

# 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 17, 2019**

## GATHERING

Prelude *We Sing to You, O God* J. Darwell

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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* #117

\*Responsive Reading *Psalms 10:12-18* #745

\**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  
Ecclesiastes 4:1-3, Isaiah 43:25, Ephesians 4:30-32, Mark 11:25

Proclamation of the Word *Release*

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *We Shall Overcome* #533  
(Vs. 3-5)

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 *As a Deer* M. Nystrom

\*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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #452  
(Vs. 1-3)

\* Benediction

\* Postlude *Praise to the Lord* R. Klusmeier

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>	Carolyn Rutkowski Mel Ruediger	<b>Offering Counter</b>	Diane Schrecengost Walter Rutkowski
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Howard Russell	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Linda Schaefers
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sierra Brown	<b>Acolytes</b>	Haiden Ball
<b>Sunday School</b>	Carol Peters	<b>Sunday School</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>			
<b>Vie Riemer</b> 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101			
<b>Lois Gaskel</b> 2503 Buchman Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065			

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (2/26/2019)</b>	<b>Grace Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</b>
Monday	9:30 a.m. Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop

Be **KIND** to one another,  
**TENDERHEARTED,**  
**FORGIVING** one another, as  
**GOD** in **CHRIST**  
has forgiven **YOU.**  
Ephesians 4:32, NRSV

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## THE WORD

Ecclesiastes 4:1-3

**4** Again I saw all the oppressions that are practiced under the sun. Look, the tears of the oppressed—with no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power—with no one to comfort them. <sup>2</sup> And I thought the dead, who have already died, more fortunate than the living, who are still alive; <sup>3</sup> but better than both is the one who has not yet been, and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

Isaiah 43:25

<sup>25</sup> I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Ephesians 4:30-32

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Mark 11:25

<sup>25</sup> “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**