

***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 May 31, 2026: Trinity Sunday

Scriptures: Psalm 8 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / Matthew 28:16-20

WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Trumpet Rondo -Groden

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 8)

Leader: Who are we, O God, that You draw near when we call?

***All:* O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

Leader: Who are we, O God, that You care for us?

***All:* O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

Leader: Who are we, O God, that You crown us with honor?
All: O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Leader: Who are we, O God, that You make us stewards of the earth?
All: O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

***PRAISE SONG**

All Things Bright and Beautiful #20



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: O God, like the Father in the Prodigal Son parable, You come to meet us as we return to You:
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Jesus, You show us deep love by giving your life for us on the cross.
All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Holy Spirit, You give us life and peace beyond all understanding.
All: Lord, have mercy.

(a time of silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (based on Romans 8)

Leader: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.
When you cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.
In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 8 Please open to Old Testament, pages 605-606

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Please open to New Testament, page 227

Video: Balloon (Learning to Be Carried) by Freebridge Media

Matthew 28:16-20 Please open to New Testament, page 41

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: Freely we have been given, let us freely give.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

No One Understands Like Jesus -Peterson/DeCou

*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

God of all life, as we gather these offerings, gather us together as well.
Empower us to act as salt and light in the world that Jesus loves.
May our gifts today be a pledge to live lives of generosity and love.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

BENEDICTION (based on 2 Corinthians 13)

Leader: Go forth into the world with joy. Work to heal what is broken,
comfort one another, and choose the path of peace.

***All:* And the God of love and peace will be with us.**

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***All:* Amen.**

*PRAISE SONG

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent #25



POSTLUDE MUSIC

(Please be seated to listen to the postlude)

Postlude in Classic Style -Young



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Regular Offering: \$1896 / Loose Change Offering: \$75

Worship Attendance on 5/24/26

In-House: 24 / Online: 7



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WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026

Greeters/Ushers: Dave & Kathy Fillman

Scripture Reader: Dave Fillman

Church Service Volunteers – We need (1) one more Greeter/Usher for June 14th, Educational Sunday. Please help me complete the June schedule and sign-up today. The list is on the front welcome table. Thank you.

Activities & Fundraiser Committee is meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, 7pm, in the small meeting room.

First Saturday Free Community Meal will be held on June 6th, from 11am to 1pm, in our social hall. The menu includes hoagies and chips. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Educational Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 14th. During this worship service, we will recognize the students chosen for the scholarships. A meet-and-greet with refreshments will follow in the social hall. Loose change offerings collected on this day will be donated to our Educational Fund.

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 have been temporarily removed from the steps, until we find a better way to protect the food items from sun exposure. Contact Marg Stouffer or the church office with any ideas or questions.

Upper Room Daily Devotional Brochures for May/June can be found on the welcome table and in the elevator area. Please take home a copy today!

Men's Breakfast & Fellowship will not be meeting during the summer months of June, July & August.

Otterbein UB Church in Greencastle is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater on Wednesday, August 26th, to see Joshua. Reservations and payment are due by the end of June. Reservation forms and additional details are available in the vestibule areas. Please take one if you are interested.

Social Seniors will not be gathering during the summer months of June, July or August. They will resume in the Fall.


Our next **Lunch Bunch** will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, at 11:30am at the Parlor House in Waynesboro. We invite everyone to join us for food and fellowship.

June Birthday Wishes go out to Ron Myers, Stacy Schweitzer, Kate Kennedy, Barry Shoemaker, Lorna Thomas, Kermit Hicks, Kristen Vannoy, Deb Homer, Rashaw Alston, Joseph Koons and Ben Stouffer. May you enjoy your special day!

Grace's Free Closet is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Donations are accepted anytime during open hours. Please contact Nancy Myers with any questions or needs. Thank you to all our Closet volunteers.

Church of the Apostles is hosting Sunday evening summer concerts under their pavilion. Their first concert of the season will be held on June 7 at 6:00 pm, with Harmony Hymns performing. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held inside the church. Invite friends and bring lawn chairs. Flyers with details about each concert are posted on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.

JUNE 7
HARMONY HYMNS



Old familiar hymns and folk songs uniquely arranged for vocals, banjo and guitar introduced with song histories and two Christian songs popularized by Allison Krause.

Strengthen the Church Offering - How can we follow the Spirit to bless emerging ministries in the United Church of Christ? Through the Strengthen the Church Offering you support the formation of new congregations and the renewal of existing ones, fund new programs for youth and young adults and sponsor leadership development for the whole church. Thank you for your gifts!



May June bring you warmth, joy, peace, and new beginnings, filling your days with light and your heart with gratitude!

Worship Volunteers for Next Sunday, June 7, 9:30am:
Communion Servers: Lu Miller & Cathy Keefer
Greeters/Ushers: Ron Shafer & Marg Stouffer
Scripture Reader: Steven Miller