

# 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 21, 2018**

## GATHERING

Prelude This is My Father's World arr. Diane Bish

Welcome and Announcements

\* Opening Prayer

Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #158

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Message  
Reading of the Word Acts 4:1-14

Proclamation of the Word Amateurs

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *We Are The Church* #558

Litany for Laity Sunday

From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah. **Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

**All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

**It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.**

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory Sweet Hour of Prayer Traditional

\*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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #557

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Lead On, O King Eternal T. Bliss

**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 ~ November</b>		Joanne Maeder	
Today		Next week	
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Carolyn Rutkowski Melvin Ruediger	<b>Offering Counter</b>	David Ciuchta Walter Rutkowski
<b>Lay Reader</b>	In Need	<b>Lay Reader</b>	George Reese
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ariel Rhine	<b>Acolytes</b>	Sadie Brown
<b>Sunday School</b>	Carol Peters	<b>Sunday School</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>			
<b>Maxine Kish</b> 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065			
<b>Gay Dequinze</b> 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068			

### GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1333 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065 / 724-224-7663

**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](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

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Gift Card Order Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Gift Card Distribution (back table)
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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



**This Jesus is the stone  
that was rejected  
by you, the builders,  
which has become the  
CORNERSTONE.**

Acts 4:11, ESV

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## THE WORD

Acts 4:1-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### Peter and John before the Council

**4** While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, **2** much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. **3** So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. **4** But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. **5** The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, **6** with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. **7** When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" **8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **9** if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has

been healed, **10** let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. **11** This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'  
**12** There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."  
**13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. **14** When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**

