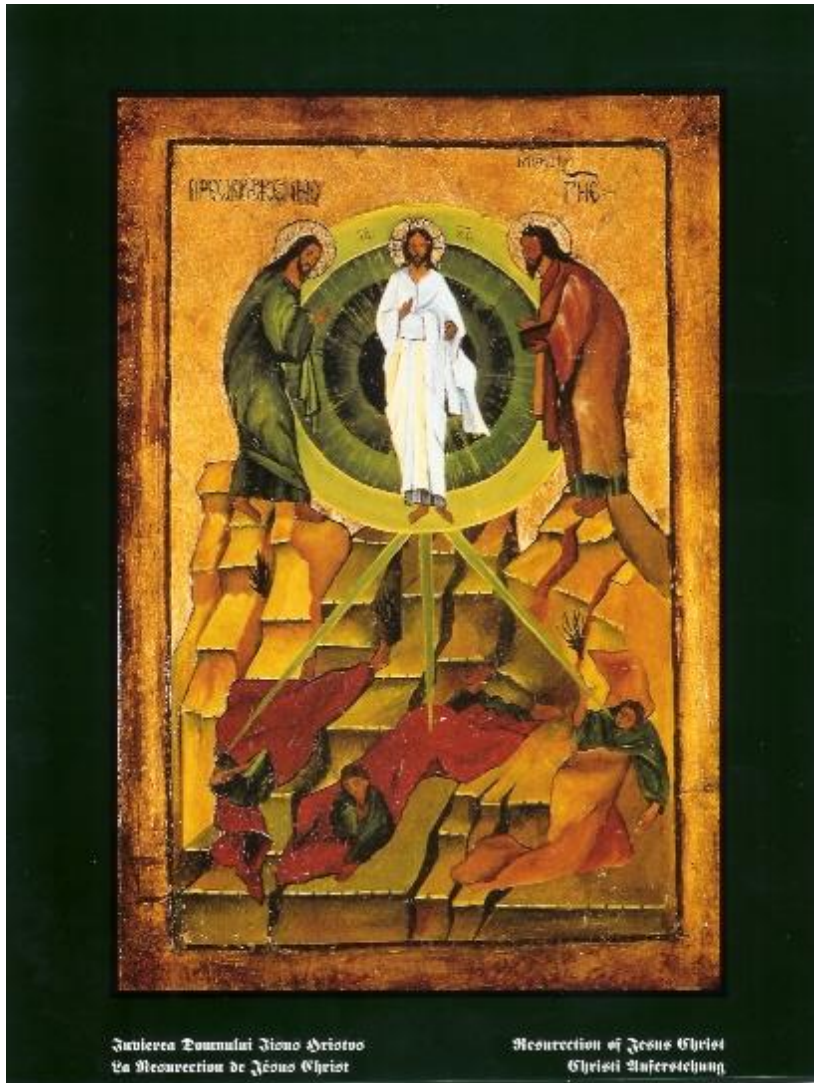


# Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, June 2, 2019  
Ascension Sunday  
11:00 AM

**Worship & Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, June 2, 2019**  
**Ascension Sunday**

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

*This morning we will use the New Century Hymnal (NCH)*  
*\*Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

***We Gather***

Prelude

Welcome *Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.*

*Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell*

Choir Introit

\*Call to Worship

L: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

**P: Our life is hidden with Christ in God**

L: He who descended is also ascended far above all things  
That he might fill all things

**P: When Christ, our Life, appears**

**We shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn “Crown with Your Richest Crowns” NCH # 301

\*Opening Prayer

\*Sung Response “Gloria” #756

\*Passing of the Peace

## ***We Listen***

Reading Acts 1: 1-11

Choir Anthem

\*Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20 Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message

*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 "Signs of the Spirit" Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Hymn "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" NCH # 325

The Sacrament of Baptism

\*Apostles Creed

L: Do you believe in God?

**P: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Holy Baptism

Anointing with Chrism

The New White Garment

The Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

The Covenant Letter

**Prayer: We give you thanks Holy God, for this, your child, and for the gift of your grace given here today in water and Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as your sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us to receive, nurture, and befriend this child as a member of the Body of Christ.**

**Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.**

***We Respond***

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Offertory Prayer

\*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God, Ruler Almighty; NCH #792  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O God.**

**Blessed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died. NCH # 799  
Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen, amen. NCH # 811**

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.**

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

*Please be seated*

## Sharing the Elements

*As you are dismissed from your pew, come forward using the center aisle. This morning we offer bread and your choice of wine (in the silver chalice) or grape juice (in the pottery chalice). Please return to your seats using the side aisles.*

## Blessing after Communion

*We invite all who would like a blessing, especially children and those who did not participate in communion of bread and cup, to come forward.*

## **We are Sent**

## Announcements

\*Closing Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

“Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!”

NCH # 257

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

*Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell*

\*Postlude

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The yellow rose on the altar is presented by the Altar Guild in memory of deceased war veterans and in honor of those who have served our country, as well as those currently on active duty.

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## **New Members Class - June 9th & June 16th - 9:45 AM**

New members classes will be held June 9th, and 16th with a makeup class on the 23rd. ***We will receive members during worship on June 23rd!***

*New Members Are Joining*



**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!***



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**April 2019 Treasurer’s Report**

|                       | <b>April 2019</b>    | <b>Year-to-Date</b>  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Income:               | \$ 19,203.20         | \$ 60,157.77         |
| <u>Less Expenses:</u> | <u>-\$ 21,496.61</u> | <u>-\$ 80,812.87</u> |
| Net:                  | (\$ 2,293.41)        | (\$ 20,655.10)       |

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## Daily Bible Reading

### **Sunday, June 2, 2019:**

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

### **Monday, June 3, 2019:**

Psalm 29

Exodus 40:16-38

Acts 16:35-40

### **Tuesday, June 4, 2019:**

Psalm 29

2 Chronicles 5:2-14

Acts 26:19-29

### **Wednesday, June 5, 2019:**

Psalm 29

Ezekiel 3:12-21

Luke 9:18-27

### **Thursday, June 6, 2019:**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Isaiah 32:11-17

Galatians 5:16-25

### **Friday, June 7, 2019:**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Isaiah 44:1-4

Galatians 6:7-10

### **Saturday, June 8, 2019:**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

2 Kings 2:1-15a;

Luke 1:5-17

### **Sunday, June 9, 2019: Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, (25-27)



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## 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                                    |
| Vonnie Crum           | 10985 Horseshoe Drive, Frederick, MD 21701                                |
| Marj Curran           | 3636 16th Street, NW, B-811, Washington, DC 20010-1167                    |
| Millie Davis          | 801 Pine Ave., Frederick, MD 21701                                        |
| Debbie Donohue        | PO Box 55, Keymar, MD 21757                                               |
| Joe Free              | Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center                                           |
| Paul and Miriam Himes | 9810 Masser Rd., Frederick, MD 21702                                      |
| Charlotte Hoover      | 7404 Willow Road, Nursing at Meadows, Frederick, MD 21702                 |
| Pam Kehne             | 1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122                                         |
| Roseann Lester        | 717 Wyngate Drive, Frederick, MD 21701                                    |
| Betty Linton          | Sunrise Senior Living<br>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 UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, June 2

- 9:45 AM Christian Education classes  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## Monday, June 3

- 6:30 PM TFC Young Adults

## Tuesday, June 4

- 6:30 PM Mankind Project

## Wednesday, June 5

- 6:30PM TFC Youth Group

## Thursday, June 6

- 6:30 PM Gamma

## Friday, June 7

- 1:00 PM Coffee w/ COIPP (GSR)

## Saturday, June 8

- 9 AM Peter Abell's Eagle Project

## Sunday, June 9

- 9:45 AM Christian Education classes  
11:00 AM Worship  
1 PM Grace Youth Pizza & Golf  
5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

### *NOTE:*

*Beginning Tuesday, May 28*

*--- Sarah Petermann,  
Church Admin will be*

*on Medical Leave*

*throughout June.*

*Volunteers will man the  
church office 3 days a week,*

*T, W, Th*

*9AM-12PM*

*until Sarah's*

*return.*

*If you should have an  
urgent need; please contact*

*Pastor Rob directly.*

## Grace Youth News!

Friday May 24 - 7pm

### Tilt Studio

Arcade, laser tag, bumper cars, etc

Meet at Grace at 7pm, back around 10pm



Sunday June 9 - 1pm

### Pizza lunch and Mini golf

Meet for 1pm lunch at Grace and then go to Mini Golf

If you know a teen who may be interested in participating in summer youth events, please contact Pastor Jessica at [Jessica.townsley@ctschicago.edu](mailto:Jessica.townsley@ctschicago.edu) or Pastor Rob. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome! We're looking forward to continued growth and engagement in the Grace Youth Group!

~ Peace, Pastor Jessica

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### Pride Interfaith Service at Grace UCC

**Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 11 a.m.**



Join us on **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** as we celebrate Frederick Pride!

The Day begins with an Interfaith Pride Service at Grace UCC at 11 AM.

Our guest speaker will be JJ Warren, a United Methodist college student from Sarah Lawrence College, whose impassioned speech at the 2019 UM

General Conference went viral on social media. Come join us as we celebrate

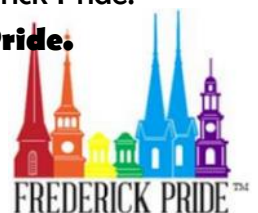
the common faith we share and the affirmation of all People as God's beloved community!

Following the service, join us at the Carroll Creek Linear Park for Frederick Pride.

**We are in need of volunteers to staff the Grace UCC table at Pride.**

Please contact Trevor Addie at [trevor.grucc@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.grucc@gmail.com).

Please consider giving 2 hours of your time to this worthy event!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!!!



That's right! VBS is returning to Grace and this year's theme is Superheroes of Faith!

So get out your cape and tights and get ready to learn how God has used people to be Heroes in the world around us!

**What: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT GRACE UCC & HOT DOG BBQ kickoff on Wednesday!**

**When: Wednesday, July 17th 5:30-8 PM  
Thursday and Friday, July 18-19 6-8 PM**

**Where: Grace UCC**

**Songs, Crafts, Snacks and Bible lessons.**

**Sounds awesome, right???**

***Join us and bring a friend!!***

***Registration is required!!***

Please fill out a registration form at church or through the website.

Paper forms are in the narthex.



## *Grace United Church of Christ*

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James Taylor, Bell Choir director

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, June 2, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: N/A

Altar Guild: Gwen Edwards

#### **Sunday, June 9, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Rob Apgar

Children's Message: Earl Bartgis

Children's Church: N/A

Altar Guild: Karen Kehoe

*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.*

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OF CHRIST**

