

Grace United Methodist Church



August 18, 2024 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship for 13th Sunday After Pentecost

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith
striving to share God's love with all.**

***Please Stand If You Are Able**

Opening Voluntary – “Ode To Joy” by Beethoven

Welcome/Greetings

*** Call to Worship**

L: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

P: God's wisdom calls us here.

L: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

P: Christ's love shows us the way.

L: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

P: the Spirit's presence gathers us together.

*** Opening Hymn #451 – “Be Thou My Vision”**

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*** Opening Prayer**

God of steadfast love, you granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. Amen.

Children's Message

Scriptures

Old Testament - 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

¹⁰ Then David lay down with his ancestors and was buried in David's City. ¹¹ He ruled over Israel forty years—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his royal power was well established. ³ Now Solomon loved the Lord by walking in the laws of his father David, with the exception that he also sacrificed and burned incense at the shrines. ⁴ The king went to the great shrine at Gibeon in order to sacrifice there. He used to offer a thousand entirely burned offerings on that altar. ⁵ The Lord appeared to Solomon at Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask whatever you wish, and I'll give it to you." ⁶ Solomon responded, "You showed so much kindness to your servant my father David when he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and with a heart true to you. You've kept this great loyalty and kindness for him and have now given him a son to sit on his throne. ⁷ And now, Lord my God, you have made me, your servant, king in my father David's place. But I'm young and inexperienced. I know next to nothing. ⁸ But I'm here, your servant, in the middle of the people you have chosen, a large population that can't be numbered or counted due to its vast size. ⁹ Please give your servant a discerning mind in order to govern your people and to distinguish good from evil, because no one is able to govern this important people of yours without your help." ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had made this request. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked for this instead of requesting long life, wealth, or victory over your enemies—asking for discernment so as to acquire good judgment— ¹² I will now do just what you said. Look, I hereby give you a wise and understanding mind. There has been no one like you before now, nor will there be anyone like you afterward. ¹³ I now also give you what you didn't ask for: wealth and fame. There won't be a king like you as long as you live. ¹⁴ And if you walk in my ways and obey my laws and commands, just as your father David did, then I will give you a very long life."

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel – John 6:51-58** (*Please stand if you are able*)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵² Then the Jews debated among themselves, asking, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ Jesus said to them, "I assure you, unless you eat the flesh of the Human One and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my

flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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*** Hymn before Message #127 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**
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Message – "Godly Living Leads to Blessed Living"

Pastor Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Source of wisdom and understanding, turn us from the folly that surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways. Fill us with your Spirit of power, and guard us from the selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy. Bless us with your Spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering new life in Christ.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

As we seek God's wisdom and guidance, let us share signs of fellowship and peace with one another this day.

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

We see God's work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God's covenant in moments of mercy and compassion. Let us be God's instruments in the world, as we collect today's offering.

Music Selection – "Bouree" by J.S. Bach played on violin by Kimberly Neri

* **Hymn No. 95** - Presentation of the Offering

* **Prayer of Dedication**

God of wisdom and understanding, your blessings surround us each day. We thank you for inspiring our actions and feeding our creativity. We praise you for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds. May these gifts go forth into your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn #454** – “Open My Eyes, That I May See” *OPEN MY EYES*

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary – “Minuet in G” by JS Bach

Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Debbie Nicosia
Liturgist/Reader: Dr. Tonia Ukanwoke	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Guest Musician: Jane Leslie	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



♥†Family of Kelena Kolotinskaya (Stan/husband, Natalya/daughter – friends of Debbielee Thomsen) ♥Rev. Carl Borden, Rev. Dorothy Sith Borden, George and Teddy Borden and Roberto Gallimore (friends of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Cecil and Carol Walker (friends of Barbara Woodford), ♥Veronica Stone (friend of Margo Morrison), ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen),♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Ciampi (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Suella Fredrick (friend of Lorna McKenzie), ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Elaine Treske,

♥Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Milly Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske). **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

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