

Grace United Church of Christ

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 2, 2020
Worship & Holy Communion



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We Gather

Prelude "Jesus, Lover of My Soul",
Joseph Parry, arr. Douglas E. Wagner Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: Where two or three are gathered in His name, Christ promises to be in their midst.
We have longed for this day. We have waited to be together again.
We gather together on this day to draw near to God.

P: We gather together to draw near to one another.

L: Though we are different people with different backgrounds,

P: We come together to worship our God and celebrate our common faith.

L: There is no true worship without unity among Christ's followers.

All: Let us come together in unity wherever we are, as one family, to worship God.

Opening Song "Now Thank We All Our God" NCH #419 (insert)

Opening Prayer (unison)

We Listen

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

Special Music "Let There Be Peace On Earth",
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, arr. Lani Smith Jonas Dawson

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21 Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

THANKSGIVING

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Nun danket alle Gott
(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Johann Crüger, 1647
Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

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 Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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
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.

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.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Reflection Music

“Blessed Be The Ties that Bind”

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1 Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the sharing of a common life
is like to that above.

2 Before our God we come
and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
a sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part
it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Dismissal

Postlude

"Festivity on 'Holy Manna'",
William Moore, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Jonas Dawson

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## *Grace United Church of Christ*

July 30, 2020

Dear friends,

Gov. Larry Hogan made an announcement yesterday that Maryland is starting to reverse the progress we made in the fight against Covid-19. Hospitals are seeing a 30% rise in infections. Former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain just died this morning after attending a public event. Maryland is now mandating masks indoors and outdoors when in crowds.

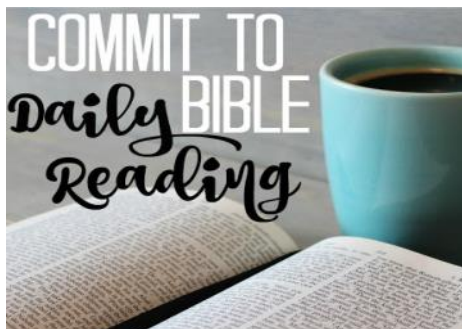
And so I am writing to let you know that Church Council has voted unanimously NOT to reopen this Sunday as planned. We will continue to stream online as we have been.

We will reevaluate this decision in the near future. As much as we'd all like to be together, it's just not worth risking people's health.

Sorry, everyone! But we have to make the hard decisions so that everyone is safe. We've already lost one church member to Covid. That was one too many.

Be well and stay safe!

Pastor Rob



# Daily Bible Readings August 2020

**Saturday, August 1, 2020:**

[Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:1-21; Matthew 7:7-11](#)OR  
[Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 44:1-5; Matthew 7:7-11](#)

**Sunday, August 2, 2020: [Proper 13 \(18\)](#)**

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

**Monday, August 3, 2020:** [Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15](#)OR  
[Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Romans 1:8-15](#)

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020:** [Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47](#)OR  
[Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 26:1-15; Acts 2:37-47](#)

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020:** [Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39](#)OR  
[Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35; Matthew 15:32-39](#)

**Thursday, August 6, 2020:** [Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 35:22b-29; Acts 17:10-15](#)OR  
[Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:1-16; Acts 17:10-15](#)

**Friday, August 7, 2020:** [Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28](#)OR  
[Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40; Acts 18:24-28](#)

**Saturday, August 8, 2020:** [Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4](#)OR  
[Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 16:1-4](#)

**Sunday, August 9, 2020: [Proper 14 \(19\)](#);**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b  
1Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

**Monday, August 10, 2020:** [Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10](#)OR  
[Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 7:11-8:5; 2 Peter 2:4-10](#)

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020:** [Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29](#)OR  
[Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 19:1-29; Romans 9:14-29](#)

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020:** [Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27](#)OR  
[Psalm 18:1-19; Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24; Matthew 8:23-27](#)

**Thursday, August 13, 2020:** [Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4](#)OR  
[Psalm 67; Isaiah 45:20-25; Revelation 15:1-4](#)

**Friday, August 14, 2020:** [Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28](#)OR  
[Psalm 67; Isaiah 63:15-19; Acts 14:19-28](#)

**Saturday, August 15, 2020:** [Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36](#)OR  
[Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1-5; Matthew 14:34-36](#)



**Sunday, August 16, 2020: [Proper 15 \(20\)](#)**

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

**Monday, August 17, 2020: [Psalm 130](#); [Genesis 43:1-34](#); [Acts 15:1-21](#)OR  
[Psalm 87](#); [2 Kings 5:1-14](#); [Acts 15:1-21](#)**

**Tuesday, August 18, 2020: [Psalm 130](#); [Genesis 44:1-34](#); [Romans 11:13-29](#)OR  
[Psalm 87](#); [Isaiah 43:8-13](#); [Romans 11:13-29](#)**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020: [Psalm 130](#); [Genesis 45:16-28](#); [Matthew 8:1-13](#)OR  
[Psalm 87](#); [Isaiah 66:18-23](#); [Matthew 8:1-13](#)**

**Thursday, August 20, 2020: [Psalm 124](#); [Genesis 49:1-33](#); [1 Corinthians 6:1-11](#)OR  
[Psalm 138](#); [Ezekiel 28:11-19](#); [1 Corinthians 6:1-11](#)**

**Friday, August 21, 2020: [Psalm 124](#); [Genesis 49:29-50:14](#); [2 Corinthians 10:12-18](#)OR  
[Psalm 138](#); [Ezekiel 31:15-18](#); [2 Corinthians 10:12-18](#)**

**Saturday, August 22, 2020: [Psalm 124](#); [Genesis 50:15-26](#); [Matthew 16:5-12](#)OR  
[Psalm 138](#); [Ezekiel 36:33-38](#); [Matthew 16:5-12](#)**

**Sunday, August 23, 2020: [Proper 16 \(21\)](#)**

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

**Monday, August 24, 2020: [Psalm 8](#); [Exodus 1:1-7](#); [Romans 2:1-11](#)OR  
[Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32](#); [1 Samuel 7:3-13](#); [Romans 2:1-11](#)**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020: [Psalm 8](#); [Exodus 2:11-15a](#); [Romans 11:33-36](#)OR  
[Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32](#); [Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39](#); [Romans 11:33-36](#)**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020: [Psalm 8](#); [Exodus 2:15b-22](#); [Matthew 26:6-13](#)OR  
[Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32](#); [Isaiah 28:14-22](#); [Matthew 26:6-13](#)**

**Thursday, August 27, 2020: [Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b](#); [Exodus 2:23-24](#); [Ephesians 5:1-6](#)OR  
[Psalm 26:1-8](#); [Jeremiah 14:13-18](#); [Ephesians 5:1-6](#)**

**Friday, August 28, 2020: [Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b](#); [Exodus 3:16-22](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:7-12](#)OR  
[Psalm 26:1-8](#); [Jeremiah 15:1-9](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:7-12](#)**

**Saturday, August 29, 2020: [Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b](#); [Exodus 4:1-9](#); [Matthew 8:14-17](#)OR  
[Psalm 26:1-8](#); [Jeremiah 15:10-14](#); [Matthew 8:14-17](#)**

**Sunday, August 30, 2020: [Proper 17 \(22\)](#)**

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

**Monday, August 31, 2020: [Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18](#); [Exodus 4:10-31](#); [Revelation 3:1-6](#)OR  
[Psalm 17](#); [2 Samuel 11:2-26](#); [Revelation 3:1-6](#)**



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*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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