

Grace United Church of Christ

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Worship



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We Gather

Prelude

"In God, My Faithful God",
J. S. Bach, edited by Lani Smith

Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: Let's worship God who loves us all.

P: Whether we're old or young, educated or uneducated, healthy or ill, whether we're dark skinned or light-skinned, rich or poor.

L: Let's worship God who wants us to . . .

P: Love our neighbor as ourselves;

L: The one who is weak and the one who is strong

P: The one we understand and the one we don't, the one who is like us and the one who is different.

L: Let's worship the God who desires our love.

All: Let's worship God with our thoughts, prayers and songs.

Opening Song

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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Opening Prayer

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;

there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

We Listen

First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Responsive Reading Psalm 133

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

P: Let us Bless the Lord!

Special Music

"Canzonetta", George Bizet, arr. George Blake

Jonas Dawson

Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Rob

We Respond

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

Benediction:

Blessings Upon You
(adapted from a prayer by Margaret A. Davidson)

Blessings upon you, upon those you love
and those you shall never know.

Blessings upon your steps
and upon the vision of your eyes.

Blessings upon you in all circumstances;
joy and sorrow, for wisdom rests in them,
twin experiences with different faces.

Blessings be upon what lies before you,
the challenges and decisions,
the pain and the relief.

Blessings upon you, my friends in Christ.

Closing Hymn

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God, our Creator
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Dismissal

Postlude

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy",
Henry Brimley Richards, arr. Gerald Peterson

Jonas Dawson

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### *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!*

## **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.

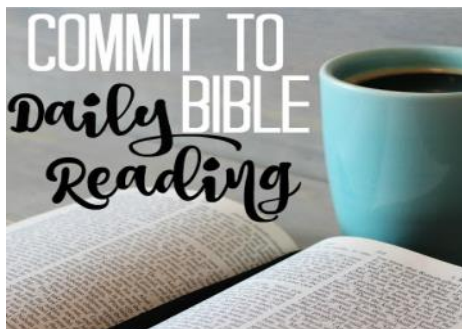
We will reevaluate this decision in the near future. As much as we'd all like to be together, it's just not worth risking people's health.

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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