

***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
Worship Leader: Michael Spielman
Choir Director: Patty Stepler
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson
Ministers: All Those Present

Order of Worship for June 28th, 2026: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Jeremiah 28:5-9 / Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 / Matthew 10:40-42

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

"Spring" from *The Four Seasons* -Vivaldi/Hand

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 65)

Leader: Happy are they whom You choose and draw to Your courts.

***All:* They will be satisfied by the beauty of Your house, by the holiness of Your temple.**

Leader: Awesome things will You show us in Your righteousness, O God of our salvation

***All:* O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

Leader: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; You make it very plentiful.

***All:* The River of God is full of water.**

Leader: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain.

***All:* Let them shout for Joy and Sing! Let us worship God too!**

***PRAISE SONG**

O Jesus, I Have Promised #724



***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God, in our great need for light we look to You.

The quick flight of our days impels us to look back with regret or ahead with misgiving. There are times when we are baffled by disorder, and times when we come to doubt life's value and meaning.

**Eternal Spirit, make Your presence felt among us.
Help us to find the courage to affirm You and to do Your will.**

**When our own weakness and the storms of life try to hide You from our sight,
teach us that You are near to each one of us at all times.**

**Give us trust, Lord; give us peace and give us light.
May our hearts find rest in You.**

(a time of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even in our moments of doubt, God is still at work: healing and forgiving.

Even when you fail to see God, God still sees you and loves you.

Community of God, your sins are forgiven.

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

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Please open to Old Testament, page 894

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18 Please open to New Testament, page 67

Video: "By Still Waters" by Freebridge Media

Matthew 10:40-42 Please open to New Testament, page 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

OPEN SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

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.

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: Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice -Hartsough/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**

Faithful Provider, we bring our gifts with trembling hands and trusting hearts. We don't always understand the path ahead, but we believe in Your promise that You will provide.

We offer these gifts, not as bargains or sacrifices to earn Your love, but as signs of our trust in You. Use them, we pray, to bless others—to meet needs, to heal hurts, to build hope. And as You provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to Your calling, even when the way is unclear.

May our giving be our "Here I am," ready and willing to serve.
In Christ's name, Amen.

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The blessing of God Almighty: the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be with you all.

All: Amen.

***PRAISE SONG**

Why Should I Feel Discouraged #661



POSTLUDE MUSIC

(Please be seated to listen to the postlude)

Trumpet Tune -Kimball



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Contributions Received 6/21/26

Regular Offering: \$1238 / Loose Change Offering: \$65

Building & Grounds Donation: \$25

Worship Attendance on 6/21/26

In-House:34 / Online: 7



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WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2026

Worship Leader: Michael Spielman

Greeters/Ushers: Dave & Kathy Fillman

Scripture Reader: Dave Fillman

We welcome Michael Spielman leading our worship service today! He is a "Member in Discernment" in the Mercersburg Association of the United Church of Christ. He works as a machinist for Volvo/Mack Trucks in Hagerstown, MD, where he also serves as their Chaplain. He lives in Waynesboro with his wife, Brandy, and their two children, Ryder and Charlotte.

Pastor's Time Off Pastor Mark is currently on vacation through July 12th. If there are any pastoral emergencies during his time off, you can contact Rev. Dani Neff at Trinity UCC in Waynesboro (between July 5th-12th), and for the other dates, contact Rev. Caroline Saxton at St. Johns UCC in Chambersburg.

6th Annual Hidden Treasures Yard Sale is being held on Friday, July 10th & Saturday, July 11th.

We continue to accept yard sale donations this week, Monday through Thursday (June 29th to July 2nd), 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 6th to the 9th. Sign-up sheets are on the front welcome table and the elevator area. We can always use extra helpers during the sale days too! Contact Marg if you have any questions.

Activities & Fundraising Committee is not holding a meeting in July. If you have questions about our upcoming yard sale, or can volunteer to help us, please contact Marg or Chet.

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

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. (The Closet will be closed during our Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, July 11th.) 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 third concert of the season will be held this evening, June 28th at 6:00 pm, with "7 Mile Road" performing Christian music including original songs, contemporary praise songs, and meaningful folk/rock songs with a blend of vocal harmonies and a variety of instruments. Bring lawn chairs and invite your friends to enjoy a nice evening. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held inside the church.

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

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.

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 the show "Joshua". Reservations and payments are due to Otterbein UB Church by June 30th. 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.

July Birthday Wishes go out to Mary Frances Myers, Clarisse Hicks, Bill Storms, Samantha Ruzicka, Earl Bodes, Nancy Myers, Ethel Fisher, Faye Baker, Nancy Stine, and Deborah Alston.

Refreshments & Fellowship will be held in the social hall on Sunday, July 12th, following worship service.

Church Office will be closed on July 2nd for the Independence Holiday.

Worship Volunteers for Communion Sunday, July 5th, 9:30am:
Guest Pastor: Rev. Peter Emig
Communion Servers: Lu Miller & Patty Stepler
Greeters/Ushers: Lu Miller & Patty Stepler **Scripture Reader:** Steven Miller





GOT HIDDEN TREASURES?

Give them to the Church Yard Sale!

Finished with your spring cleaning? Bring your unwanted items to the church social hall entrance Monday through Thursday, June 29th to July 2nd, from 9:30am to noon. Donations may be placed in the social hall in front of the stage.

We can use housewares, dishware sets, decorations, home décor, kitchen items, sports items, purses/backpacks, outdoor items, camping items, games, toys, tools etc.

We are **not** taking clothes, books or large pieces of furniture. Check with Marg for any small pieces of furniture before dropping off.

MAKE SURE TO COME BACK AND SHOP!!

Where:

Church Social Hall

When:

Friday, July 10th, 8am-4pm

Saturday, July 11th, 8am-2pm

YARD SALE PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR CHURCH