

Grace United Methodist Church



August 25, 2024 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship for 14th 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

Welcome/Greetings

*** Call to Worship**

L: God is our sun and our shield.

P: God's glory shines upon us.

L: God is our strength and our hope.

P: God's faithfulness guides us.

L: God is our hope and our salvation.

P: God's love and mercy welcome us.

*** Opening Hymn #57 – "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

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*** Opening Prayer**

God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life, and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Glorious God of spirit and life, we long to look upon your face and live. We yearn to shine with your glory, despite our tarnished lives. We seek to stand firm and faithful, even when the storms of life threaten us. Lift us up with your mercy, that we may perceive your loving grace. Light our paths with your wisdom and strengthen us with your powerful Spirit, that we may follow you faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God is our sun and our shield. Christ is the bread of our lives. The Spirit is our strength and our power. In these truths, we are clothed with protection to live with justice, truth, and peace.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Clothed with the peace of God, led by the Prince of peace, strengthened by the Spirit of peace, share signs of peace and love with one another and with those we meet in the days ahead.

Baptism – Hymnal Pages 39-43 The Baptismal Covenant II

Leonardo Roberto Dupree

Born: August 24, 2023

Parents: Julianne DiSalvo and Eric Dupree

Godparents: Brittany Mauriello and Eddy Demadet

Children's Message

Pastor Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders of Israel, its leaders, judges, and officers. They presented themselves before God. ² Then Joshua said to the entire people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors lived on the other side of the Euphrates. They served other gods. Among them was Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor. ¹⁴ "So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose

today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord.”¹⁶ Then the people answered, “God forbid that we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods!”¹⁷ The Lord is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we’ve gone and in all the nations through which we’ve passed.¹⁸ The Lord has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

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

*** Gospel – John 6:56-69 (Please stand if you are able)**

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.” ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ Many of his disciples who heard this said, “This message is harsh. Who can hear it?” ⁶¹ Jesus knew that the disciples were grumbling about this and he said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² What if you were to see the Human One going up where he was before? ⁶³ The Spirit is the one who gives life and the flesh doesn’t help at all. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet some of you don’t believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning who wouldn’t believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He said, “For this reason I said to you that none can come to me unless the Father enables them to do so.” ⁶⁶ At this, many of his disciples turned away and no longer accompanied him. ⁶⁷ Jesus asked the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered, “Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are God’s holy one.”

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*** Hymn before Message #2129 – “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”** ASSAM
~The Faith We Sing Hymnal~

Message – “Counterfeit Gods”

Pastor Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

As God has welcomed us, so God invites us to welcome others with generous gifts and heartfelt love. May we share our offerings and gifts in this spirit of generosity and love.

Music Selection – "Morning Has Broken" a traditional Gaelic melody, arr. by Kevin McChesney ~Westminster Ringers~

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Bread of heaven, thank you for nourishing us with your mercy and your grace. Thank you for blessing us to be your disciples—disciples who share freely with your world. May our gifts and offerings become food and blessings for your world. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn #585** – "This Little Light of Mine"

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* **Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary

Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Marisa Pershad - Team 1
Liturgist/Reader: Kim Neri	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Westminster Ringers Bell Ensemble Director: Kim Neri	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett
Guest Musician: Jane Leslie	



♥†Family of Kelena Kolotinskaya (Stan/husband, Natalya/daughter – friends of Debbielee Thomsen) ♥Rev. Carl Borden, Rev. Dorothy Smith 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), ♥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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