

Grace United Methodist Church

August 26, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer

O Lord, put Your power into action; come among us with great strength and help. Our sins and wickedness hinder us in running the race set before us, but Your grace and mercy can help and deliver us; this through the work of Your Son and your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#110

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word

Ephesians 6:10-20

Proclamation of the Word

Don't Sit Down

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

#513

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

*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

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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* 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	
Communion ~ September		Jaime Tinnemeyer	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Lois Gigler Susan Parker	Offering Counter	Jamie Tinnemeyer Diane Schrecengost
Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder	Lay Reader	Rich Caugherty
Acolytes	Skylar Brown	Acolytes	Sierra Brown
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Maxine Kish 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065			
Margaret Jezik 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Office hours Tuesday 10:30 – 1:00pm

Wednesday floating between both churches and by appointment

Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

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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



**PUT ON THE
WHOLE
ARMOR OF GOD.**

Ephesians 6:11, NRSV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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September 15, 22 and 29 – Lay Servant Ministry School

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THE WORD

Ephesians 5:15-21 Common English Bible (CEB)

Be filled with the Spirit

¹⁵ So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. ¹⁶ Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. ¹⁷ Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. ¹⁸ Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: ¹⁹ speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; ²⁰ always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ and submit to each other out of respect for Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God