

Grace

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Grace United Church of Christ

August 7, 2022

Rev. Joyce Wealand, Minister

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

\* 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

Commune with Me - Dearman

### \*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: Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.

People: **Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.**

Leader: God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

**People:** Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

**Leader:** The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

**People:** Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

### **\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**People:** Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation. May your kingdom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.

**\*GATHERING HYMN** O, My Soul, Bless Your Creator

### **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**People:** Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF BLESSING**

**A GIFT OF MUSIC** If You Love Me - DeFrange

**SACRED TEXT** John 14:15-18, 25;27; 15:26-27; 16:33 NRSV

### **CENTERING HYMN**

**Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face**

**SACRED TEXT**

1 Corinthians 3:9-15, 15:20-28 NRSV

**REFLECTION**

**Rev. Joyce Schroer**

**\*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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*See enclosed insert.*

**\*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: Generous One, receive the gifts we bring  
as we return a portion of your treasure to  
the use of your kingdom. May your will be  
manifested and your creation restored  
through sharing these offerings. Amen.**

**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**

**I Would Be True**

**\*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**

**From the Sunrise - Almario**

*Treasures in Heaven:* Service Prayers for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

Our worship and reflection are guided and influenced by "We Make the Road by Walking", written by Brian D. McLaren.



**Live stream can be found at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/graceutown/live>

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## 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
Sunday	9:15am	Adult Sunday School in HeBrews Café
		After Worship – After Thoughts

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Our guest minister this morning is **Rev. Joyce Schroer**.

Our acolyte this morning is **Reese Melvin** and **Bob Moffat** is helping lead worship as our liturgist.

Altar flowers are presented by **Bill and Lynn Flory** in honor of granddaughter McKenna's birthday.

Our greeters this morning are **Bill and Lynn Flory**.

**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!

> August 14    Topic > Mental Health

**After Thoughts:** A time to gather AFTER worship to share our THOUGHTS about a specific topic. For our next session we will welcome Dr. Ikesha Smith, Clinical Psychologist, to worship and then to lead us in our After Thoughts conversation. Dr. Smith has a long list of professional qualifications and is currently the chief strategist for a non-profit organization based out of Cleveland that helps implement mental health focus groups in religious institutions. She will be here to lead us in conversation so we can begin to learn more and discern how we want to incorporate a focus on mental health into our congregational vision of the future. Please come join us!



## 2022 Uniontown Lions Festival

The Uniontown Lions Festival is Wednesday, August 17 through Saturday, August 20. Grace will again host a Snow Cone booth, selling Snow Cones, water, and PowerAde. Lots of volunteers are needed to provide a presence.

Last year was fun and we had good success getting our name out into the community. Over the next few weeks, look for more information about how to get involved, when and where to sign up for your time in the Snow Cone booth, and more!

