

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 19, 2019

Please WELCOME Susan Venatta filling in on piano!

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting

Leader: The gospel is power, God's power!

People: It is the sword of the Spirit.

L: You receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You are Christ's witness.

P: Let us take up the Spirit's sword.

*Hymn of Praise *O Spirit of the Living God* #539 (vs. 1-3)

*Responsive Reading Psalm 44:1-8 #779

**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 16:16-34

Proclamation of the Word *World-Quake!*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* #363 (vs. 1 & 4)

**Confession*

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

*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 *Lead on, O King Eternal* #580

* Benediction

* Postlude

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ June		Walter Rutkowski	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer	Offering Counter	Lois Gigler Susan Parker
Lay Reader	George Reese	Lay Reader	Howard Russell
Acolytes	Skylar Brown	Acolytes	Sierra Brown
Sunday School	Carol Peters	Sunday School	Sunday School will return in September
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Lucy Croker 598 Parker Road Sarver PA 16055			
Dorothy Freehling 1330 Broadview Boulevard, Natrona Heights, PA 15065			



**Believe
on the
Lord
Jesus,
and you
will be
saved...**

Acts 16:31, NRSV

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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
4 th Wednesday (5/29/19)	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

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raphael.koikoi@gmail.com

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THE WORD

Acts 16:16-34 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with

rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his

house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God