

Grace United Methodist Church

June 24, 2018

Prelude Alleluia R. Blake

Welcome

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Let us quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare to worship the Lord.

* Centering for Worship

In this season of light and warmth we celebrate God who is with us!

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall never be able to extinguish the light.

As we gather, let us remember God's Welcoming Spirit and the call to hospitality

We shall create a sanctuary where all our welcome and received and sheltered

* **Song of Praise** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*Opening Prayer

Mighty God, we come to sing your praises and to strengthen our faith. Help us find our courage and strength when we need it most. Help us reclaim our faithfulness when we are filled with doubt. Help us discover our hope when we are plagued by worry and despair. May our songs and praises rise to heaven. May they also rise in our hearts and strengthen us each and every day. Amen

Children's Message

The Word Mark 4:35-41

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God

The Message Lifeboat or Sardines

Special Music Jesus I Come to Thee R. Thygerson

You are invited for quiet reflection during this time of music

Sharing Joy and Concerns/Hopes and Sorrows/Pastoral Prayer

Weekly Prayer Focus: Welcoming the Stranger

Unison Prayer:

O God who is like a nurturing father or mother, who resides in divine spaces near and far, come and make your name holy among us. May your realm of peace and justice be evermore established in your world, and may your purposes be fulfilled. Grant us what we need for today physically, emotionally, spiritually, relationally. Forgive us for what we have done to or neglected to do for others, as we are also called to forgive those who have engaged in such acts against us. Help us to resist the temptation to give into fear, hatred, and scapegoating which harms your creation and makes idols of our own prejudices, and liberate us from thoughts and actions that demean and dehumanize that which you love. A transformed reality for which we have ongoing hope, the power that you show in unconventional and unexpected ways, and the glory that you are ever shining through what you have made are always and forever yours.

Offering/Offertory Invocation J. Callaerts

***Doxology** #95

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God, you have blessed us with Your bounty. You have blessed us with the gifts of others in whom we are loved and also love. You have called us to be Your witnesses to the world. May these gifts of our labors and the talents of ourselves be used to build the world to look, O, God, as you would have it to be. Amen.

* **Hymn** Here I am, Lord #593

* Benediction

* **Postlude** Hymn of Thanks C. Mallard

Be Our Guest! If you are joining us for the first time or another visit, we welcome you! Let us know how we can make your worship experience more enjoyable. We're glad you are here!

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!

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	D. Ciuchta W. Rutkowski	Offering Counter	H. Shumaker J. Euler
Lay Reader	George Reese	Lay Reader	Howard Russell
Acolytes	Sadie Brown	Acolytes	Skylar Brown
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Maxine Kish 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065			
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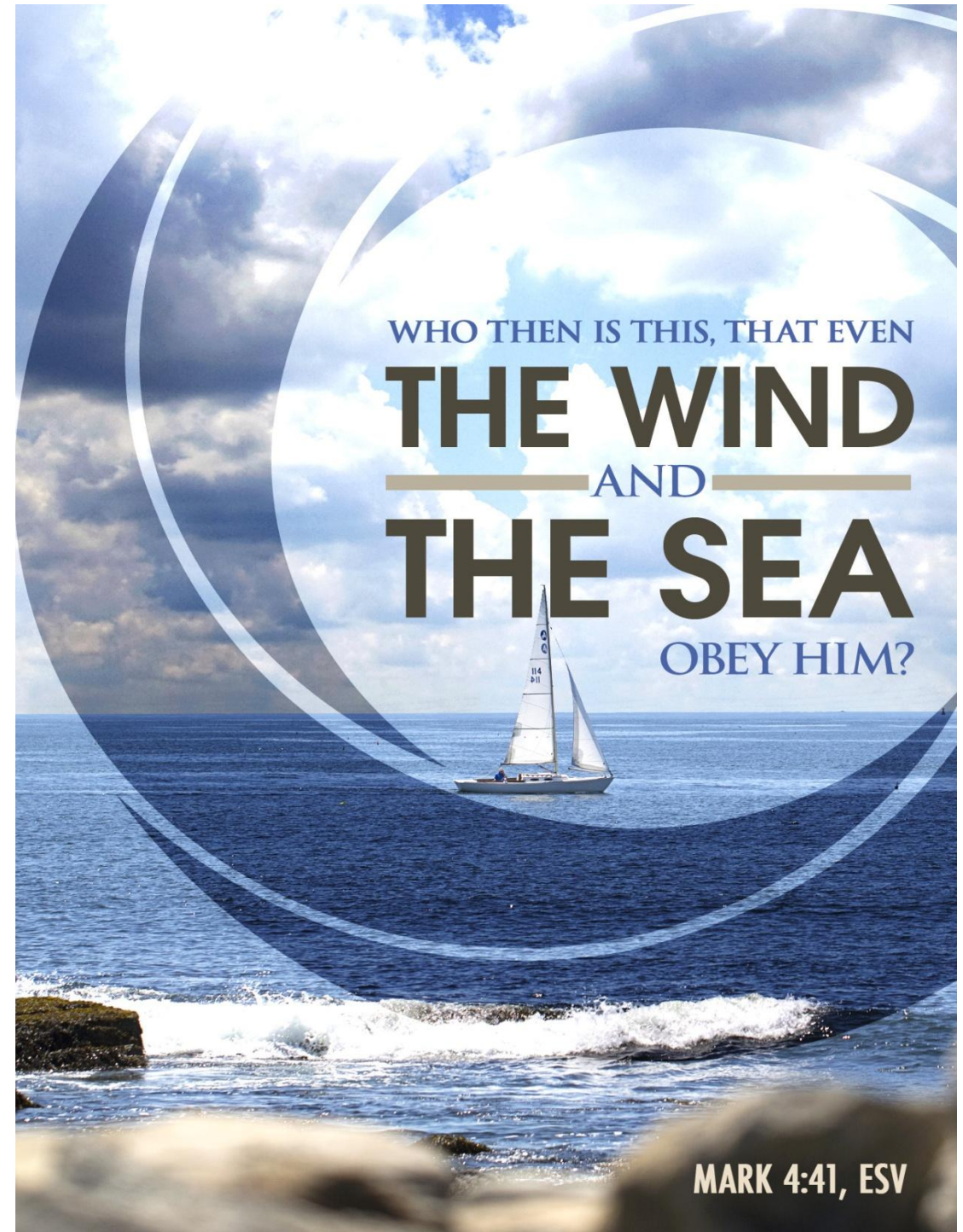
Established in 1877

Church Office Hours Tuesday 9-12pm and Wednesday 9-3pm

United Methodist Mission Statement

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

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop



MARK 4:41, ESV

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Upcoming Vacation Bible Studies in the area - Harvest July 23-27 6-8:30pm at the Jr High, Trinity Lutheran and Freeport UMC July 9-13 9am-3pm, The Sower's Chapel July 10-12 9am-12pm

Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology nearly 6000 biblical artifacts. Open Wed. - Sat from 10 -4 616 N Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Summit Hose will have their **Community Fireworks Celebration** on July 3rd at 10pm at Dreshar Stadium. Music, food and games will begin at 5pm.

Bethel A.M.E. Church will have their 3rd annual *Singspiration* on July 15th at 3pm. RSVP by 7/2 724-335-1429

Faith Night at PNC Park will be 7/17 at 7pm visit pirates.com/faithnight or call 412-325-4756

Administrative Council Meeting - Tuesday, July 24th @ 6:30pm

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THE WORD

Mark 4:35-41 Common English Bible (CEB)

Jesus stops a storm

³⁵ Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." ³⁶ They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

³⁷ Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. ³⁸ But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?"

³⁹ He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind settled down and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Jesus asked them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

⁴¹ Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

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