

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.

May 5, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude *Praise the Lord, Ye Heaven's Adore Him* L. Smith

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting

Lift up your heads

We lift them up to God

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Lift up your hands

We dedicate our heards, our hearts, and our hands to the worship of God.

*Hymn of Praise *Marching on Zion* #733

**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 Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Proclamation of the Word

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Come, We That Love the Lord* #732

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Almighty God, We your people cry out to you on behalf of our community: Have mercy upon all who suffer from the evils of poverty.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who have lost their way.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who have been offended by the church.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who feel forgotten and neglected.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon us Triune God, and make us worthy to be called your people who pray the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples:

Offering/Offertory *Father, We Praise Thee* B. Price

*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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

GOING FORTH

* Hymn *O How I love Jesus* #170

* Benediction

* Postlude *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* H. Turner

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ May		Jamie Tinnemeyer	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Diane Schrecengost Walter Rutkowski	Offering Counter	Carolyn Rutkowski Joyce Euler
Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder	Lay Reader	In Need
Acolytes	Ariel Rhine	Acolytes	Sadie Brown
Sunday School	No Sunday School	Sunday School	Linda Schaefers
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Vivian Watts 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014			
William Murdock 214 Vista Drive Apollo, PA 15613			



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 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	Change for UMCOR
4th Tuesday (5/28/19)	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

Acts 9:1-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WORD

Acts 9:1-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of

Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God