Grace United Methodist Church

October 18, 2026 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship – 21st Sunday of 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 – "What a Beautiful Name" by Hill Song Worship

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #64 –** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" *NICAEA*

***Call to Worship**

L: May the nations quake and the peoples tremble.

P: God sits enthroned in the heavens, bringing justice and righteousness.

L: May the mountains tremble and the seas roar.

P: God's glory is stronger than the foundation of the earth.

L: May the humble seek the living God.

P: God's goodness and mercy sustain the faithful in times of trial.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord.

***Opening Prayer**

Mighty God, awe us with your glory as you pass before us, and reveal the radiance of your presence. May we embody your word as we strive to live as a holy people, and as we seek to share your message of love with the world. Amen.

Prayer of Confession *(Please Be Seated)*

Gracious and merciful God, temper our certitude with humility and grace. When we fail to discover our own errors, open our hearts to your wisdom. For we yearn to follow your ways more nearly and perceive your presence more clearly. Come to us with gentle correction, that we may truly bring your good news to a world in need. Amen.

Words of Assurance

When we call, God answers. When we seek, we are sure to find. Call to God and seek the Lord with your whole heart.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

When we give to God the things that belong to God, the most wonderful sense of peace washes over us. Let us share this moment of grace as we pass the peace of Christ.

Westminster Ringers - "Hymn for Bells" by Donald E. Allured

Children's Message Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – Psalm 99 (New International Version – NIV)

1 The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. **2** Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. **3** Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy. **4** The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. **5** Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy. **6** Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord and he answered them. **7** He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them. **8** Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. **9** Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

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

***Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22(NIV)**

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his
words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the
Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity
and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't
swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us
then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or
not?" 18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are
you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They
brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And
whose inscription?" 21 "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So
give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." 22 When
they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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***Hymn before Sermon #3003 – "**How Great Is Our God"
~Worship & Song Hymnal~ *HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD*

Sermon – "Giving to Caesar What is Caesar's and to God What is God's"
Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Invitation to Tithes and Offering
In thanksgiving for the fruitful abundance of God's creation, let us give back a portion of what we have received.

Chancel Choir – "Every praise is to our God" by Hezekiai Walker

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of manifold blessings, enrich the works of our hands, that we may speak your truth and share your love with the world. Accept and bless these gifts, that they may aid those in need, even as they are visible signs of the honor you are due. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #2150 -** "Lord, Be Glorified"" *LORD, BE GLORIFIED*

~The Faith We Sing Hymnal~

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary – "I smile" by Kirk Franklin

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim and Rev. Prumeh Lee **Liturgist/Reader**: Coleen Murray **Director of Music**: Michelle DeAngelis **Westminster Ringers Director**: Kim Neri	**Counting Team:** Naomi Brown & Kim Neri **Ushers:** Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Mike Provenzano **Audio-Tech:** Brandon Gauntlett

🙏 ♥Iris Molina and her Family, ♥Jaxson Baptichon ♥Barbara Howard, ♥Pearl Hamilton, ♥Joe Mundy (friend of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Rich Reidel (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Barbara Melzer, ♥Anthony Nicosia (stepson of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Steve Savarese, ♥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, ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥David Biegler, ♥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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