

Grace United Methodist Church

July 1, 2018

Prelude

Welcome

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

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

*Opening Prayer

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Here is the citadel of all my desiring, where my hopes are born and all the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings. In this center, my fears are nourished, and all my hates are nurtured. Here my loves are cherished, and all the deep hungers of my spirit are honored without shock. In my heart, above all else, let love and integrity envelop me until my love is perfected and the last vestige of my desiring is no longer in conflict with thy Spirit. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen

* **Song of Praise** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #57

* Centering for Worship

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Make joyful noise, lift up your voice! Ye nations of the earth, rejoice!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever; God's faithfulness to all generations.

Children's Message

The Word Revelation 1:4-6

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God

The Message First Things

Sharing Joy and Concerns/Hopes and Sorrows/Pastoral Prayer

Weekly Prayer Focus: The Men in Our Lives

Hymn of Response Jesus, Thine All Victorious love #422
You are invited for quiet reflection during this time of music

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

* **Doxology** #95

* Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Now that we have filled these plates with our gifts, we are ready for our miraculous help. Grow our seeds into fruit that feeds the world. Turn our gifts into ministries that transform lives. The world needs our gifts today, not in some distant future. In our giving of time, talent, and treasure, O God, bring your new creation into being, here and now. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

* **Hymn** We've a Story to tell to the Nations #569

* Benediction

* Postlude

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	H. Shumaker J. Euler	Offering Counter	S. Herman/ Justin Tinnemeyer
Lay Reader	Howard Russell	Lay Reader	Linda Schaefers
Acolytes	Skylar Brown	Acolytes	Sierra Brown
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
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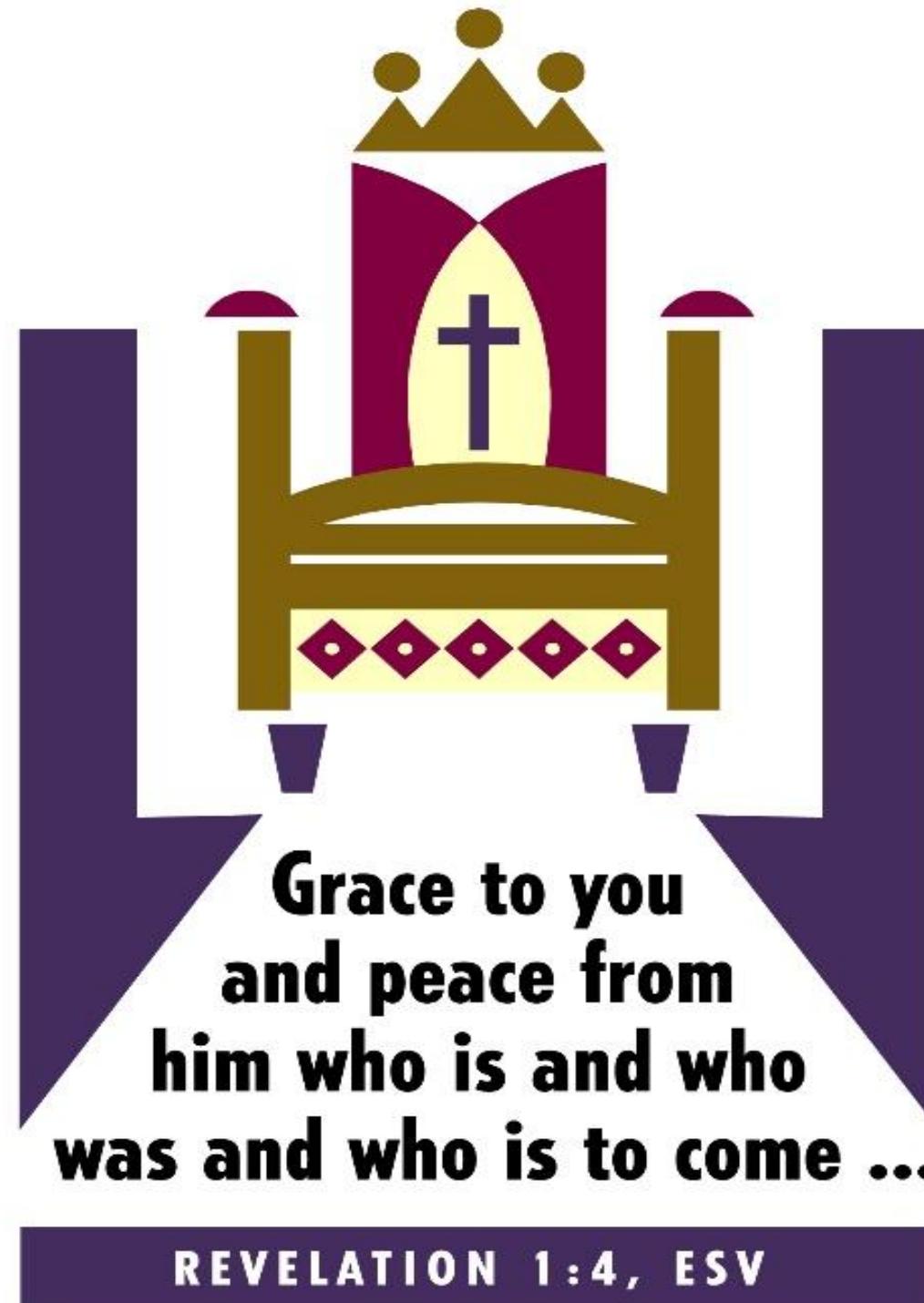
Established in 1877

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Mission - we will be collect for Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley. They are looking for Paper towels, Nylabones, strong rope toys, kitty litter, Purina kitten chow, pedigree puppy chow, six foot leashes, Purina one dog formula, HE laundry detergent, dryer sheets, garbage bags, throw rugs with rubber backing, lupine martingale collars, blankets and towels. Thank you for supporting the monthly mission.

UMCOR monthly collection to support efforts in Puerto Rico will be next week, **July 8th**.

Pittsburgh-Tarentum Campmeeting Association Annual Summer Series will kick off Sunday, **July 1st** with **Pastor Jerry Pawloski from Bairdford UMC** at 7pm, Sunday, **July 8th** will be **Drew Hogan from New Testament Baptist Church** and Wednesday, **July 11th** with **Dick Samuels from Cadogan Union Church**. Plan ahead: Concerts will be held July 14th "Risen to Save", August 4th "Byron and Suzy" and August 18th "Crosby Lane". Campground is located at 1451 Main Street Natrona Heights.

Gift Card Fundraiser –Place your gift card order today. They will be delivered July 8th. Gift cards are great for graduation presents, upcoming yard work, summer vacations, grocery shopping and night out. Proceeds benefit Grace UMC. Next order July 15th

Summer Lunch-- This year we are offering an Arts Program in addition to the free hot lunch. Lunch is served from 11:30 am-12:30 pm for kids 0-18 years old. Spread the news! If you would like to volunteer contact **Pastor Raphael at emailpastork@gmail.com or 281-620-9928**.

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

Just Lunch--We will take a break of Just Lunch in June and resume July 30 at the River Forest Restaurant at noon. Our friends from Freeport UMC will be joining us.

THE WORD

Revelation 1:4-6 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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