

***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 June 21st, 2026: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scriptures: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 / Romans 6:1b-11 / Matthew 10:24-39**

**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**

Allegro from "Organ Concerto No. 15" -Walther/Norris

**CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 69)**

*Leader:* Leader: Come, let us draw near to the Lord. Let us seek God's face.

***All:* Respond to us, O Lord, according to Your tender mercies.**

*Leader:* Zeal for Your house consumes us, even when the world mocks our faith.

***All:* Respond to us, O Lord, according to Your tender mercies.**

*Leader:* Draw near to us in our distress and redeem us.  
**All: Respond to us, O Lord, according to Your tender mercies.  
Let us worship God!**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #39



**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful Father, Your goodness is greater than all our sins.  
And yet, we confess that we can take Your tender mercy for granted.  
We trust that as we continue to stumble, You never stop loving us.  
We believe that You don't leave us alone in our brokenness.**

**Through Jesus, You buried our old, sinful selves.  
You raised us up to share in Christ's new life.  
Remind us that Your mercy triumphs over judgment.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE (based on Romans 6)**

*Leader:* Hear the good news:

Out of God's immense love for you, God has united you with Jesus Christ.  
Your old life is buried, and your sins are gone too.  
Sin has no power over you, and you are alive to God forever.  
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE***

**SCRIPTURES**

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 Please open to Old Testament, page 653

Romans 6:1b-11 Please open to New Testament, pages 189-190

**Video:** "Father's Day Blessing" by 231 Worship

Matthew 10:24-39 Please open to New Testament, pages 12-13

**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:* God's mercies are new every morning.

Let us give our offering today in response to God's goodness.

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

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

Faith of Our Fathers -Hemy/Smith

### \*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

**We offer our gifts to You, as well as our lives, Loving God, so they might find their way to those who need  
Your grace, Your hope, Your joy, and Your peace in their lives. Amen.**

## WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

### BENEDICTION

*Leader:* As you leave this place, remember that you may be the “only grace” someone will meet this week.

*All:* **We go, to share God's graciousness with all.**

*Leader:* Remember you may be the “only love” someone will encounter this week.

*All:* **We go, to be the love of Jesus for all.**

*Leader:* Remember you may be the “only peace” someone will find this week.

*All:* **We go, to share the Spirit of peace and reconciliation with all.**

*Leader:* Go, with the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

**\*PRAISE SONG** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #738



## POSTLUDE MUSIC

(Please be seated to listen to the postlude)

God, the Almighty -Davidson



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**Contributions Received 6/14/26**

Regular Offering: \$578 / Loose Change Offering: \$105 (donated to our Educational Fund)

**Worship Attendance on 6/14/26**

In-House:38 / Online: 7



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**WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2026**

**Greeters/Ushers:** Carolyn & Jack Shoemaker      **Scripture Reader:** Lu Miller

**Happy Father's Day!**

Today, we are thankful for the gift of fathers, for their love, guidance and strength. Bless them with the wisdom to lead with kindness and patience and give them courage to stand firm in truth and faith. May they feel appreciated, valued, and loved every day.

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We are getting ready for our **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hidden Treasures Yard Sale!** It will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> & July 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting yard sale donations starting this week, from June 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, between Monday through Thursday, from 9:30am till noon. Please drop off donations in the social hall and place them in front of the stage. Items need to be clean and in good working conditions. Dishes and glassware will be accepted only in sets of 4 or more, no odds and ends please. We do not accept clothing, books or large furniture pieces. If you have any small pieces of furniture, please check with Marg before dropping them off. We need volunteers to help us sort and organize the donations during the week between July 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets are on the front welcome table and the elevator area. If you can help the day of the sale, or have further questions, please contact Marg.

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**Church of the Apostles** is hosting Sunday evening summer concerts under their pavilion. Their second concert of the season will be held this evening, June 21st at 6:00 pm, with Mountain Air performing. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held inside the church. Invite friends and bring your lawn chairs. Flyers with further details about each concert are posted on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.

**Lunch Bunch** is meeting on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at the Parlor House in Waynesboro. We invite everyone to join us for good food and fellowship.

**First Saturday Free Community Meal** will not be held in July as it falls on Independence Day.

**Grace's Free Closet** is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays 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.

**Blessing Baskets/Totes** have been temporarily removed from the steps while we look for a better way to protect the food items from the weather. We welcome suggestions. Please contact Marg Stouffer or the church office with any ideas or questions.

**Upper Room Daily Devotional Brochures** for July/August are now available. They have been placed on the front 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.

**Board Meetings** will not be held during the summer months of June, July or August. Impromptu meetings will be called if needed. Meetings will resume in the fall.

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**Worship Volunteers for Sunday, June 28th, 9:30am:**

**Guest Preacher:** Michael Spielman

**Greeters/Ushers:** Dave & Kathy Fillman

**Scripture Reader:** Dave Fillman

