

# Grace United Methodist Church



**October 13, 2024 - 10:00AM**

**Order of Worship for 21st 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**

**Choral Introit**

**\* Opening Hymn #92 – “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

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**\* Call to Worship**

L: Where do we turn when our cries go unanswered?

**P: Where do we turn when we feel forsaken and alone?**

L: We search for God before and behind us, but God is not there.

**P: We search for God above and beneath us, but come away empty.**

L: Yet even now, we will commit ourselves to God.

**P: Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.**

L: Come! Let us worship.

## **\*Opening Prayer**

**Elusive One, be near us in our need. For we are poured out like water and our hearts melt like wax within us. You have watched over us since our birth as a mother watches over her children. Come to us swiftly and be with us now, for the darkness threatens and the light fades. Help us in our weakness and touch us with your mercy and your grace. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**You set before us the ways of life and death, O God. Help us keep to your path when the road is hard and the cost seems high. We yearn to touch your perfect love, if only it didn't mean giving up our comfort and our privilege. We long to love you with perfect devotion, but we are loathe to alter our selfish ways. Lift us beyond the empty shells of our shut-up hearts and help us find our way home. For in your love, all things are possible. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

**L: Who can be saved?**

**P: With mortals, it is impossible.**

**L: But for God, all things are possible.**

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## **Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Christ sympathizes with us in our weakness and comes to us in our need. In gratitude for this great gift, let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

## **Children's Message**

Pastor Eumin Kim

## **Scriptures**

### **Old Testament – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord and live, or else God might rush like a fire against the house of Joseph. The fire will burn up Bethel, with no one to put it out. <sup>7</sup> Doom to you who turn justice into poison, and throw righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup> They hate the one who judges at the city gate, and they reject the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup> Truly, because you crush the weak, and because you tax their grain, you have

built houses of carved stone, but you won't live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you won't drink their wine. <sup>12</sup> I know how many are your crimes, and how numerous are your sins—afflicting the righteous, taking money on the side, turning away the poor who seek help. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, the one who is wise will keep silent in that time; it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of heavenly forces, will be with you just as you have said. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good, and establish justice at the city gate. Perhaps the Lord God of heavenly forces will be gracious to what is left of Joseph.

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

### **Gospel – Mark 10:17-31**

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*” <sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he responded, “I've kept all of these things since I was a boy.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup> Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!” <sup>24</sup> His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! <sup>25</sup> It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom.” <sup>26</sup> They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.” <sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, “Look, we've left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news <sup>30</sup> will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

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**\* Hymn before Sermon #473 – “Lead Me, Lord”**

*LEAD ME, LORD*

**Sermon – “What Are We Seeking After”**

Pastor Eumin Kim

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Tithes and Offering**

As God has gathered us together, let us join together to share our gifts with God’s people, that all may know they are all beloved children of God.

**Chancel Choir – “With A Voice of Singing” by Martin Shaw**

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

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Even when you seem far away, O God, you give us our daily bread and deliver us from evil. May the gifts we bring before you this day be signs of our gratitude for your gifts. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be vessels of your overflowing grace. Through these gifts, may others come to know the joy of your salvation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Closing Hymn #2153 – “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

*I’M GONNA LIVE*

**\* Dismissal with Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary – “A Beethoven Lullaby – Air on Ode to Joy” arr. by Brian Balmages**

~Violin Trio – Timothy Neri, Danny Neri and Kimberly Neri~

<b>Pastor:</b> Pastor Eumin Kim	<b>Counting Team:</b> Debbie Nicosia
<b>Liturgist/Reader:</b> Walter McKnight	<b>Ushers:</b> Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano and Mike Provenzano
<b>Chancel Choir –</b> Directed by Kim Neri	<b>Audio-Tech:</b> Brandon Gauntlett
<b>Guest Musician:</b> Jane Leslie	



♥†♦Daniel Gluck (father of Pat Panzarino), ♥Helen Phillip (mother of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Charles and Edie Zipperlen, ♥♦Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥♦Victims of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, ♥Priscilla Caparelli (friend of Kim Neri), ♥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), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥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), ♥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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