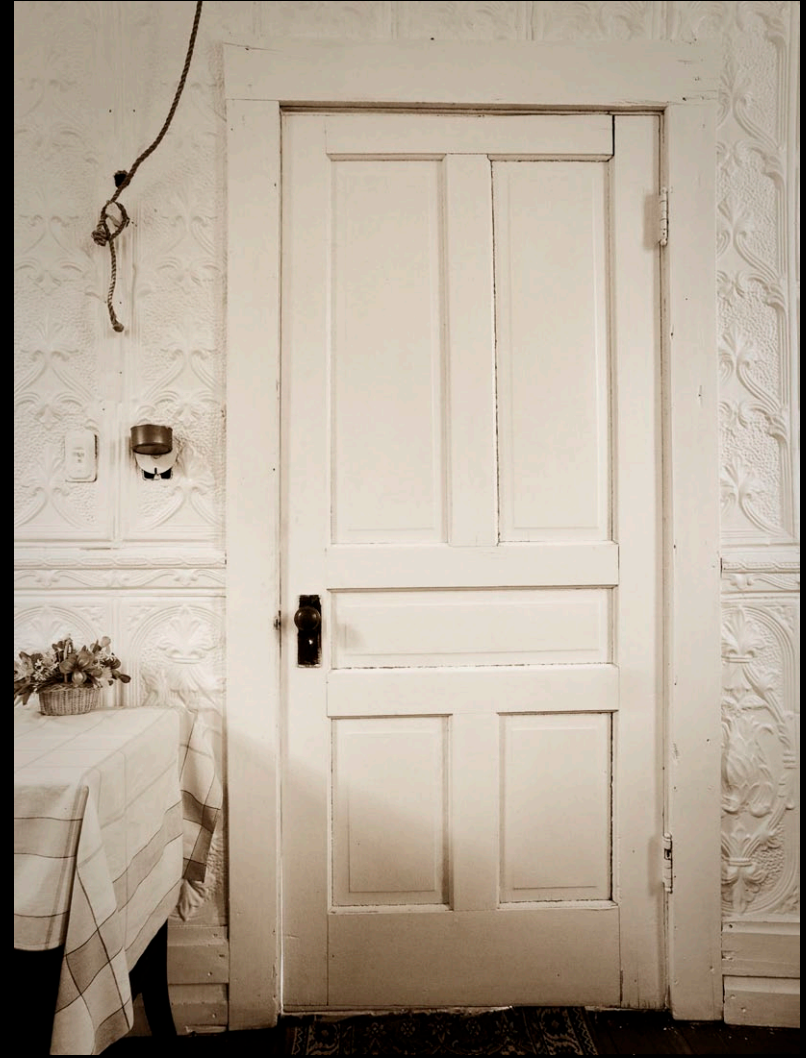












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