

# Grace United Methodist Church



**May 11, 2025 - 10:00 AM**

## **Order of Worship 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day**

**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 – "HYFRYDOL"**

**Welcome/Greetings**

**Choral Introit**

### ***\* Call to Worship***

**L:** The God of love and grace invites us in.

**P: Blessed be the God of love!**

**L:** The God of power and might welcomes us here.

**P: Glory to God on high!**

**L:** The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

**P: Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!**

### ***\* Opening Hymn #384 – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"***

*BEECHER*

### ***\* Opening Prayer***

**Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship. Help us receive your wisdom and respond with lives of faithful discipleship. Walk closely with us and help us feel your constant presence, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

## **Westminster Ringers - "Shenandoah"**

a traditional American Folk Tune arr. by Hal H. Hopson

### **Mother's Day Prayer**

**For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.**

**For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.**

**For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord.**

**For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord.**

**Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

Rev. Eumin Kim

(Children will pass out flowers to all women. They will then go across the street to Church School.)

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of love and grace, we yearn for a world where love and grace guide our steps and bless our days. We dream of families and communities led by love and guided by grace. Yet, division, danger, and death interrupt our dreams and dampen our hopes for our lives. Comfort us in our sorrow. Heal us in our troubles. Protect us in this dangerous world. Unify us with your love and grace, that we might offer your abundant love and amazing grace, everywhere we go. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

**In God's love, we are held. In Christ's grace, we are forgiven. In the Spirit's power, we are strengthened. Give thanks for these marvelous gifts.**

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

**As we have been blessed with God's love and grace, may we bless one another by sharing signs of Christ's peace.**

## **Scriptures**

### **Old Testament - Psalm 23** (New International Version – NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

### **\* Gospel – John 10:22-30** (New International Version – NIV)

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

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### **\* Hymn before Message #314 – "In the Garden"**

*GARDEN*

### **Message – "Hearing the Voice of the Good Shepherd"**

Rev. Eumin Kim

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer and Choral Response**

## **Invitation to Tithes and Offering**

As we prepare for this time of offering, may God open our hearts with love and touch our lives with generosity.

## **Choral Selection – "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" arr. by Ivan Trusler**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen**

**\*Closing Hymn #381 – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

*BRADBURY*

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary - "DIX"**     *(Please remain seated for the Closing Voluntary)*

***HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY***



<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Eumin Kim  <b>Liturgist/Reader:</b> Pat Eshun  <b>Music Director:</b> Drew Banzhoff  <b>Director of Westminster Ringers:</b> Kim Neri	<b>Counting Team:</b> Debbie Nicosia  <b>Ushers:</b> Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano  <b>Audio-Tech:</b> Brandon Gauntlett
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♥Marianne Pike, ♥Jerry Noble (Tom Noble's dad), ♥Lionel Brown, ♥Chris Ukanwoke, ♥Diane Vitacco, ♥Heather Manning (friend of Kim Neri), ♥SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥Edie Zipperlen, ♥Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Cecil and Carol Walker (friends of Barbara Woodford), ♥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, ♥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, ♥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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