

Grace United Methodist Church



May 18, 2025 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship - 5th Sunday of Easter

**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 - "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
by John Wyeth, arr by Susan Berry and Janet Von Valey
~Westminster Ringers~

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Call to Worship**

L: The One who loves without distinction calls us here.

P: They will know we are Christians by our love.

L: The One who loves us completely welcomes us home.

P: They will know we are Christians by our love.

L: The One who loves us well rejoices in our presence.

P: They will know we are Christians by our love.

***Opening Hymn #111 – “How Can We Name a Love”**

TERRA BEATA

***Opening Prayer**

Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world. You love us like a mother and protect us like a father. You restore our lives and claim us as your beloved children in a world made new. Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another, as you have loved us. Amen

Prayer of Confession

Teach our hearts to love, O God, as you would have us love. Train our eyes to see, Holy One, as you would have us see. For we yearn to love without prejudice and accept others without judgment. Make your home among us, for we long to be made one and whole. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The One who made heaven and earth is with us, bringing love and life. The Lord our God is among us now, renewing us in faithful love.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Look with the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may see one another as God sees you. Share the wonder of the vision before you, as you exchange signs of Christ's peace.

Baptism – Hymnal Pages 39-43 The Baptismal Covenant II

Luke Jonah Hartmann

Born: August 8, 2024

Parents: Michelle Arias and James Hartmann

Godparents: Alicia Respoli and Alexander Hartmann

Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

New Testament – Acts 11:1-18 (New International Version)

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked

into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' ⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. ¹¹ "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' ¹⁵ "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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

*** Gospel – John 13:31-35** (New International Version)

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

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*** Hymn before Message #2223**

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

ST. BRENDAN'S

Message – "They Will Know Us by Our Love"

Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

If we truly believed God dwells among us, would we live differently? Would we love differently? Would we give differently? Truly I tell you, God dwells among us even now. Let us share our faith and our love accordingly, as we collect this morning's offering.

Choral Selection – "The Peace of God" by John Rutter

* Hymn No. 95 - Presentation of the Offering

* Prayer of Dedication

God of mystery, you promise us a life of blessedness, if only we would learn to love, as you have loved us. May the gifts we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to love one another well. Amen.

* Closing Hymn #547 – "O Church of God, United"

ELLACOMBE

* Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary - "Canon in D" by Johann Pachelbel

~~a violin duet played by Kimberly and Timothy Neri~~

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Everett Fitch
Liturgist/Reader: Kim Neri	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Director of Westminster Ringers: Kim Neri	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett
Guest Musician: Jane Leslie	



♥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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