

Grace United Church of Christ

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Worship



Westminster Cathedral, London; golden mosaic; dates to the 1930s; artist Gilbert Pownall

The mosaic captures the moment that the drowning St Peter cried out to Christ for help. Spotting Christ from the ship are the two other apostles that he was particularly close to – St John (the clean-shaven one) and St James Major. To the left, the barefoot Christ reassures them as the waves crash against the boat.

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We Gather

Prelude "I've Been in the Storm So Long",
African-American Spiritual, arr. David Kidwell (b. 1968) Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: The Lord is faithful and abounding in steadfast love.

P: God's love is always before our eyes, God's mercy is new every morning.

L: May we remain in this love always; may we walk faithfully with God.

P: May we always be drawn to the congregation of your faithful ones.

All: We are standing on holy ground, let us worship our Lord.

Opening Song "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" NCH #43 (v1&3)

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Opening Prayer (By Thomas Merton)

**My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself.
And the fact that I think that I am following
your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.
Therefore will I trust you always though I may
seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear for you are ever with me and
you will never leave me to face my troubles alone.
Amen.**

We Listen

First Reading

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Special Music

"He Hideth My Soul",
William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Mark Hayes

Jonas Dawson

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Rob

We Respond

Response Hymn

“Lord, I want to be a Christian”

NCH# 454 (v1&4)

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Sacrament of Baptism

Pastoral Prayers

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

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“What a Covenant”

NCH #471

Dismissal

Postlude

"Hope Eternal",
Edward Broughton

Jonas Dawson

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***Today we welcome Scarlett Rose Lutman into the family of God through the sacrament of Baptism. Scarlett is the daughter of Mat and Shannon and the little sister of Matthew. God bless Scarlett!***

### ***Singing in Church***

***Please Note: CDC guidelines state that congregational singing is NOT recommended at this time.***

***We are still including hymns (2 verses) as reflection music. You may read the words, enjoy the tune, be in reflective prayer or even lip sync or hum the tune!***

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a \*cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing  
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

## Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from  
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

\*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms." Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to E. A. Hoffman to provide the stanzas.

Tune: LEANING 5,5,9,D. with refrain  
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

## **Grace goes LIVE!**

Please know that today's service is being live-streamed for those who can not worship with us in person. If you prefer NOT to be in the live stream video, please sit in pews behind the center pillars.

The children's moment will be on camera as well.

If you would like your child NOT to be on camera, please speak to our AV team or an usher.

***(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)***



## *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.

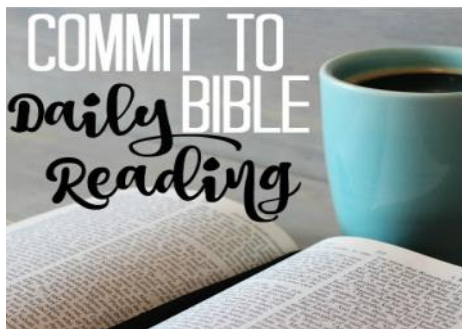
We will reevaluate this decision in the near future. As much as we'd all like to be together, it's just not worth risking people's health.

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 7:7-11OR  
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 1:8-15OR  
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 2:37-47OR  
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 15:32-39OR  
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 17:10-15OR  
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 18:24-28OR  
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 16:1-4OR  
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 2:4-10OR  
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 9:14-29OR  
Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 19:1-29; Romans 9:14-29

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020:** Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27OR  
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 15:1-4OR  
Psalm 67; Isaiah 45:20-25; Revelation 15:1-4

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

**Saturday, August 15, 2020:** Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36OR  
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 15:1-21OR  
Psalm 87; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21

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

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

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

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

**Saturday, August 22, 2020:** Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12OR  
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 2:1-11OR  
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 11:33-36OR  
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 26:6-13OR  
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 5:1-6OR  
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 2:7-12OR  
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 8:14-17OR  
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 3:1-6OR  
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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