

## Grace United Methodist Church



**November 17, 2024 - 10:00AM**

**Order of Worship for 26th 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 #314 – “In the Garden”**

*GARDEN*

**\* Call to Worship**

L: We approach the God of grace and glory,

**P: who has called us to worship this day.**

L: We arrive from the chaos of our world

**P: into the clarity of God's presence.**

L: We leave the struggles of our lives

**P: to embrace the power of God's love.**

L: May this hour bring us courage

**P: and a time to strengthen our faith.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

**Great and mighty God, open our hearts to the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Open our minds to the wisdom of your Word. Help us run the race of life  
with faithful perseverance and with steadfast love. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, hear the anguish of our hearts. Comfort us when our souls feel barren, shriveled, and lifeless. Strengthen us when we feel lost and alone. Heal us when we hurt and misuse ourselves and others. Guide us into your strong arms of love, that we may receive your gracious mercy and rest in your powerful love. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Hold onto hope, for God is faithful and true. The promise of love is ours, through the grace of Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!

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

As you share signs of peace, spark acts of love and good deeds everywhere you go.

## **Children's Message**

Pastor Eumin Kim

## **Scriptures**

### **Old Testament – 1 Samuel 1:4-20**

4 Whenever he sacrificed, Elkanah would give parts of the sacrifice to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But he would give only one part of it to Hannah, though he loved her, because the Lord had kept her from conceiving. 6 And because the Lord had kept Hannah from conceiving, her rival would make fun of her mercilessly, just to bother her. 7 So that is what took place year after year. Whenever Hannah went to the Lord's house, Peninnah would make fun of her. Then she would cry and wouldn't eat anything. 8 "Hannah, why are you crying?" her husband Elkanah would say to her. "Why won't you eat? Why are you so sad? Aren't I worth more to you than ten sons?" 9 One time, after eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah got up and presented herself before the Lord. (Now Eli the priest was sitting in the chair by the doorpost of the Lord's temple.) 10 Hannah was very upset and couldn't stop crying as she prayed to the Lord. 11 Then she made this promise: "Lord of heavenly forces, just look at your servant's pain and remember me! Don't forget your servant! Give her a boy! Then I'll give him to the Lord for his entire life. No razor will ever touch his head." 12 As she kept praying before the Lord, Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now Hannah was praying in her heart; her lips were moving, but her voice was silent, so Eli thought she was drunk. 14 "How long will you act like a drunk? Sober up!"

Eli told her. 15 “No sir!” Hannah replied. “I’m just a very sad woman. I haven’t had any wine or beer but have been pouring out my heart to the Lord. 16 Don’t think your servant is some good-for-nothing woman. This whole time I’ve been praying out of my great worry and trouble!” 17 Eli responded, “Then go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you’ve asked from him.” 18 “Please think well of me, your servant,” Hannah said. Then the woman went on her way, ate some food, and wasn’t sad any longer. 19 They got up early the next morning and worshipped the Lord. Then they went back home to Ramah. Elkanah had sex with his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. 20 So in the course of time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which means “I asked the Lord for him.”

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

### **Gospel – Luke 18:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. <sup>2</sup> He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, ‘Give me justice in this case against my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don’t fear God or respect people, <sup>5</sup> but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me.” <sup>6</sup> The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> Won’t God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?”

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

**\*Hymn before Message #526 – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

*CONVERSE*

**Sermon – “Praying with Passion, Persistence, and with Promises”**  
Pastor Eumin Kim

**Lord’s Prayer**

## **Invitation to Tithes and Offering**

God doesn't ask us to give our first-born child or the last cent we own. God asks for hearts of generosity and gifts lovingly given. Out of gratitude for God's trustworthy love and generous gifts, let us return gifts of gratitude to God.

**Chancel Choir** – "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. by John Ness Beck

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

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Faithful and loving God, thank you for blessing us and our world in so many amazing ways. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness for all the world to know. Amen.**

\* **Closing Hymn #374** – "Standing on the Promises"

*PROMISES*

\* **Dismissal with Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary**

<b>Pastor:</b> Pastor Eumin Kim	<b>Counting Team:</b> Debbie Nicosia
<b>Liturgist/Reader:</b> Coleen Murray	<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> Drew Banzhoff	



♥Yeari Kim, ♥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

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**21 South Franklin Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580**

**Church Phone Number: 516/825-1182; Church E-mail: [GraceVSNY@aol.com](mailto:GraceVSNY@aol.com)**

**Pastor Eumin Kim**