

Grace United Methodist Church

United Methodist Mission Statement

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

March 10, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude *Prelude for Organ* G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer/Greeting

Blessed God, the veil of Moses is being lifted from our faces. When we turn to you, the veil is removed. We gather today in hope, with bold spirits and renewed minds. We believe that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. We come to worship, expecting to see the glory of our Creator! Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* #176

*Responsive Reading Psalm 99 #819

**Gloria Patri* #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Luke 9:28-36

Proclamation of the Word Seeing Jesus

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *I Love to Tell The Story* #156

Breaking The Bread

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Offertory *Come Share the Lord* B. J. Leech

*Doxology #95

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

GOING FORTH

* Closing Hymn *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* #439

* Benediction

* Postlude *Postlude in D Major* G.F. Handel

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ February		Joanne Maeder	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer	Offering Counter	Lois Gigler Susan Parker
Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder	Lay Reader	Rich Caugherty
Acolytes	Ariel Rhine	Acolytes	Sadie Brown
Sunday School	No Sunday School	Sunday School	Linda Schaefers
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Sherry and Gary Cullen 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068			
Lenora Reese 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1333 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065 / 724-224-7663

Church Office Hours Wednesday 9-3 p.m. & Friday 10:45-1:45 p.m.

graceumchurch@hotmail.com / https://gracechurch-today.org

Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor/814-450-3606/drspore@hotmail.com

Office hours Wednesday 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday floating between both churches and by appointment

Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

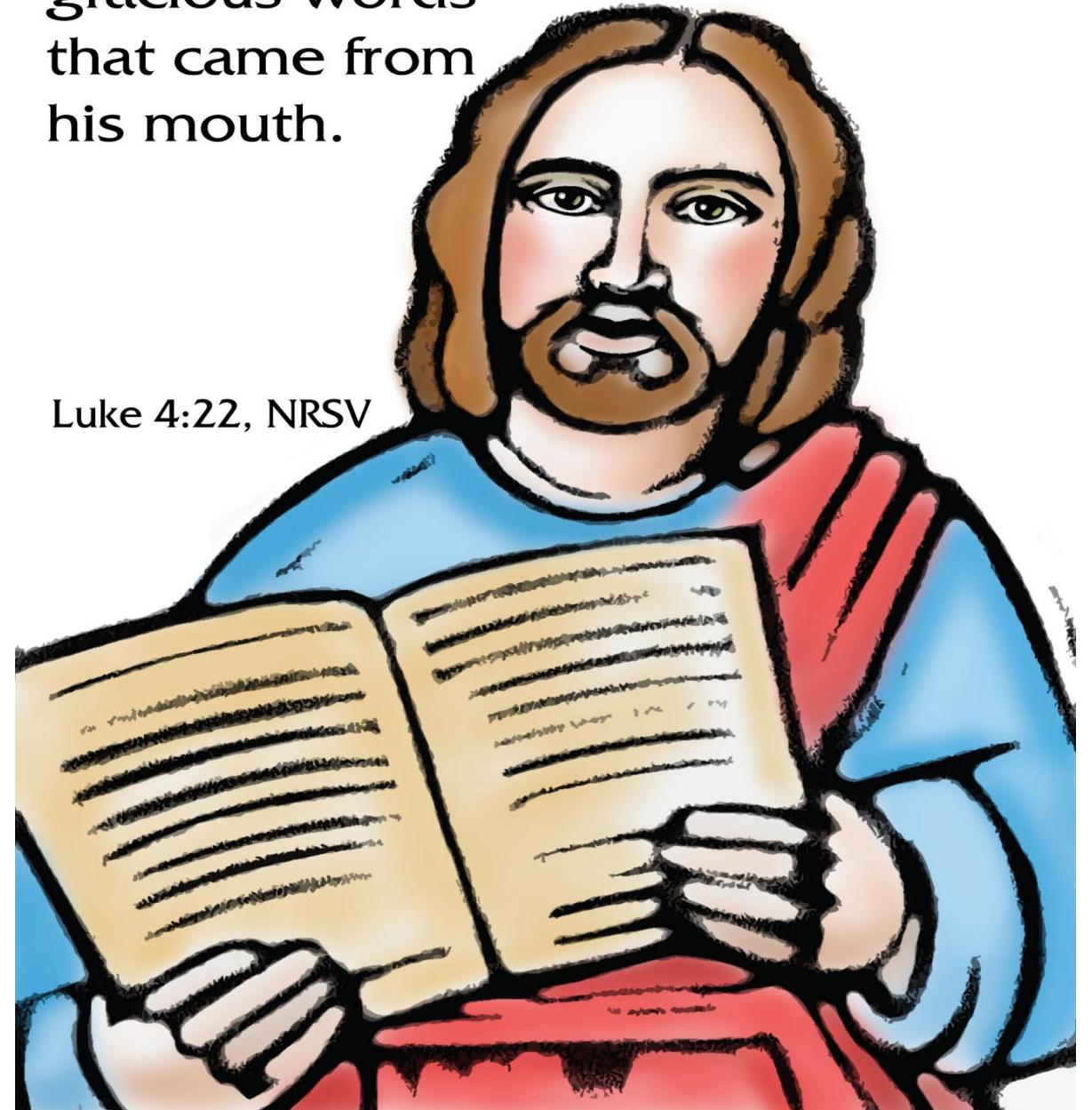
Pastor Raphael Koikoi/ 281-620-9928/ emailpastork@gmail.com

Established in 1877

Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the front pew. You are welcome to take a bulletin to work on during worship. Return crayons after worship. Enjoy!

~At Grace~	
2 nd Sunday	Gift Card Order Day
2 nd Sunday	Change for UMCOR
3 rd Sunday	Gift Card Distribution (back table)
4 th Tuesday	Grace Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Monday	9:30 a.m. Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Monday	6:30 p.m. Book Study
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.



Luke 4:22, NRSV

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. God of all times and all places, God of the infinite and infinitesimal, in the blazing splendor of your glory you called forth light from darkness, day from night, land from oceans, and life in all its dazzling array from lifeless matter. Among the living you made and called humankind imprinting upon us your image, to be bearers of your glory in the world. Though we failed to shine, and hid your image within us, you continued to call us into fellowship with you and to fulfill your mission for us through prophets, scriptures, priests, and a people you redeemed for yourself. 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. In him we see the fullness of your glory revealed in human form. Born into poverty, he fulfilled his mother's song, that you would fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich empty away. Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, he forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, restored the blind and lame, visited the sick, the prisoners and the needy, and gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, transfiguring the world in the power of your Holy Spirit. 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 his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When he 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 to 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.

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THE WORD

Luke 9:28-36 Common English Bible (CEB)

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. ³¹ They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

³³ As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. ³⁴ Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" ³⁶ Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God