

Grace

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Grace United Church of Christ

June 19, 2022

Rev. Joyce Wealand, Minister

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

* When a portion of the service is preceded with an *, you are invited to stand in body and/or spirit.

Words printed in bold are an invitation for you to join in the spoken or sung response.

PRELUDE Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - Temple

***WORDS OF WELCOME**

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

People: **In this safe space, may God grant us the vision to see the Holy in each other and the Holy in ourselves.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

People: **Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.**

Leader: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

People: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.

Leader: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

People: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

People: Holy Wisdom, we hear you calling us to gather and to hope in your name. Ignite sacred courage in us to proclaim the good news of justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city gates. Inspire a compelling vision of a gracious, beloved, and empowered community that propels us to confront inequities, challenge privilege, and participate in your creative work in our time. Renew our hope for humanity so that we might rejoice in this inhabited world and delight in our siblings. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Praise to the Living God

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

People: Holy and Gracious God, fear seeks to be our constant companion. It stifles us with its overwhelming presence and prolific imagination. Fear surrounds us and blocks our vision and your path. Fear keeps us from picking up our cross as much as it suppresses our joy in you. Fear invites us to believe the easy lie rather than confronting the hard truths necessary for your kingdom to come. Too often, we cast off your perfect love in favor

of insidious fear. Forgive us for choosing fear when we could have you, your presence, and your way as our companion on our journey. Empower us to reject fear and all that fall complicit in dampening your truth.

ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

A GIFT OF MUSIC

One Foot in Heaven – DeFrance

SACRED TEXT

Romans 8:1-17 NRSV

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Ephesians 3:14-21 NRSV

CENTERING HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

REFLECTION

***SUNG RESPONSE**

**Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

***INVITATION TO FAITHFUL SHARING**

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

***DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

People: We give you thanks, God Our Help, for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory.

MORNING PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

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.

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES

*SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*WORDS OF SENDING AND PEACE

*SENDING RESPONSE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's realm and to answer the call.

POSTLUDE

He Has Made Me Glad - Brethorst

Fear of the Truth: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 7 were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.



Live stream can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/graceutown/live>

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday:	7pm	Catching Our Spiritual Breath (A time of prayer) on Zoom
Tuesday:	9am-noon	Tuesday Crew meets here to do work on our building and grounds. You are welcome to join in!
	9am-noon	Office Hours
Wednesday:	9am-noon	Office Hours
	10am	Yoga in the Family Activity Center
Friday	9am-noon	Office Hours
Sunday	9:15am	Adult Sunday School in HeBrews Café

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Hutchinson is helping lead worship as our liturgist. Altar flowers are presented by **Bill and Lynn Flory** in honor of grandson Gage's birthday.

Our greeters this morning are **Jon and Linda Skeggs**.

Dave Forman, Mike Pirogowicz, Paul Sodergren, and Jim Lynn serve as our Livestream and Sanctuary Technicians and **Tom DeFrance** serves as musician and accompanist.



AFTER > Thoughts!

Coming
June 26

Introducing After Thoughts: A time to gather AFTER worship to share our THOUGHTS about a specific topic. Our first gathering will be Sunday, June 26 after worship in HeBrews Café, focusing on the idea of installing solar panels at Grace. We look forward to hearing your perspective and ideas and Dave Forman will be ready to answer any questions you may have. Together we can begin to discern if this is a direction we as a congregation want to pursue. Please join us!