

**Grace United Methodist Church**



**May 17, 2026 - 10:00AM**

**Order of Worship – 7th Sunday of Easter and Ascension 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 B-flat Major, BWV 560" by J. S. Bach (spurious)**  
**Welcome/Greetings**  
**Choral Introit**

**\*Opening Hymn #77 - "How Great Thou Art"**

*HOW GREAT THOU ART*

**Call to Worship**

L: Look to the heavens, people of God.  
**P: See the power of the Most High God.**  
L: Christ ascends to heaven in glory.  
**P: Shout to God with cries of joy.**  
L: Clap your hand, children of Love incarnate.  
**P: Sing praises to God, our king.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God, Most High, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you. Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit, and open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power on high. Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we yearn for the promise of your glorious inheritance, but settle for less. We long to see with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we might aspire to the glories of Christ above. Teach us anew to wait for your Holy Spirit, that we may be clothed with power on high. In the name of the one who ascended to heaven to show us the way to live here on earth, we pray. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

Wait in patient for God’s Spirit. Wait in longing for the hope to which we are called. God will fill us with Christ’s glorious Spirit and clothe us with power on high.

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| <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Eumin Kim           | <b>Counting Team:</b> Debbie Nicosia                                  |
| <b>Liturgist/Reader:</b> Coleen Murray  | <b>Ushers:</b> Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano,<br>Michael Provenzano |
| <b>Director of Music:</b> Drew Banzhoff | <b>Audio-Tech:</b> Brandon Gauntlett                                  |

🙏♥️†♦️Kenneth Keeney (father of Lisa Becker), ♥️†♦️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 LaRoche (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), ♥️Eddie 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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**Rev. Eumin Kim**  
**Rev. Prumeh Kim**

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

Brought together in the power of Christ's ascendant glory, turn and exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another this day.

## Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

## Scriptures

### New Testament – 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (New International Version – NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### \* Gospel Reading - John 17:1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. <sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

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### \* Hymn before Sermon #2129 - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

~The Faith We Sing Hymnal~

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## Sermon – "Supported, Strengthened, and Restored"

Rev. Eumin Kim

## Pastoral Prayer

## Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

## Invitation to Tithes and Offering

With songs of joy and hearts of love, let us bring our offerings and gifts in gratitude to God.

## Chancel Choir – "Simply, Alleluia" by Tom Fettke

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

### \* Prayer of Dedication

**O God, for your power and might, we praise you. For your love and mercy, we thank you. For giving us your Spirit and your every blessing, we honor you with our lives and gifts. Received from our hand the fruit of our industry, in ministry to a world in need of your glory. In the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that we might have fullness of life here on earth, we pray. Amen.**

### \* Closing Hymn #377 - "It Is Well With My Soul"

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### \* Dismissal with Blessing

## Closing Voluntary - "Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 560" by J. S. Bach (spurious)