

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.

November 11, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude Adoration arr. R. Sprunger

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting

Father, we come into your presence with joy and thanksgiving; for we know the grace of your son, Jesus, and the power of your Holy Spirit. May our worship bring glory to your name today and always. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *O How I Love Jesus* #170

*Responsive Reading *Canticle of Christ's Obedience* #167

**Gloria Patri* #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Mark 7:31-37

Proclamation of the Word *More Than A Healing*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #396

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as ransom for all, to whom we testify.

All: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Offering/Offertory God is so Good Grace Choir

*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 *There's Within My Heart A Melody* #380
(vs. 1,2 & 4)

* Benediction

* Postlude Song for a New Day D. Paxton

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 ~ December		Susan Parker	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer	Offering Counter	Lois Gigler Susan Parker
Lay Reader	Linda Schaefer	Lay Reader	Rich Caugherty
Acolytes	Sierra Brown	Acolytes	Haiden Ball
Sunday School	Jamie Tinnemeyer	Sunday School	Carol Peters
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Sherry and Gary Cullen 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068			
Lenora Reese 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055			

**“Be opened.”
And immediately his
ears were opened,
his tongue was released ...**

Mark 7:34-35, NRSV



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor/814-450-3606/drspore@hotmail.com

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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	
Every Sunday in November	Gift Card Order Day
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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

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THE WORD

Revelation 21:1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^[b] with them;

they will be his peoples,^[c]

and God himself will be with them;^[d]

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless,^[e] the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God