

Grace United Methodist Church



May 25, 2025 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship 6th 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 - "Amazing Grace" attr. William Walker

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #428 – "For the Healing of the Nations"**

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***Call to Worship**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

P: Let all the peoples praise you.

L: Let all nations be glad and sing for joy.

P: For you judge the peoples with justice and truth.

L: Let the ends of the earth revere you, Holy One.

P: For you bless your people with peace and hope.

***Opening Prayer**

Guiding Spirit, you come to us in visions and dreams, showing us possibilities beyond our waking reality. Open our hearts this day, that we might understand Christ's teaching and share his presence with others.

Guide our footsteps on our journeys, that we might go where you send us and share your message of love and peace with the world. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of love, help us keep your word and love others as we ought. For we long to let go of our suffering and offer forgiveness to those we have shut out of our hearts. Send your Advocate to us once more, that we may feel Christ's promised peace and the release it brings. May it be so, O God. May it be so.

Words of Assurance

The One who is faithful will wipe away every tear and make all things new. Walk in the light of the Lamb, in whom there is no darkness at all. Receive grace from the one who brings us peace.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

When Christ was about to depart this life, he promised to send the Advocate, who would bring us peace, take away our fears, and lead us into truth. Let us share signs of this peace and this promise, as we pass the peace of Christ.

Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

New Testament – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 (New International Version – NIV)

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. **22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will

be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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

*** Gospel – John 5:1-9 (New International Version – NIV)**

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁴ From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

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*** Hymn before Message #2203 – “In His Time” (Sing twice) GOD’S TIME**

Message – “Light and Life”

Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

As we collect today’s offering, may our gifts help wipe away one another’s tears, even as we anticipate the time when God will dwell among us, wiping away every tear.

Choral Selection – “O Magnify the Lord” by Camille Saint-Saëns

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Receive our praise, O God, for the bounty of your love. You cause the earth to yield food to satisfy the hungry. You send rain upon the earth to give drink to the thirsty. You shine light into our darkness to show us the way. Bless the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may touch the world with your love. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #519 – “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - “Variations on ‘John Brown’” traditional American tune
(Please remain seated for the Closing Voluntary)

~~*Flowers* have been given today in loving honor of Joseph Eshun’s Birthday from Pat and Ekow Eshun.~~

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Debbie Nicosia
Liturgist/Reader: Ekow Eshun	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Director of Music: Drew Banzhoff	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



♥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, ♥Debbielee Thomsen, ♥Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥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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