Grace United Church of Christ 25 E. Second St. Frederick, MD

Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:00 AM



Healing in His Wings, Marybeth Stafford

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Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

This morning we will the use black New Century Hymnal (NCH).

*Indicates when people are invited to stand.

We Gather

Prelude "Simple Gifts" Jonas Dawson
Traditional Shaker Melody, arr. Jan Sanborn

Welcome Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choir Introit "Sekai no Tomo" Grace Choir Tokuo Yamaguchi (1958, alt.)

*Call to Worship

- L: The Lord is my Light and Salvation, whom shall I fear?
- P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?
- L: May we dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives,
- P: to behold the beauty of the Lord and to worship at God's footstool.
- L: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

"My Hope is Built"

NCH# 403

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, good and merciful, I acknowledge all my sins which I have committed every day of my life, in thought, word and deed; in body and soul alike. I am sincerely sorry that I have offended you, and I truly repent. I humbly ask you, O Lord: by your great mercy forgive me all my past transgressions and absolve me from them. I firmly resolve, with the help of your Holy Spirit, to amend my way of

life with the goal to sin no more; that I may walk in the way of the righteous and offer praise and glory to the Name of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: Friends, Christ dies for us while we were yet sinners. This is proof of God's great love for us! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God.

Response: Bless the Lord My Soul (Taize)

Bless the Lord My Soul, and Bless God's holy name Bless the Lord My Soul, who leads me into life.

We Listen

First Reading Genesis 15: 1-12; 17-18 Sarah Drenning

Choir Anthem "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Grace Choir

words by Johann Franck (1655)

music by Johann Crueger (1649), arr. Ludwig Lenel

*Gospel Reading Mark 5: 21-43 Pastor Jessica Townsley

Children's Message Trish Abell

Following the Children's Message, Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to the fellowship hall for Children's Church; a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and fun activities. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Sermon "Be still, Sloths!" Pastor Jessica Townsley

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

^{*}Passing the Peace

"Out of the Depths I Cry Unto You" Georg Neumark, arr. Robert Lau (b. 1943)

Jonas Dawson

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We are Sent

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*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn "When Peace, Like a River" NCH# 438

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "Benediction Hymn" Grace Choir

Dean McIntyre

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude in D" Jonas Dawson

Caleb Simper, arr. Michael Ryan

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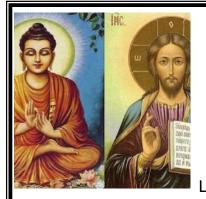
#### **WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

We are delighted that you joined us for worship this morning. Please be sure to sign the red Friendship Book in your pew. If you have any

difficulty hearing the service, one of our ushers can provide you with a hearing assistance device. We also have large print bulletins and hymnals available.

Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. We leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Message. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service. Following the worship service, please join us for fellowship.

Welcome to Grace Church!



"Anointed and Enlightened:
Intersections of the Buddha and the Christ"

**Pastor Rob** has been formally invited to be the Guest Lecturer at this year's HCC Humanities Lecture Series on Monday April 1st at 7 PM at the

Kepler Theater at Hagerstown Community College.

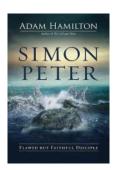
The event is free and open to the public.

What: **HCC Humanities Lecture Series** 

When: Monday, April 1, 2019, 7pm

Where: **HCC's Kepler Black Box Theater** 

Price: Free, no tickets required



# Join Us for Lenten Study!

# Simon Peter - Flawed but Faithful Disciple

Simon Peter—an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call.

# Thursdays beginning March 7 through April 11

- 10:30 am at Homewood
- 6:30 pm at Grace (with pizza)

# Season of Lent and Easter

Lenten Book Study: "Simon Peter"
Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11
10:30 AM - Homewood — 6:30 PM - Grace UCC

Palm Sunday Worship Sunday, April 14 ~ 11:00 AM





Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion Thursday, April 18 ~ 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship
Adoration of the Cross
Friday, April 19 ~ 7:00 PM





Easter Sunday Worship and Holy Communion Sunday, April 21 ~ 11:00 AM

#### 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND ELECTRONIC GIVING

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use envelopes for regular offering. Simply pick up a box and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen. NOTE: Some numbers are already reserved and marked for congregation members.

# **Two Electronic Giving Options:**

- 1) **UCC e-giving (Vanco)** allows you to set-up a regular, recurring donation via automatic electronic draft from your bank account or credit card account. Contact the church office to get an authorization form and get started.
- 2) **PayPal:** Simply click the GIVE button at the bottom of the www.grucc.com home page or GIVE TO GRUCC button at the bottom of weekly enews.

If you decide to participate in our electronic giving programs, you can pick up some "I give electronically" cards to place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings in lieu of an envelope/paper payment.





#### FREDERICK COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY'S (FCAA)

SOUP KITCHEN: GRACE'S NEXT SERVICE DATE IS SUN, APRIL 21

Volunteers from **Grace Church serve at the Soup Kitchen** on the 3rd Sunday of even months. It's a rewarding mission experience and we always have fun.

Won't you join us?



#### FCAA - FOOD BANK

On the third Sunday of every month, we dedicate the "Grace Groceries" that have been collected in our little red wagon (in the narthex), and then deliver them to the Frederick Foodbank. *Thank you for your continued generosity!* 

#### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

FOR EXAMPLE: PEANUT BUTTER ~ PASTA ~ RICE ~ SPAGHETTI ~

TOMATO SAUCE ~ CEREAL ~ CANNED FISH ~ CANNED MEATS

THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND is designated for emergency relief to members and friends of Grace Church. Only the pastor and person in need know who receives assistance. Donations to the fund are welcome at any time, in any amount. If you can help, please place a check in the offering plate made out to Grace Church with "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!



## Do you get a little chilly in church?

Please know that there are hand-made shawls available for you to use as you need. They are spread throughout the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you don't see one near you. Many thanks to Pam Marshall for this idea and for making the shawls!



# Daily Bible Reading

# Sunday, March 17, 2019 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

# Monday, March 18, 2019

Psalm 105:1-42

Exodus 33:1-6

Romans 4:1-12

# Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Psalm 105:1-42

Numbers 14:10b-24

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

# Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Psalm 105:1-42

2 Chronicles 20:1-22

Luke 13:22-31

# Thursday, March 21, 2019

Psalm 63:1-8

Daniel 3:19-30

Revelation 2:8-11

# Friday, March 22, 2019

Psalm 63:1-8

Daniel 12:1-4

Revelation 3:1-6

## Saturday, March 23, 2019

Psalm 63:1-8

Isaiah 5:1-7

Luke 6:43-45

# Sunday, March 24, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

# **FEBRUARY 2019 Treasurer's Report**

|           | FEBRUARY 2019 | 2019 Year-to-Date |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Income:   | \$ 25,317.93  | \$ 39,212.96      |
| Expenses: | \$ 17,138.88  | \$ 37,223.51      |
| Net:      | \$ 8,179.05   | \$ 1,989.45       |



# GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

# Sunday, March 17

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## Monday, March 18

6:30 PM TFC Young Adult Group (2nd fl)

# Tuesday, March 19

6:30 PM Mankind Project (bsmt)

### Wednesday, March 20

6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

# Thursday, March 21

10:30 AM Lenten Study at Homewood

6:00 PM Zumba (GSR)

6:00 PM FCHD Support Group (DR)

6:30 PM Lenten Study at Grace

# Friday, March 22

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

# Saturday, March 23

# Sunday, March 24

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

# New Prayer Chain Starting



If you are interested in being part of the Grace Prayer Chain to hold up those in need of prayer throughout the congregation and beyond; please contact Pastor Rob or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.

# **CARING & SHARING PRAYER LIST**

The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card. Addresses can be obtained from the church office, or you can pick up a church directory from one of the ushers. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please call the church office.



Kevin Chapman 1403 Orangetip Ct, Frederick, MD 21703

Millie Davis 801 Pine Ave., Frederick, MD 21701

Debbie Donohue PO Box 55, Keymar, MD 21757

Joe Free Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center

Jean Gaver 3/2019: FMH Hospital - recuperating from broken femur

(7407 Willow Rd., AL 250, Frederick, MD 21702)

Paul and Miriam Himes 9810 Masser Rd., Frederick, MD 21702

Charlotte Hoover 7404 Willow Road, AL 237, Frederick, MD 21702

Pam Kehne 1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122

Betty Linton 990 Waterford Dr., Unit 206, Frederick, MD 21702

Please note that hospitals are no longer permitted to contact churches on behalf of their patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. If you or a family member is hospitalized in an emergency situation, please call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.



# Grace United Church of Christ

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Sarah Petermann, Administrative Assistant <u>admin@grucc.com</u>

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Scripture Reader: Sarah Drenning
Children's Message: Trish Abell
Children's Church: Elizabeth Damazo
Children's Church: Carol Garrison

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Damazo Altar Guild: Gwen Edwards

If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.

