

***No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.***



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
128 East Baltimore Street  
Greencastle, PA 17225**

Pastor: Rev. Mark Ruzicka  
Choir Director: Patty Stepler  
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson  
Ministers: All Those Present

**Order of Worship for April 26, 2026 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday**

**Scriptures: Psalm 23 / Acts 2:42-47 / John 10:1-10**

**WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Video: "Come To Me: Easter" by 231 Worship**

**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**

Slumber Song -J.S. Bach/Thompson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Welcome to worship.

***All:* We have come to worship the Lord.**

*Leader:* God promises today that He will make us to lie down in green pastures,  
lead us beside quiet waters, and restore our souls.

***All:* We need His care.**

*Leader:* Your God calls you to worship today.

***All:* We will worship the Lord!**

## **\*PRAISE SONG**

God Is Calling through the Whisper #410



## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we would follow You wherever You might lead.**

**Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.**

**Forgive us when we get distracted and lose our way.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Be the One to whom we turn,**

**whose hand we hold,**

**who leads us safely back to the fold.**

**Lord, we would follow You wherever You might lead.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Leader:* Hear the good news: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

This proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***All:* Thanks be to God!**

***WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER***

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE***

## SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23 Please open to Old Testament, page 617

Acts 2:42-47 Please open to New Testament, pages 145-146

## CHOIR ANTHEM

If We Ever Needed the Lord Before -Thomas A. Dorsey

John 10:1-10 Please open to New Testament, page 126

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

*All:* Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

OPEN SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS AND 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 THE OFFERING**

*Leader:* The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance.  
The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth and action.  
May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care.  
May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

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

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
-American melody/Hughes

### **\*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. Amen.**

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

**Great God of love, out of gratitude for Your care,  
we bring our gifts before You.  
Use them for Your work of caring, that all may eat at Your table of abundance and drink deeply from  
the cup of Your compassion. Amen.**

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

### **BENEDICTION**

*Leader:* Beloved, as you go, hear the encouragement of the Good Shepherd:  
The Gate is open to you.  
In your coming and going,  
The Shepherd leads you and attends to you.  
Go, have life and have it abundantly.  
**All: Amen.**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers #407



**POSTLUDE MUSIC**

(Please be seated to listen to the postlude)

Spiritual -Young/Wagner



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**Contributions Received on 4/19/2026**

Regular Offering: \$572 / Loose Change Offering: \$45

Regular Offering received via Mail: \$350

**Worship Attendance on 4/19/2026**

In House: 28 / Online: 6



**THE REVEREND RALPH S. GEIMAN, PASTOR, 1967-1995**



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### **WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2026**

**Greeters/Ushers:** Cathy Keefer & Nancy Myers    **Scripture Reader:** Tim Bryan

**Penn State Mont Alto Chorale** is performing on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, in the General Studies Building Auditorium located at Penn State Mont Alto Campus. Everyone is invited, as this may be the last performance of the PSU Mont Alto Chorale. They will be performing “Echoes of Freedom: 250 Years in Song” directed by Patty Stepler.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, a bold idea took root — that freedom was worth fighting for, worth believing in, worth building. Since then, the American story has unfolded in many voices: in hymns of gratitude, in folk songs carried across fields and rivers, in Broadway stages bursting with ambition, in jazz halls alive with rhythm, and in anthems that unite us in times of challenge and celebration. This program traces that journey — from the birth of a nation to the heartbeat of today — reflecting the dreams, struggles, hope, and courage that define us. It is a celebration of heritage. A tribute to resilience. And a reminder that through every generation, music has helped tell the story of who we are.

**Lunch Bunch** is meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, at Stoner’s Family Restaurant on Wayne Avenue in Chambersburg.

**Grace's Free Closet** is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30am–12:30pm, plus the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month, from 11:30am–2:30pm. Donations accepted during open hours. Contact Nancy if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

**Grace UCC Scholarships** - Greencastle-Antrim High School Awards Ceremony is being held on Thursday, May 21st, from 9:15-10:30am, in their auditorium. We will be honoring the recipients during worship on Educational Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Lost & Found:** Baseball cap has been turned into the church office. If you are missing one, it has been placed on the bench in the elevator area.

**Blessing Baskets** are on the front church steps for anyone in need. To support this project, donate non-perishable food or personal care products in the tubs; there is a suggested list of needed items on the bulletin board. For monetary contributions, contact Marg Stouffer or leave your donation at the church office. Thank you for supporting this outreach program!

**Choir Rehearsals** are held weekly on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:15pm in the sanctuary.

**Men's Breakfast & Fellowship** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at 9am. The gathering will take place at the Velvet Café in Waynesboro, and all men from Grace are welcome to attend!

**First Saturday Free Community Meal** is being held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 11am to 1pm, in our social hall. Menu includes turkey salad sandwiches and turkey noodle soup. The committee will be preparing the food on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can help them out, please contact Chet or Lorna.

**Upper Room Daily Devotional Brochures** for May/June are now available. You can find them on the welcome table and in the elevator area. Please take home a copy today!

**May Birthday Wishes** are extended to Tom Stine, Betsy Green, Roy Thomas & Joann Snider. We wish your special day is filled with happiness.

**Worship & Spiritual Life Committee** is meeting on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30am, in the meeting room.

**Activities & Fundraising Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00pm in the meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend. We need more volunteers for upcoming fundraisers, contact Chet or Marg for details.

**Refreshments & Fellowship** will be held after worship service on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Seniors** is gathering on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, at Trinity UCC Church in Waynesboro. Pastor Dani Neff is offering us a way to be "for others" at our gathering. In addition to our time of food & fellowship, we will be assembling hygiene kits for Church World Service. We are being asked to donate (24) fingernail or toenail clippers, (24) travel size deodorant sticks, 3.4 ounces or less, non-aerosol, and (24) travel size toothpastes, 3.4 ounces or less, with expiration dates of at least one year out. Next Sunday, donation baskets will be set up in the vestibules, and you can also bring items to the church office if you prefer.

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**Worship Volunteers for Sunday, May 3, 9:30am:**

**Greeters/Ushers:** Ron Shafer & Cathy Keefer    **Scripture Reader:** David Fillman

**Communion Servers:** Ron Shafer & Cathy Keefer

