# GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 128 East Baltimore Street Greencastle, PA 17225 (717) 597-2983



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Trinity Sunday Year C June 12, 2022 "All Truth"

**Scripture Lessons** 

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 | Romans 5:1-5 | John 16:12-15

## **WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE**

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Grace Church where we are God's people.

United through Jesus Christ on a journey to grow, to share our faith and serve others in the Greencastle area and the world.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Simple Gifts -Shaker hymn/Sewell

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wisdom calls and understanding speaks. Majestic God, we recognize your voice.

Creation declares your glory and humanity marvels at your care.

Merciful God, we rejoice at your works.

Peace, endurance, character, and hope are gifts.

Mysterious God, we receive your love in thanksgiving. Let us worship God!

## \*PRAISE SONG

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #012



## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God our Potter, God who becomes clay, God who shapes us in the fire, we are made new in Your presence.

We come seeking Your wisdom, crying out our concerns, needing Your peace.

Use this time to form us as community, connected through Your breath, life, and hope that propels us as your body into the world. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we confess that we do not always heed Your wisdom.

We turn toward other marks and means of validation...rather than toward You.

We are in awe of our own creation while devouring Your image in others and the world.

Have mercy on us. Continue to call us, we pray, to Yourself.
May we always be at awe at your glory and humbled by your nearness.
Let our character be shaped by You and point to Your hope and peace.

(A Time of Silence)

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRACE**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

## **WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS**

## **SCRIPTURES**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Please open to Old Testament, page 725

**Romans 5:1-5** Please open to New Testament, page 188

## \*PRAISE SONG

Bless the Lord (sing twice) #544



## WE ASK GOD TO OPEN THE BIBLE TO US

## WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

**John 16:12-15** Please open to New Testament, page 135

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

This is the Word of God for the People of God!

Thanks be to God!

# **SERMON**

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

# MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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 debts As we forgive our debtors And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# **WE GIVE BACK TO GOD**

## **INVITATION TO THE GENEROSITY**

O God our Giver, may these gifts we bring...magnify beyond the boundaries of our community and create new possibilities in the world.

> (Please sign the attendance pads found in the pews, and pass the top sheet to be collected during offering.)

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior -Doane/Smith

\*WE SING A SONG OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Generous, Abundant, and Precious God, bless our offerings of presence, ability, and resources as we participate with You in the kingdom of God. Amen.

# **WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE**

## \*BENEDICTION

May the Father, the God of Peace, assure you.

May Jesus, God's Son of Life, invigorate you.

May the Holy Spirit, the Wind of God, direct you.

Go, in peace and hope, to transform our community and the world to the glory of God.

## \*PRAISE SONG

Come, Christians, Join to Sing #267



## **POSTLUDE MUSIC**

Awake! The Dawn Appears!
-Scott



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All Truth: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ. "Words of Assurance and Grace" written by the Iona Community, Scotland.

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# **Contributions Received on 6/5:**

Regular Offering: \$1726 / Loose Change: \$55 STCO: \$70 / Building Fund: \$85 / Communion Offering: \$42

Plumbing Fund: \$125 / Special Donation: \$100

## **Worship Attendance on 6/5:**

In-House 46 / Facebook Viewers: 4



Pastor Emeritus - The Reverend Ralph S. Geiman, 1967-1995



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# Church Announcements for Week of June 12, 2022

<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>: Jean Rice & Cathy Keefer <u>Reader</u>: Patty Stepler

Today is **Educational Sunday**. Loose change offerings received during today's service will be donated towards our Educational Fund.

<u>Fellowship and Refreshments</u> will be held following today's worship service in the social hall.

We thank you for your donations for <u>Strengthen the Church Offering</u>. Last week we received \$70 which helps support the conferences in the UCC to work together to support leaders, connect congregations, engage youth, and to imagine together a just world for all. If you would still like to make a donation, the special offering envelopes can be found on the front table in the vestibule and by the elevator area.

<u>Attendance Pads</u> – The attendance pads are located in each pew. We ask everyone who attends worship to please sign and pass the top sheet to be collected during offering.

**Bulletin Update:** Large print and regular print bulletins are both available. Please ask greeters/ushers for a large print copy if needed, and you will see baskets by the elevator area are marked for regular and large print.

<u>Chancel Choir</u> – There are no more choir anthems or rehearsals until September. Please contact Patty Stepler for further information.

July/August issues of The <u>Upper Room</u> daily devotional brochures are now available. Pick up your free copy from the front table in the vestibule or elevator area today!

<u>Live streaming</u> of our services will continue to be available on our Facebook page. If you can't make it to worship or you're on vacation, please try to join us on Facebook. If you are unable to view our live streaming, please contact Elaine at the office and we will provide you with a copy of the bulletin.

**Grace United Church of Christ Facebook**: Please like our Facebook page to keep updated on our church activities and connect with others in the community. You can join us weekly, at 10am on Sundays to watch the live streaming of our worship service. Please comment or say hello on our live stream so we know you are watching with us.

<u>Volunteers</u> are needed to help run the camera during service for live streaming our worship on Facebook. It's easy to learn! Please contact Steve Miller or church office for further details!

<u>Congregational Group Email</u> – Don't miss out on any church updates! Contact church office if you are not currently on our email list so we can add you today.

<u>GUCC Website</u>: Please look us up on the web to see the history of our church! You can download our weekly worship programs and newsletters, or make a donation from our website.

<u>Grace's Free Closet</u> is opened Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:30am till 12:30pm. They are accepting gently used clothing and spring decor items for our seasonal room located downstairs. Contact Nancy Myers if you have any further questions or if you can volunteer your time to help sort, clean and greet visitors.

<u>Consistory & Committee Reports</u> for the month of May are due to church office. Please submit them to the church office if you haven't done so yet. The agenda packets will be sent out to the board members once everything is received. The <u>Consistory Board Meeting</u> is scheduled for June 19, at 8:30am in the social hall.

<u>Newsletter Deadline</u> for our next issue of <u>Grace Notes</u> is this week. Please gather any information you would like to share with the congregation and submit to church office by June 16.

<u>Greeters/Ushers, Readers & Communion Servers</u> are needed for July and August. Please see the new sign-up sheets located on the front table in the vestibule.

<u>Hidden Treasures Yard Sale</u> is slowly approaching. Our annual yard sale will be held on Friday, July 8. As you do your Spring/Summer house cleaning, please set aside any items to donate. We will begin accepting donations starting on June 20, from 9am to 2pm. Contact Chet, Marg or church office if you are able to volunteer your time to help us in collecting donations and preparing for this sale!

Chicken Bar-B-Que Meal will be held during our Hidden Treasures Yard Sale on July 8. We will be selling tickets soon! The chicken meals will be carry-out only, from 11am to 1pm. The cost of the meal will be \$12, which includes ½ chicken, baked potato, pepper slaw, water, roll & butter. Contact Chet or Marg if you have any questions.

There will be no <u>Called to Care Committee</u> meeting on July 12. It has been rescheduled to August 2, at 6:30pm, in the social hall.

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Worship Volunteers for Sunday, June 19, 10am:
Greeters/Ushers: Ed & Gladys Doyle
Reader: Tim Bryan

