

# Grace United Methodist Church

July 8, 2018

## GATHERING

Prelude When Morning Gilds the Skies L. Smith

Welcome and Announcements

\*Opening Prayer

**Not to us, O Lord, Not to us, but to your name give glory. For the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness! Teach us and continuously remind us that our wholeness, our blessings, our very lives come only from you. You alone are worthy of our praise, Lord. Amen**

\*Hymn of Praise Alleluia, Alleluia #162

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Galatians 2:15-21

Proclamation of the Word At the Heart

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384

Confession

**We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

Offering/Offertory Jesus Come, Abide R. Wilson

\*Doxology #95

\* Prayer of 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, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH

\* Hymn Take my Life, and Let It Be #399

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Postlude on a Welsh Hymn Tune R. Graham

**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			
<b>Head Usher</b>		Thomas Yarris	
<b>Organist</b>		Kathy Russell	
Today		Next week	
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer	<b>Offering Counter</b>	Lois Gigler Susan Parker
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Linda Schaefer	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Joanne Maeder
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sierra Brown	<b>Acolytes</b>	Ariel Rhine
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>			
<b>Jane Sibold</b> 206 Boardwalk Drive Cranberry, PA 16066			
<b>Lenora Reese</b> 460 Monroe Road Sarver, PA 16055			

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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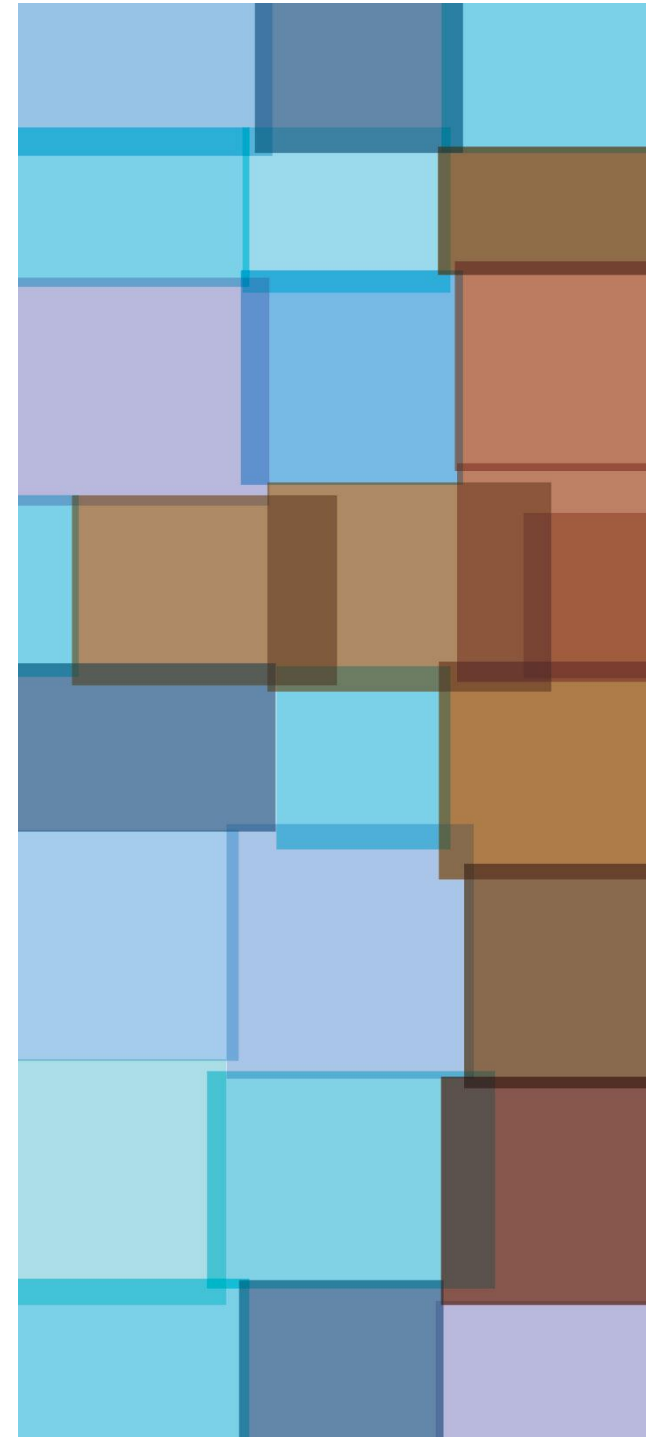
Established in 1877

**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



...the life  
I now live  
in the flesh  
I live by  
faith in

the Son  
of God,  
who  
loved me  
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himself  
for me.

Galatians 2:20, NRSV

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## THE WORD

Galatians 2:15-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jews and Gentiles Are Saved by Faith

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup> and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**