

Grace United Methodist Church



September 28, 2025 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship – 16th Sunday after Pentecost / UWF Sunday

**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 - "Prelude in E-flat" by Maxim Urban

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

*** Opening Hymn #98 – “To God Be the Glory”**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*** Call to Worship**

L: Lord our God, we give thanks for the witness of bold women as we celebrate United Women in Faith Sunday. In early times, today and into the future, bold women show us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation. We are called to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures. Together, we say:

P: Thank you, God!

L: Each of us has been surrounded by courageous women on our faith journeys. We remember and give thanks for the women who have taught us, prayed for us, held us, and picked us up.

P: Thank you, God!

L: Thank you, God, for the witness of all bold women yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We praise you for their witness to your love and mercy. Strengthen us to serve you and our neighbor with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

P: Thank you, God! Alleluia, Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, we lift our hands and hearts in celebration of your work in the lives of your gathered people. We celebrate the special blessing of United Women in Faith today. We gratefully acknowledge your mercy reflected in the life of *Esther, Ruth and Mary Magdalene*, and so many other phenomenal women, which has given the women of today an empowering word to uplift, a divine calling to fulfill, and a Holy God to glorify. Where women have grown weary, sad, or uninvolved, we ask that you would rekindle the fire once again, that we may walk and work in a way that blesses humanity and pleases you. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin. We allow the gospel to go stale, and hide the light you have given. Forgive us; give us grace. By the renewing gifts of your Spirit inspire and empower us again to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words of Assurance

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace of Christ

God has flavored our lives with mercy and love. May we flavor this community with these gifts as we share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

Children's Message

Kim Neri

United Women in Faith

Katherine Perkins and Andrea Owen-Boyd

Scriptures

Old Testament – Psalm 91:1-6 (NIV)

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ³Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. ⁵You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

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

Old Testament – Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (NIV)

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ² The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah. ³ Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.’” ⁶ Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’” ⁸ “Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’” “I knew that this was the word of the Lord; ⁹ so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. ¹¹ I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy— ¹² and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard. ¹³ “In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: ¹⁴ ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. ¹⁵ For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

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

*** Hymn before the Sermon #2050 – “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”**

The Faith We Sing Hymnal

MARYTON

Sermon – “Trusting in God’s Plans”

Rev. Prumeh Lee

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

As we have offered our prayers and our praise to God, now may we offer our gifts and our tithes for a world in need of our church and our ministry.

Anthem – "We Gather Together" by John Ness Beck

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

As you have blessed us, gracious God, bless the gifts we return to you now. May our tithes and offerings bless your world with love and salt your world with peace. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn #147 – "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK**

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE

(Please remain seated for the Closing Voluntary)

Pastors: Rev. Eumin Kim Rev. Prumeh Lee	Counting Team: Debbie Nicosia
Liturgist/Reader: Andrea Owen-Boyd	Ushers: Carol Provenzano, Eulalee Murray, Eula Campbell, Allison Wilson-LaVoie
Director of Music: Drew Banzhoff	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



♥Kalli Medina (student of Naomi Brown), ♥Barbara Woodford, ♥Pat Panzarino, ♥Sonia Elliott, ♥Family of Darreyl Avery Johnson, ♥Amanda Brown (Naomi Brown's mother), ♥Diane Rutledge (Naomi Brown's aunt), ♥George and Jeanne Simmons, ♥Maudlyn Scarlett, ♥Marianne and Don 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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