

# Grace United Methodist Church



**October 27, 2024 - 10:00AM**  
**Order of Worship for 23rd Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Reformation 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** - Fugue #15 in G Major from The Well-Tempered Clavier,  
Book 2 by J.S. Bach

**Welcome/Greetings**

**Choral Introit**

**\* Opening Hymn #57 – “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

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**\* Call to Worship**

L: Magnify the Lord.

**P: Praise God's holy name.**

L: The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing.

**P: God transforms our suffering into songs of joy.**

L: God restores our fortunes when calamity strikes.

**P: Bless the Lord and praise God's holy name!**

## **\*Opening Prayer**

Source of healing and mercy, heed us when we cry out in our need. Give us the wisdom and the courage to accept the limits of our understanding, as Job did before us. Give us the confidence to sing your praises, even when fear and doubt darken our thoughts. Grant us your healing balm, O God, that we may be made well and follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of quiet mystery, we come looking for a blessing. We long to be counted among the wise, but often find ourselves among the foolish, speaking without knowledge. We yearn to be found among the righteous, but often travel with those who boast without cause. We desire to be instruments of your grace, but often meet genuine pain with empty words. As blind Bartimaeus before us, grant us the courage to cry out in our need, for you are ever drawing near to make us whole. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance**

Draw near to God in Christ, and God will draw near to you.

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

Even in our darkest hours when God seems far away, the grace and mercy of Christ are in our midst when we share greetings of peace in his name. Let us share these gifts with one another by passing the peace of Christ.

## **Children's Message**

Pastor Eumin Kim

## **Scriptures**

### **Old Testament – Psalm 126**

When the Lord changed Zion's circumstances for the better, it was like we had been dreaming. <sup>2</sup> Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter; our tongues were filled with joyful shouts. It was even said, at that time, among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them!" <sup>3</sup> Yes, the Lord has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed. <sup>4</sup> Lord, change our circumstances for the better, like dry streams in the desert waste! <sup>5</sup> Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts. <sup>6</sup> Let those who go out, crying and carrying their seed, come home with joyful shouts, carrying bales of grain!

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

### **Gospel – Mark 10: 46 - 52**

<sup>46</sup> Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" <sup>48</sup> Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward." They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you." <sup>50</sup> Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

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**\* Hymn before Message #2064 – "O Lord, You're Beautiful" *BEAUTIFUL***

**Message – "Changing Everything For The Better" *Pastor Kim***

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation to Tithes and Offering**

Bring your dreams, bring your visions, bring your prayers, bring your presence, bring your gifts, and bring your witness. All of these offerings are blessings to God.

**Chancel Choir – "The Prayer of St. Francis"**

~(composed in memory of Pastor Warren Beaven's father)~

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

### **\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Mighty God, as you restore sight to the blind and healing to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer. May our gifts find those who cry out in need and who seek you with receptive hearts. Amen.**


\* **Closing Hymn #706** – “Soon and Very Soon”

VERY SOON

\* **Dismissal with Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary** - Prelude #15 in G Major, from The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2 by J.S. Bach

<b>Pastor:</b> Pastor Eumin Kim	<b>Counting Team:</b> Debbie Nicosia
<b>Liturgist/Reader:</b> Eula Campbell	<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> Leonard Lehrman	

 ♥†♦Family of Svetlana Hamlet, ♥♦Yeari Kim, ♥†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), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Jennifer LaRoche (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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