Grace United Methodist Church

October 4, 2026 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship for 19th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion 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 Jane Leslie

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #3176 –** "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"
~Worship and Song hymnal~(Green) *NOW IS THE TIME*

***Call to Worship**

L: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.
P: We gather with them in heart and mind.
L: Around the world the broken body is made whole.
P: As part of that body we join in its unity.
L: Around the world a banquet of grace is prepared for the table.
P: We who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.
L: Around the world, the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior is remembered and celebrated.
P: Let us worship together, let us share in God's bounty.

*Opening Prayer

Holy and Triune God. As your disciples on World Communion Sunday, we join our voices to the songs and prayers offered to your name throughout the world. Increase our faith and give us grace to love and forgive one another, as you have loved and forgiven us. We remember all your beloved children who suffer this day - especially the victims and refugees of war. Help us bear witness to their suffering without fear and give us courage to extend your love no matter the cost. For its in Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Scriptures

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on
the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke
it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In
the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new
covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of
me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.

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

*Gospel Reading - John 6:53-58

53 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of
Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my
flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks
my blood remains in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I
live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of
me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna
and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

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***Hymn before Sermon #361** - "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" *TOPLADY*

Sermon – "Feeding on the Bread of Life" Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation
Scripture reminds us that Jesus, whom we remember in this meal, was and is the eternal Word, through whom God created the worlds. On this World Communion Sunday, Christians around the globe join us as we break the bread—at this same moment, and in time zones before and after us. Indeed, God's love stretches across time, space, and eternity. Let us gather at Christ's table.

Prayer of Confession
We are conscious this day, O God, of the world's great needs: for love, for caring, for right relationships of all kinds. We are conscious, too, of the times we fall short: the small daily choices and the large systems in society that impede the loving world you envision. Save us from hypocrisy, we pray, and help us find the places your glory abides. Amen.

Words of Assurance
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace of Christ
L: On this World Communion Sunday, we honor the One who created worlds and sustains all things through the divine Word. As we share signs of peace with one another, imagine the deep, creative love that extends—through us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit—to siblings in every time and place. The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

Invitation to Tithes and Offering
In our effort to know Christ, we realize how much God has given to us. May we offer a portion of our gifts to God in thanksgiving and praise for all we have been given.

Chancel Choir – "Taste and See" (Author/Composer – James E More Jr.)
~Taken from Faith We Sing - #2267~

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, creator of all, we give you thanks for all you have entrusted to us. As good stewards, we now bring you these gifts and ask that you use them to help your children around the world. As we bring our gifts, we also offer our lives, praying that you will use us to bear good fruit for all people. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out

for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Lord, this special communion reminds us of being members of a global community. We have feasted at your table. As you have nourished us, may we go into your world to bring a feast of peace and hope to others, listening with loving ears and acting with loving hearts, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #370 –** "Victory In Jesus" *HARTFORD*

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary Jane Leslie

Pastor: Pastor Kim **Liturgist/Reader:** Dr. Tonia Ukanwoke **Guest Organist:** Jane Leslie	**Counting Team**: Marisa Pershad **Ushers:** Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano **Audio-Tech:** Brandon Gauntlett

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