

Grace United Methodist Church



October 20, 2024 - 10:00AM

**Order of Worship for 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Laity Sunday**

**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 #145 – “Morning Has Broken”**

BUNESSAN

*** Call to Worship**

L: We are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, to walk humbly with God,
and serve one another.

P: As an expression of our faith, we answer that call in many ways.

L: Some are called to be preachers, others to be teachers.

P: Some are called to be comforters, others to be healers.

L: Some are called to lead, others to organize.

P: Some are called to sing; all are called to pray.

L: We give thanks for Laity Sunday and for the priesthood of all believers.

P: We affirm that we will use our skills, talents, and gifts to do God's work.

***Opening Prayer**

O Lord, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. He saw our needs and ministered to us in love. We thank you for calling us to follow in His footsteps. We ask you to work through us and help us always to work for You. Grant us strength and courage to serve Christ and others. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God, I stand before you equipped for every good work and not working. I haven't cared for the needy. I haven't told your truth or shared your word, and I have allowed your people to wander away. Forgive me Lord for my idleness. Help me to speak your word of faith, hope, and love as I work in ministry to glorify Your name.

Words of Assurance

Friends, Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Let us go out into the world as people made new by God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

As Christ came to serve, so now Christ invites us to serve one another with peace and love. Share signs of this service with words of peace and acts of love.

Children's Message

Pastor Eumin Kim

Westminster Ringers – “Morning Song” by Barbara Kinyon

Scriptures

Old Testament – Psalm 91:1-16

Living in the Most High's shelter, camping in the Almighty's shade, ²I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God—the one I trust!" ³God will save you from the hunter's trap and from deadly sickness. ⁴God will protect you with his pinions; you'll find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness is a protective shield. ⁵Don't be afraid of terrors at night, arrows that fly in daylight, ⁶or sickness that prowls in the dark, destruction that ravages at noontime. ⁷Even if one thousand people fall dead next to you, ten thousand right beside you—it won't happen to you. ⁸Just look with your eyes, and you will see the wicked punished. ⁹Because you've made the Lord my refuge, the Most High, your place of residence—¹⁰no evil will happen to you; no disease will come close to your tent. ¹¹Because he will order his messengers to help you, to protect you wherever you go. ¹²They will carry you with their own hands so you don't bruise your foot on a stone. ¹³You'll march on top of lions and vipers; you'll trample young lions and serpents underfoot. ¹⁴God says, "Because you are devoted to me, I'll rescue you.

I'll protect you because you know my name. ¹⁵ Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer. I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll save you and glorify you. ¹⁶ I'll fill you full with old age. I'll show you my salvation."

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

New Testament – Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is taken from the people and put in charge of things that relate to God for their sake, in order to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² The high priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and those who are misled since he himself is prone to weakness. ³ Because of his weakness, he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for the people. ⁴ No one takes this honor for themselves but takes it only when they are called by God, just like Aaron. ⁵ In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him, *You are my Son. Today I have become your Father*, ⁶ as he also says in another place, *You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek*. ⁷ During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. ⁹ After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. ¹⁰ He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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***Hymn before Message #357 – “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”**

WOODWORTH

Message – “Be all you can be”

Bob DiSalvo

“The Prayer of St. Francis” - UMH #481

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

In service and love, may we bring our hearts, our offerings, and our gifts to God and to God's church.

Chancel Choir – “Kum-Ba-Yah” an African Folk Song, arr. by Warren Amerman

***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 #672 – “God Be with You till We Meet Again”**

GOD BE WITH YOU

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary

<p>Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim</p> <p>Lay Leader: Bob DiSalvo</p> <p>Liturgist/Reader: Coleen Murray</p> <p>Chancel Choir: Directed by Kim Neri</p> <p>Westminster Ringers: Directed by Kim Neri</p>	<p>Counting Team: Everett Fitch</p> <p>Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano and Mike Provenzano</p> <p>Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett</p> <p>Guest Musician: Jane Leslie</p>
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♥† Family of Svetlana Hamlet, ♥† Daniel Gluck (father of Pat Panzarino), ♥† Family of 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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