

Grace United Methodist Church

United Methodist Mission Statement

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

October 7, 2018 World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude Song of Trust in God (Ps. 11) arr. K. Russell

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *The Church's One Foundation* #545

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Matthew 16:13-20

Proclamation of the Word *My Church*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Because Thou Hast Said* #635

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory There is a Place of Quiet Rest Traditional

*Doxology #95

The Great 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.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

GOING FORTH

* Hymn *Forward Through the Ages* #555

* Benediction

* Postlude Go Forth in Peace H. Turner

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 ~ October		Walter Rutkowski	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Lois Gigler Susan Parker	Offering Counter	Jamie Tinnemeyer Diane Schrecengost
Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder	Lay Reader	Rich Caugherty
Acolytes	Sierra Brown	Acolytes	Haiden Ball
Sunday School	No Sunday School	Sunday School	Linda Schaefers
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Helen Beers			
Sugar Creek Rest 120 Lakeside Drive Room 123 Worthington, PA 16262			
Deborah Davidowski 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

graceumchurch@hotmail.com / <https://gracechurch-today.org>

Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor/814-450-3606/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

Established in 1877

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
1 st and 3 rd Sunday	Gift Card Order Day
2 nd and 4 th Sunday	Gift Card Distribution (back table)
2 nd Sunday	Change for UMCOR
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Monday	6:30 pm Book Study
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop



“But who do you say that I am?”

Matthew 16:15, NRSV

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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.

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THE WORD

Matthew 16:13-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God