

Grace United Methodist Church



May 10, 2026 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship – 6th Sunday of Easter, Mother’s Day and Music 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 – Brass Duet ~Drew Banzhoff and Danny Neri~

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit - "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi ~Chancel Choir~

*** Opening Hymn #92 - “For the Beauty of the Earth”** *DIX*

Call to Worship

L: Gather us in, O God.
P: Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.
L: Bring us into your presence, Holy One.
P: From suffering and pain, save us.
L: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.
P: On the highways of life, guide us.
L: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.
P: As we worship this day, lead us home.

*** Opening Prayer**

Holy flame, burn away our fears and regrets, that our spirits may shine like burnished gold. Refiner’s Fire, purify our lives like precious silver, that our hearts may glow with holy love. Forger of truth, mold us into vessels of compassion, that our lives may reveal your glory. Amen.

Westminster Ringers – “Carillon for a Joyous Day” by Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer of Confession

Fulfiller of our lives, we yearn to embody your commandment of love and pursue what we know is right. We long to ease the plight of others, even as we seek our own comfort. Nurture our hope this day, as we fulfill your commandment of love, that we may live as your children and abide in your Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Even when we are tested by the refiner’s fire, God brings us to a place of laughter and light on the other side of our trials. The Advocate meets us in our suffering and heals us in holy love.

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

🙏♥️‡♦️Daniel Coker (cousin of Stone family), ♥️♦️Rich Reidel (friend of Kim Neri), ♥️Juliette Alexander and family (sister of Lorna McKenzie), ♥️John Reirdon (friend of Bob DiSalvo), ♥️Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥️Barbara Melzer, ♥️Carmela Stockmann (mom of Donna Hartmann), ♥️Naomi Brown, ♥️Anthony Nicosia (stepson of Debbie Nicosia), ♥️Lisa Becker, ♥️Bill Smyth, ♥️Steve Savarese, ♥️Rhoda Lankins and Roosevelt Lankins, ♥️Juana Fernandez (mother of Marisa Pershad), ♥️Barbara Woodford, ♥️Pat Panzarino, ♥️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, ♥️Diane Vitacco, ♥️SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥️Edie Zipperlen, ♥️Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥️Manny Kurz, ♥️Debbielee Thomsen, ♥️Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥️Carol Whyte, ♥️Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥️David Biegler, ♥️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). ‡ - Death in family, ♦️ - New entry



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Passing of the Peace of Christ

On the other side of trials, rest in the sanctuary of God's healing love. Come, let us share the peace of Christ with one another—the peace promised through the Holy Spirit.

“**A Mother's Love**” by Jim Brickman

~Danny Neri and Timothy Neri~

Mother's Day Prayer

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord. For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord. For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord. Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message (*MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS*)

Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – 1 Samuel 1:10-11, 19-20, 24-28 (New International Version – NIV)

¹⁰In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. ¹¹And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.” ¹⁹Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.” ²⁴After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. ²⁵When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. ²⁷I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.” And he worshiped the Lord there.

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

“**The Spacious Firmament**” by Franz Joseph Haydn

~Quintet – Esther Richardson, Soprano – Kimberly Neri, Alto – Danny Neri, Tenor – Bob DiSalvo, Victor Mensah – Basses~

* Gospel Reading - Mark 10:28-31 (NIV)

²⁸Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” ²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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* **Hymn before Sermon #2164** - “Sanctuary” (Sing Three Times)
The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Sermon – “Thanking God for Our Spiritual Mothers”

Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

We are called to be more than hearers of the word, but doers of the word as well. Let us fulfill this calling by sharing God's love and concern with the world.

Chancel Choir – “A Musicians Prayer” by Charles Callahan

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Refiner's fire, you purify us and wash us in the waters of our baptism. In gratitude and thanksgiving, we return these gifts to you now, that they may bring hope and light to a world in need. Amen.

Westminster Ringers – “I've Got Peace Like a River”, Traditional, arr. by Tammy Waldrop

* **Closing Hymn #408** - “The Gift of Love”

GIFT OF LOVE

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - “Symphony for Organ No. 5 in f minor, Op. 42, No. 1 - V. Toccata”
by Charles-Marie Widor

Thank you to Drew and Kim for putting together this beautiful music for Mother's Day.

Chancel Choir Members: Bob DiSalvo, Patricia Eshun, Coleen Murray, Danny Neri, Kimberly Neri, Timothy Neri, Esther Richardson and Enid Simpson

Westminster Ringers: Drew Banzhoff, Bob DiSalvo, Julie DiSalvo, Theresa DiSalvo, Tom Littman, Danny Neri, Kimberly Neri (Director), Timothy Neri, Esther Richardson, Jane Schrieber