

Grace United Methodist Church



November 10, 2024 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship for 25th 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 – “Prelude and Fugue in G Major”
~BWV 557 by J. S. Bach (spurious)~**

Choral Introit

*** Opening Hymn #189 – “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

ST. ELIZABETH

*** Call to Worship**

L: Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

P: Build us into a spiritual house, O God, and we will be a holy people.

L: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guards keep watch in vain.

P: Guard our hearts and minds, that we may walk in your ways.

L: Unless the Lord is the center of our worship, our words and praise are in vain.

P: Here and now, Holy One, may we taste eternity.

***Opening Prayer**

God of infinite possibilities, when the world says, “No,” you say, “Yes!” The world warns against marrying foreigners, but you transform honest love into a blessing for all people. The world lauds the industry of the rich, but you cherish the sacrifice of the poor. Build us into a household of love and guard the walls of our spirit, that we may remain strong in service to one another. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Seer, we long to perceive ourselves as you see us. We yearn to look through your eyes and envision who you created us to be. Help us love ourselves, that we may truly love others. Help us give freely from our bounty, that we may rejoice in the gifts of others, even when they seem small by comparison. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Even the smallest gift is precious to God when we share what little we have to give. Even the smallest gesture is holy in God’s sight when it is offered with great love. Rejoice, God is building us into a spiritual house, a house of infinite worth.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

God is building our lives into a spiritual house of love, hope, and blessing. Let us rejoice in God, our builder, as we share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

Children’s Message

Pastor Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ The Lord’s word came to Elijah: ⁹ Get up and go to Zarephath near Sidon and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to take care of you. ¹⁰ Elijah left and went to Zarephath. As he came to the town gate, he saw a widow collecting sticks. He called out to her, “Please get a little water for me in this cup so I can drink.” ¹¹ She went to get some water. He then said to her, “Please get me a piece of bread.” ¹² “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any food; only a handful of flour in a jar and a bit of oil in a bottle. Look at me. I’m collecting two sticks so that I can make some food for myself and my son. We’ll eat the last of the food and then die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go and do what you said. Only make a little loaf of bread for me first. Then bring it to me. You can make something for yourself and your son after that. ¹⁴ This is what Israel’s God, the Lord, says: The jar of flour won’t decrease and the bottle of oil won’t run out until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ The widow went and did what

Elijah said. So the widow, Elijah, and the widow's household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour didn't decrease nor did the bottle of oil run out, just as the Lord spoke through Elijah.

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Gospel – Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. ³⁹ They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. ⁴⁰ They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly." ⁴¹ Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. ⁴² One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. ⁴³ Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. ⁴⁴ All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

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*** Hymn before Message #467 – "Trust and Obey"**

TRUST AND OBEY

Message – "Costly Sacrifice, Rich Reward"

Pastor Kim

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

Let us share the love we receive from God with others, through the gifts we give this morning.

Chancel Choir – "As the Sun Doth Daily Rise"

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Free our hearts, gracious God, that your great purposes may work through our love, as they did for Naomi and Ruth before us. Multiply our gifts, Holy One, that all people may be built into a spiritual house—a house that no one can bring down. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #2242 - “Walk With Me”**

GLASER

~The Faith We Sing Hymnal~

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary – Voluntary VII, “Litany”, Op. 26, No. 7
~by Drew Banzhoff~

Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Marisa Pershad
Liturgist/Reader: Anthony Heyward	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano and Mike Provenzano
Chancel Choir: Directed by Kim Neri	
Guest Musician: Drew Banzhoff	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



♥†Family of Svetlana Hamlet, ♥Yeari Kim, ♥†Daniel Gluck (father of Pat Panzarino), ♥†Family of Helen Phillip (mother of Eleanor Phillip), ♥♦Jasmin Whittaker, ♥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), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥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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