

Grace United Methodist Church



August 17, 2025 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship – 10th 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 - "VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS"

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #77 – "How Great Thou Art"**

HOW GREAT THOU ART

***Call to Worship**

L: Give ear, God of all people.

P: **Stir up your strength and deliver us!**

L: Once you rescued your children from bondage.

P: **Now, set your people free.**

L: Look down from heaven, God of hosts.

P: **Turn to us anew and see us in our need.**

L: Restore us, God of Creation.

P: **Let your face shine upon us.**

L: May our suffering cease.

P: **May all your children be saved.**

***Opening Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and songs of praise. We join voices from ancient times, that placed their trust in you in days of joy or pain. Inspire us in this hour, that we may never surrender to despair. Renew in us enduring faith, even as we join eternally in song. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We give thanks, Precious Lord, that your love casts out fear, that your life transcends death itself. You simply ask that we maintain a posture of faith, with eyes open to the future you will bring. Forgive us when we pre-judge where we will, or will not, see you. We decide too soon whom we will listen to and whom we will dismiss. Forgive us; awaken us; restore our faith in you, that we may find new faith in ourselves and in the neighbors we meet. Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: By faith, we have been saved through faith. This is not our own doing; it is the gift of God. In the name of Christ you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Let us speak with words of love and with gestures of peace, as we share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 23:23-29 (New International Version)

²³ “Am I only a God nearby,” declares the Lord, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the Lord. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord. ²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the Lord. ²⁹ “Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

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

*** Gospel Reading – Luke 12:49-56 (New International Version)**

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son

and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”
⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

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

*** Hymn before the Sermon #2173 - “Shine Jesus Shine”**
~The Faith We Sing Hymnal~

Sermon – “God’s Word Like Fire”

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 - “Who Is on the Lord’s Side”

(ARMAGEDDON)

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Yet how good it is to see living acts of faith in Christ’s church and its people. Bless, O Lord, the offerings we give, that others may know your love, and come to trust your provision and peace. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn #364 – “Because He Lives”**

RESURRECTION

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - “EBENEZER”

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Marisa Pershad
Liturgist/Reader: Coleen Murray	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Director of Music: Drew Banzhoff	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



♥♦Family of Teresa Maame Duku Graham (sister of Pat Eshun), ♥♦Kalli Medina (student of Naomi Brown), ♥♦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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