#### **Grace United Methodist Church**



# August 10, 2025 - 10:00AM Order of Worship – 9th 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 - "Lied" by Gordon Young

Welcome/Greetings

**Choral Introit** 

\*Opening Hymn # 462 – "'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus" TRUST IN JESUS

# \*Call to Worship

L: From the rising to the setting sun,

P: God summons us.

L: In the perfect beauty all around us,

P: God brightens our hearts.

L: When we worship with acts of love and mercy,

P: God is pleased to give us the kingdom.

L: Come! Let justice and righteousness be our worship.

# \*Opening Prayer

Mighty God, dress us for action, for the world is in need of our care. Turn us from our selfish ways and help us share the fat of this good land. For when we refuse and rebel, we reap what we have sown. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us. Heal us day, and may it be your good pleasure to give us the kingdom. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

When our prayers and devotions are divorced from works of love and justice, we long to return to your ways. Wash us with your grace and mercy and help us store up treasure in heaven where neither thief nor moth destroy. Remove the evil we harbor in our hearts, and transform our selfish deeds into acts of righteousness. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

#### **Words of Assurance**

Don't be afraid, little flock. God delights in giving us the kingdom.

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

It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. Let us share this treasure with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

## Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

#### **Scriptures**

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 15:1-6 (New International Version)
After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

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

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. <sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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\*Hymn before the Sermon #2196 – "We Walk By Faith" MARTYRDOM ~The Faith We Sing Hymnal~

Sermon - "Living By Faith and Not by Sight"

Rev. Eumin Kim

## **Pastoral Prayer**

#### Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Tithes and Offering

Where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. Let us bring the treasure of our love.

**Anthem -** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (DENNIS)

\*Hymn No. 95 - Presentation of the Offering

## \*Prayer of Dedication

God of grace and God of glory, transform these gifts into vessels of your love and mercy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may our offering bring treasure from above. May these gifts bring justice and righteousness to your children everywhere. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn # 130 – "God Will Take Care of You"

**MARTIN** 

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary - "Ricercare on 'ST. ANNE" by Gordon Young

(Please remain seated for the Closing Voluntary)

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim

Liturgist/Reader: Eula Campbell

**Director of Music:** Drew Banzhoff

**Counting Team:** Everett Fitch

Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol

Provenzano, Michael Provenzano

Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett

♣♥♦Barbara Woodford, ♥Pat Panzarino, ♥Sonia Elliott, ♥Amanda Brown (Naomi Brown's mother), ♥Diane Rutledge (Naomi Brown's aunt), ♥George and Jeanne Simmons, ♥Al Williams, his wife Cheryl and family (friends of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Maudlyn Scarlett, ♥Marianne Pike, ♥All the victims/survivors of the horrendous floods in Texas, ♥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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