Grace United Methodist Church

November 1, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Order of Worship
15th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints 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 – "Where My Feet May Fail" by Hillsong

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #709 –** "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above**"**
FOREST GREEN

***Call to Worship**

L: Bless the Lord, whose love shines upon us.
P: Bless the Lord, my soul!
L: Bless our lives, that reflect God's love.
P: Bless the Lord, my soul!
L: Bless our worship, that it may glorify God.
P: Bless the Lord, my soul!

*Opening Prayer

Glorious God, we come into your holy presence with joy and gratitude. Bless this time of worship to draw us closer to you. Bless our lives to shine brightly with your love. Bless our work in the world to bring your justice and compassion to life. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

In times of plenty and want, God meets us in our need. As sisters and brothers in Christ, let us turn and draw strength from one another, by sharing signs of Christ's peace.

Scriptures

New Testament - 1 John 3:1-3 (New International Version – NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

*Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, [2] and he began to teach them. He said: [3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4] Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. [6] Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. [7] Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. [8] Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9] Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. [10] Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12] Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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***Hymn before Sermon #3038 –** "Mighty to Save" *MIGHTY TO SAVE*
~Worship & Song Hymnal~

Sermon – "Blessed Children of God" Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation
We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things. But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new. As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

Prayer of Confession
Sainthood is hard! Yet, you call us to live into your blessings by loving and caring for all of your creation. Give us strength to answer our call. Give us wisdom to live your teachings. Give us courage to withstand the trials and tribulations of life. Give us humility to embrace sainthood, even when our sins and shortcomings haunt our days and cause us to judge ourselves and others. Love us into sainthood, that others may find us to be generous and compassionate friends.

Words of Assurance
God saves us again and again and again, calling us to blessings and saintly living. This hope and this grace are enough to purify us, even as Christ is pure.

Invitation to Tithes and Offering
In giving our time, talents, and resources, we take part in God's work of restoration and peace in the world. Let our offerings reflect our desire to mend what is broken, to build up what has been torn down, and to bring hope where there is despair. As we give, may we also take action—seeking

reconciliation with those from whom we are estranged, offering forgiveness, and striving to live in harmony with one another. Amen.

Offertory – "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Please bless our offerings: to bring your presence more fully into the world, to spread your love to far and wide, to bring hope and peace where despair runs deep. In loving gratitude, we pray. 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.

Praise to you, God of glory! You created the universe and all living things. You breathed life into our dust and gave us paradise. You sought us when we hid ourselves, ashamed of our sin. You made a people for yourself and saved them from oppression.

In the fullness of time, your love came also to us in your servant Jesus. He ministered to us, healing, overcoming divisions, welcoming all. He died on the cross of shame. But you vindicated him, giving him a life that is forever new! This is the life he shares with us: a life of justice, mercy, and citizenship in your realm of peace. All your creatures testify to your mighty deeds! They declare your everlasting love! We too proclaim it, as with the angels of heaven we sing:

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

Now, O God, with grateful hearts we remember Jesus. We remember that he was laid in a borrowed grave but on the third day he rose from the dead. We remember that after His resurrection, His disciples met him on the road to Emmaus. While they were at table, he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it for them to share. Then their eyes were opened, and they knew him in the breaking of the bread. Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that earth has given and human hands have made.

Bless also this fruit of the vine, created for our gladness. Make them the food and drink of everlasting life, body surrendered, blood poured out. As we rejoice in the resurrection, give us love for each other, and make us servants of peace, until your new realm is revealed and every creature beholds it. We pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and presides at this table, our host and our feast. Thanks be to him, who taught us to pray….

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD, GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #191 –** "Jesus Loves Me" *JESUS LOVES ME*

Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary – "Blessed Assurance"

🙏 ♥♦Debbie Nicosia, ♥Marianne and Don Pike, ♥JC (Doreen Roland's brother), ♥Anderson Baker (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Iris Molina and 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, ♥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

ALL SAINT'S DAY

Michael Kurz – December 4, 2025

Charles A. Schoenig – January 4, 2026

John H. Cole – March 5, 2026

Ramona Persan – April 4, 2026

William (Bill) Smyth, Sr. – May 17, 2026

Vincent (Vin) Dowling – July 9, 2026

Richard (Dick) Tiedge – August 28, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim **Liturgist/Reader**: Dr. Tonia Ukanwoke **Guest Organist**: Michelle DeAngelis	**Counting Team:** Naomi Brown & Kim Neri **Ushers:** Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano **Audio-Tech:** Brandon Gauntlett

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