

# Grace United Methodist Church

September 16, 2018

## GATHERING

Prelude Rejoice E. Bottigliero

Welcome and Announcements

\*Greeting

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: He has conferred on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms, that it might redound to his praise**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn of Praise *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* #363

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word John 4:29-30,39

Proclamation of the Word *Does it Matter?*

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *He Touched Me* #367

Prayer

**Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left, Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise, Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us, Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear that hears us. Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ, May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.**

Offering/Offertory Andante V. Engel

\*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 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* #371

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Postlude in D minor Ch. Rinck

**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	
<b>Communion ~ September</b>		Jaime Tinnemeyer	
Today		Next week	
<b>Offering Counter</b>	C. Rutkowski M. Ruediger	<b>Offering Counter</b>	D. Ciuchta W. Rutkowski
<b>Lay Reader</b>	In Need	<b>Lay Reader</b>	George Reese
<b>Acolytes</b>	Haiden Ball	<b>Acolytes</b>	Ariel Rhine
<b>Sunday School</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer	<b>Sunday School</b>	Linda Schaefers
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>			
<b>Sherry and Gary Cullen</b> 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068			
<b>Lenora Reese</b> 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055			

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor**/814-450-3606/[drspore@hotmail.com](mailto:drspore@hotmail.com)

**Office hours Tuesday 10:30 – 1:00pm**

**Wednesday floating between both churches and by appointment**

Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

**Pastor Raphael Koikoi/ 281-620-9928/ [emailpastork@gmail.com](mailto:emailpastork@gmail.com)**

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

“...He cannot be the Messiah,  
can he?”  
~John 4:29~



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**Optional additions:** formula/bottle, pacifier, wipes, diapers, socks/underwear, hats/mittens, nightlight/flashlight, journal, coloring book/crayons, comb/brush, teens: deodorant, lotion, feminine products.

*Please be sure all items in your bag correspond with the same age/gender. Teen pj's = teen book, newborn pj's = same size diapers, boy pj's = boy blanket, ect. Because of the magnitude of donations, they only accept complete bags, but you are encouraged to pair up with a friend if needed to complete a bag! **This mission will run from September – November. If you have questions you can contact the church office or go to Foster Love Project website <http://www.fosterloveproject.org/>***

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## **THE WORD**

Matthew 28:16-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**