

Grace United Methodist Church



July 20, 2025 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship – 6th 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 - "Dans une douce joie" by Jean Langlais

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #351 – “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

PASS ME NOT

***Call to Worship**

L: We come into God's presence,

P: like green olive trees in the house of God.

L: We drink deep from the waters of life,

P: like young saplings in the courtyard of the Lord.

L: We ripen in the light of God,

P: like the fruit of God's vineyard.

L: Come! Let us worship.

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, your presence in our lives is like a green olive tree—a joy to the heart and a blessing to the spirit. Your movement in our midst is like a basket of summer fruit—a delight to the eye and a pleasure to the tongue. Speak to us your words of life, that we may sit at your feet and know that we are yours. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

When the winds of life buffet us, O God, we need your hand to hold us and your love to make us whole. Speak words of peace to our aching hearts, that we might find the courage to embrace the fullness of life you place before us. Correct our sight when our vision fades, and lead in right paths when we lose our way. Amen.

Words of Assurance

There is no condemnation in Christ. In his mercy, we are united and reconciled with God. Rejoice that we find abundant life in his name.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

In Christ, we find peace, a gift beyond price, as we are reconciled to God. Let us share this precious gift with one another in joy and thanksgiving, as we pass the peace of Christ with one another.

Scriptures

Old Testament Reading – Amos 8 1-12

(New International Version)

This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. ²“What do you see, Amos?” he asked. “A basket of ripe fruit,” I answered. Then the Lord said to me, “The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ³“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!” ⁴Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, ⁶buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. ⁷The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done. ⁸“Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt. ⁹“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰I will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make

that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹² People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.

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

*** Gospel Reading - Luke 10:38-42** (New International Version)

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” ⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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*** Hymn before Message #405 – “Seek Ye First”** *SEEK YE*

Message – “Reputation is Man Made, Character is Spirit Made”
Andrea Owen-Boyd

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

On this day of joy and light, give with a heart of thanksgiving as a symbol of your love and faithfulness to God. Give from your abundance in order to extend Christ’s love to a weary world.

Anthem – “The King of Love my Shepherd Is” by Harry Rowe Shelley
~Performed by Robert DiSalvo, Pat Eshun, Victor Mensah and Kim Neri~

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, like baskets of summer fruit, you fill our lives to overflowing. May the offering we return to you this day reflect our gratitude for your many blessings. May they show our commitment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through your goodness and the sharing of these gifts, may the world come to know the richness of your love. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #140 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

FAITHFULNESS

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - "Revive Us Again" arranged by Larry Shackley

(Please remain seated for the Closing Voluntary)

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| Message Given By: Andrea Owen-Boyd | Counting Team: Debbie Nicosia |
| Liturgist/Reader: Pat Eshun | Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano |
| Director of Music: Drew Banzhoff | Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett |



♥George and Jeanne Simmons, ♥Al Williams, his wife Cheryl and family (friends of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Maudlyn Scarlett, ♥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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