

# 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 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* D. Wells

Welcome and Announcements

\*Greeting  
Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,  
**That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

\*Hymn of Praise *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #103

\*Responsive Reading #106

\**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 Psalm 77:1-9

Proclamation of the Word *On Sickness and Suffering*

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Be Still My Soul* #534

Prayer for Lent

**O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory *Medication* arr. F. Ritter

\*Doxology #95

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 who 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.**

## GOING FORTH

\* Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart* #500

\* Benediction

\* Postlude *Italian Hymn* E. Broughton

Helping Us			
<b>Head Usher</b>		Thomas Yarris	
<b>Organist</b>		Kathy Russell	
<b>Communion ~ April</b>		Susan Parker	
<b>Today</b>		<b>Next week</b>	
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer Diane Schrecengost	<b>Offering Counter</b>	Carolyn Rutkowski Mel Ruediger
<b>Lay Reader</b>	George Reese	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Howard Russell
<b>Acolytes</b>	Skylar Brown	<b>Acolytes</b>	Sierra Brown
<b>Sunday School</b>	Linda Schaefers	<b>Sunday School</b>	Carol Peters
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>			
Vivian Watts 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014			
William Murdock 214 Vista Drive Apollo, PA 15613			

**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**

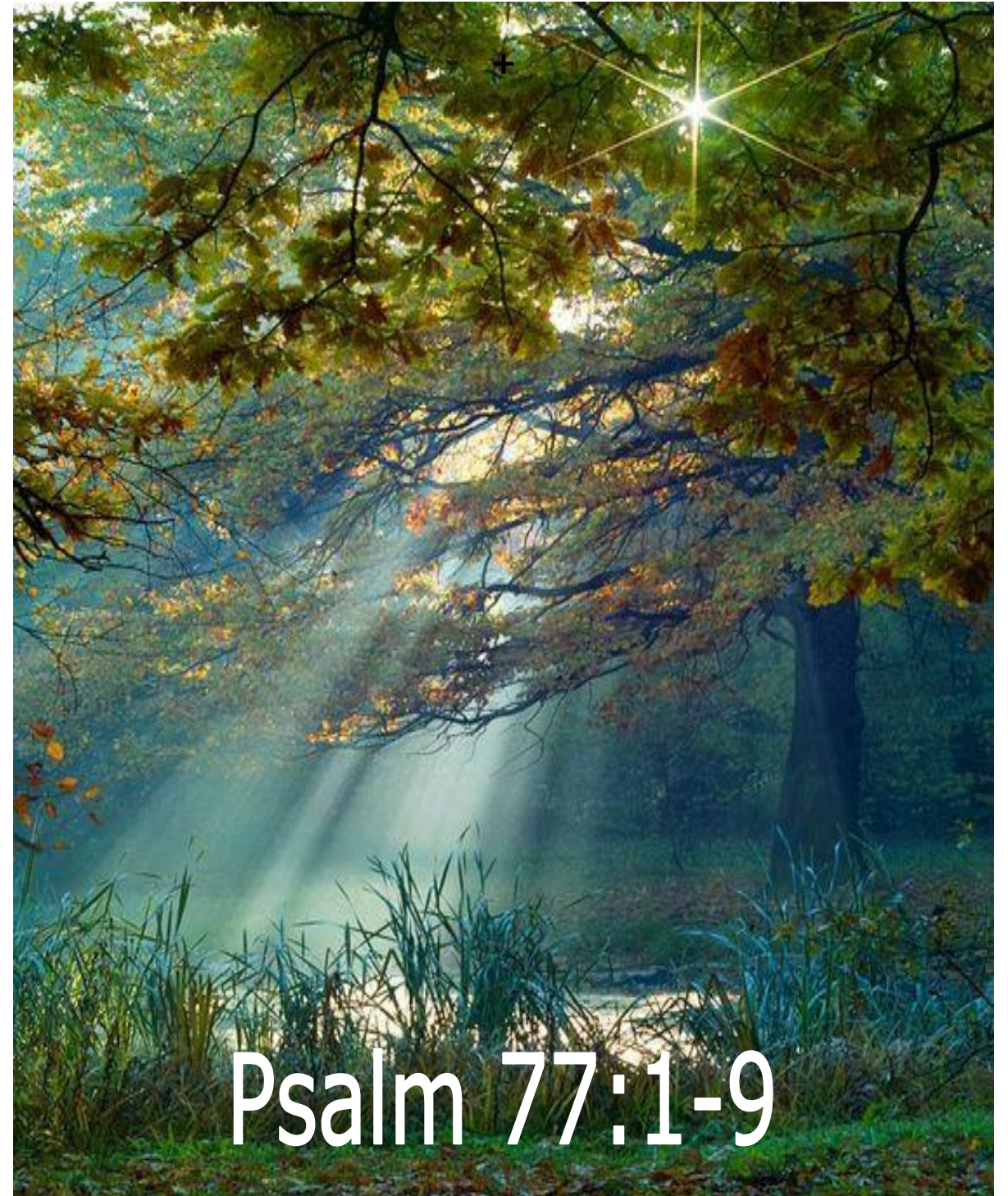
Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

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



**Psalm 77:1-9**

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## THE WORD

Psalm 77:1-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

*To the leader: according to Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup>I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me. <sup>2</sup>In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. <sup>3</sup>I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints. *Selah* <sup>4</sup>You keep my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. <sup>5</sup>I consider the days of old, and remember the years of long ago. <sup>6</sup>I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit: <sup>7</sup>“Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? <sup>8</sup>Has his steadfast love ceased forever? Are his promises at an end for all time? <sup>9</sup>Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?”*Selah*

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**