



GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Choir Director: Patty Stepler
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson
Ministers: All Those Present

June 30th Liturgy – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: Lamentations 3:22-33, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

MISSION STATEMENT

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

**All: 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

Little Fugue in F
-Telemann/Norris

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O God! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our cries!

**All: If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

Leader: We wait for God; our soul waits, and in God's Word we hope; our soul waits for God more than those
who watch for the morning.

**All: O creation, hope in the Lord! For with God there is steadfast love...and great power to redeem.
Let us worship God!**

Prayer of Invocation

**All: O God, draw near to us in our need. Bless us with Your presence. Quiet our fears before Your Holy
Majesty. Surround us with Your Grace. Do all this so we can serve as Your ambassadors
to the world around us. Amen.**

***PRAISE SONG** Come Sing to God #805



Unison Prayer of Confession (Please Pray Together)

**O God, if we are being honest, we turn away from confessing our sin to You. We justify ourselves saying
that our flaws seem insignificant before the horrors we discern around us. We find it hard to accept
responsibility for our particular sin and its consequences. Convict us of our complicity with evil and our
need for your mercy. In Christ's name, we ask for your forgiveness.**

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Leader: The steadfast love of God is new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness. When we face the truth
about ourselves, Jesus takes us by the hand and says, "Your faith has made you well."

We are all saved by grace through faith.

All: Thanks be to God.

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Lamentations 3:22-33 Please open to Old Testament, pages 937-938

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Please open to New Testament, page 223

VIDEO

“God of the Valley” by Freebridge Media

Gospel of Mark 5:21-43 Please open to New Testament, pages 48-49

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS & CELEBRATIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (Please Pray Together)

**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 Generosity

Leader: We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God’s Love to the world.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus *with* My Heart Ever Faithful -German melody and J.S. Bach/Page

***WE SING A SONG OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

(Please Sing Together)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Leader: Holy and Living God, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

Benediction

Leader: Friends, do not be afraid to ask God for what you need.

All: Great is God's faithfulness!

Leader: Do not be afraid to reach out to others with the love of God.

All: Great is God's faithfulness!

Leader: The steadfast love of God never stops. God's mercy never comes to an end.

All: Great is God's faithfulness! May we leave with God's blessing. Amen.

***PRAISE SONG**

Jesus Calls Us #720



***POSTLUDE MUSIC Benedictus -Young**



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Service Prayers from *Whispers of God: Liturgical Resources for Year B* by Lavon Bayler.
Adapted by Rev. Mark Ruzicka.

Contributions Received 6/23/24:

Regular Offering: \$478 / Organ Fund: \$2200.00 / Loose Change Offering: \$61

Additional Offerings Received at Office During the Week:

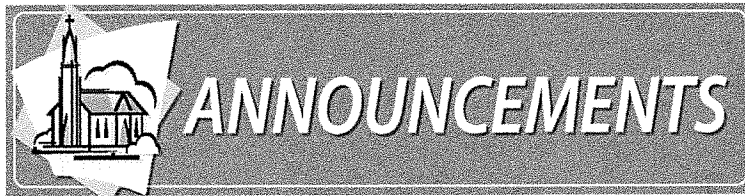
Regular Offering: \$130 / Organ Fund: \$25

Additional Offerings Received in Mail: Regular Offering: \$250

Worship Attendance on 6/23/24: In-House: 38 / Online: 4



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



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Week of June 30, 2024

Greeters/Ushers: Ed & Gladys Doyle **Reader:** Tim Bryan

Communion Servers, Greeters & Ushers, and Readers are needed for next **Sunday, July 7th**. Please sign-up today to help us out! There are also lots of other spots available!

Member Sunday - We will receive New Members on Sunday, August 11. If you are interested in joining the church that day, please call the church office or let Pastor Mark know.

Pastor's Office Hours – Pastor Mark has office hours on Tuesday and Thursday, from 9am till 12noon. You are welcome to schedule a time to talk with him, or just stop by to say hello.

Pastor's New Email: Be sure to update your records to reflect Pastor Mark's new email address of: markruzicka3349@gmail.com

Chancel Choir – No rehearsals on anthems till the fall. We thank the Choir and all the members, including our organist, for their dedication to the weekly rehearsals and special performances throughout the year. Looking forward to next season.

Organ Refurbishing: Congratulations! With donations this past week of \$2225 and the estimated \$1341 interest on the 6-month CD, we have reached our goals of \$62000 for the organ project. This will cover the contracted work of \$54,150, the \$5000-\$6000 console refinish, and \$1800 towards electric work (estimated between \$1500-\$3000, most likely will be closer to the \$1500 end of that range.) We thank everyone for all their donations! We are anticipating the organ refurbishing to begin in the beginning of 2025.

Upper Room – The pocket size booklets for July/August have been placed in the front vestibule and elevator area. The large print sizes are behind in publishing. We will place them out as soon as they are received. (We hope to get them by the end of this week.)

Live Streaming - If you're unable to attend service, or you're out of town, please watch our live stream from our Facebook page. Comment 'hello' so we know you are watching along with us!

Attendance Pads are located at the end of each pew. We ask everyone who attends worship to please sign and pass the top sheet to be collected during offering. If it's found that your booklet is out of sheets, our greeters/ushers can refill your booklet, as extra pads are located on the back ledge in the vestibule.

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. Our weekly services are live streamed through our Facebook page.

Grace Church Website: The history of our church, Moller organ and updated book from Jack Webb about the German Reformed Cemetery and be found on our website! Plus, you can download our weekly worship programs, newsletters, or donate online.

Grace's Free Closet - Weekly hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Donations are accepted during their open hours. Please do not leave donations outside the doors or on the sidewalks when the closet is closed. Contact Nancy or Jean for further information.

Wi-Fi Password – If you need our Wi-Fi guest password to access the internet while at the church, please see any of our ushers and they will gladly provide you with the information.

Our **4th Annual Hidden Treasures Yard Sale** is being held on **July 12th and 13th** in our social hall. This week the drop off times are Monday, July 1st through Wednesday, July 3rd, from 9am till 12noon. There will be volunteers at the social hall entrance to guide you where to put the items. **We need volunteers** to help clean, sort and organize the donations on **July 8th and 9th**, between 9am and 2pm. Sign-up sheets can be found on the welcome table in the front vestibule and in the elevator area.

Activities & Fundraising will not be holding a meeting in July. Contact Chet for any updates.

Grace Snyder Circle will not be meeting during the summer months.

First Saturday Free Meal will not be held in July due to it falling over a holiday weekend. The committee is planning a delicious meal for August 3rd. If you would like to volunteer with us, please contact Chet or Lorna for further information. Thank you.

Monthly Refreshments & Fellowship -Due to our upcoming yard sale, the date for refreshments has been changed to July 21st. Please be sure to update your calendars. Thank you.

Church Office will be closed on July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.

Waynesboro Community and Human Services is hosting their back-to-school supplies distribution to income eligible families in the Waynesboro and Greencastle Antrim School Districts on July 29 through August 2nd. They are accepting contributions of school supplies, gently used clothing, shoes, and monetary donations to help purchase supplies for families struggling in our communities. If you would like more information, flyers are located in the front vestibule and elevator area.

July Birthday Wishes go out to Mary Frances Myers, Clarisse Hicks, Jan Shafer, Bill Storms, Earl Bodes, Nancy Myers, Ethel Fisher, Faye Baker, Nancy Stine and DeBorah Alston. Their contact information is listed in our church directory if you would like to send them birthday wishes or phone calls. If you need an updated directory, please contact Elaine in the church office. Happy Birthday!

Organ Fundraising Goal - \$62,000	
Total Amount Raised prior to formal approval	\$46,968.06
Total Amount Raised since approval	\$8,935.90
Anonymous Pledge (now received)	\$5,000.00
CD Interest (will post in December 2024*)	\$1,341.00
Toal Raised to Date	\$62,244.96
Still Needed	\$0.00
Amount paid to Lawless to date	-\$5,415.00
<u>Account Balances Total</u>	\$56,829.96
Truist	\$5,488.96
Morgan Stanley CD	\$50,000.00
Morgan Stanley CD Interest posting in December	\$1,341.00

We thank everyone for their generous donations!

Have a Blessed & Safe 4th of July!

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, July 7, 9:30am service:

Greeters/Ushers: TBA **Reader:** TBA **Communion Servers:** TBA

Pending Volunteers – Please sign-up

