



Grace United Church of Christ

Sunday, September 1, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Call to Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday, September 1, 2019
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Open Table

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

*This morning we will use the New Century Hymnal (NCH)
and the green Worship & Song hymnal (W&S).*

We Gather

Prelude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Jonas Dawson
Carl G. Glaser, arr. Jonathan A. Noel (b. 1969)

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

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 81)

L: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

P: For the LORD is God; it is the LORD who freed us from bondage.

L: O that God's people would listen, that Israel would walk in the Lord's ways!

P: The Lord will feed us with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock God will satisfy.

L: Come, let us bow down before the LORD and worship with a sincere heart!

*Opening Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NCH # 459

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are so often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

We try to speak in your name, without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our heart and lives for you. Teach us to live in the intricate balance between faith and works, between being and doing, being nourished and serving others. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.

*Pardon and Assurance

* Passing the Peace

We Listen

Special Music

"He Giveth More Grace/
No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"
arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Teddi Garrison

*Hymn

Spirit of The Loving God

NCH # 283

*Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message

Carol Garrison

Sermon

"God doesn't believe in Atheists either"

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayer of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Chorale", from "Nocturne"
Op. 15, No. 3, Frédéric Chopin, arr. Lani Smith

Jonas Dawson

*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 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.

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.*

Communion Music "Let Us Break Bread Together" Jonas Dawson
African American Spiritual, arr. Robert F. Swift (b. 1940)

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 "Christ, We are Blessed" W&S # 3174

*Closing Benediction

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Postlude "Built on a Rock", from "Kirken" Jonas Dawson
Ludvig M. Lindeman, arr. Lani Smith

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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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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!***



**Grace Youth News**

**Friday, September 20**

***The Great Frederick Fair***

**FAIR DAY FRIDAY (Kid's Day)**

The Youth Group will be kicking off the new school year with a day outing to the Great Frederick Fair on Friday, September 20 (Kid's Day).

Please join us (and bring a friend or two)!

Further plans for fall youth events to follow. Stay tuned! All youth grades 6-12 are welcome! We're looking forward to continued growth and engagement in the Grace Youth Group!



Please direct questions to Pastor Jessica at [jessica.townsley@ctsichicago.edu](mailto:jessica.townsley@ctsichicago.edu).

~ Peace, Pastor Jessica

Saturday,  
September 14th

IN THE STREET



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Grace will have a table at

In The Street on

Saturday, September 14th

in Downtown Frederick

Grace is looking for volunteers to man the table again this year... particularly with Kids activities! If you are skilled at Face-Painting or know someone who is, PLEASE let Pastor Rob know! Thanks!

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JOIN GRACE CHURCH AT  
FREDERICK COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY'S (FCAA)  
SOUP KITCHEN TO SERVE DINNER  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 4:45 PM

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? 14 East All Saints Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Contact Jerry Princler at [jerryprin@comcast.net](mailto:jerryprin@comcast.net) or Trevor Addie at [trevor.grucc@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.grucc@gmail.com) for details.

## 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!*

Food Drive



*Grace UCC collected 83 items  
of food for the Food Bank  
in June and July.*

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED.

FOR EXAMPLE: PEANUT BUTTER

PASTA ~ RICE ~ SPAGHETTI

TOMATO SAUCE ~ CEREAL

CANNED FISH ~ CANNED MEATS



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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. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please contact the church office at [admin@crucc.com](mailto:admin@crucc.com)

|                  |                                                                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Marj Curran      | 3636 16th Street, NW, B-811, Washington, DC 20010-1167                          |
| Millie Davis     | 801 Pine Ave., Frederick, MD 21701                                              |
| Joe Free         | Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center                                                 |
| Miriam Himes     | Edenton, Orchard Terrace, 5905 Edenton Court, Room #705,<br>Frederick, MD 21702 |
| Charlotte Hoover | 7404 Willow Road, Nursing at Meadows, Frederick, MD 21702                       |
| Pam Kehne        | 1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122                                               |
| 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.

Condolences to Millie Davis on the recent death of her son, Richard Kelley.

The funeral was held the week of 19th in Virginia.



# Daily Bible Reading

Jeremiah 3:15-25;  
Luke 14:15-24 OR  
Psalm 119:65-72;  
Isaiah 57:14-21;  
Luke 14:15-24

## Thursday, September 5, 2019:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
Jeremiah 15:10-21;  
Philippians 2:25-30 OR  
Psalm 1;  
Genesis 39:1-23;  
Philippians 2:25-30

## Friday, September 6, 2019:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
Jeremiah 16:14-17:4;  
Colossians 4:7-17 OR  
Psalm 1;  
Deuteronomy 7:12-26;  
Colossians 4:7-17

## Saturday, September 7, 2019:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
Jeremiah 17:14-27;  
Matthew 10:34-42 OR  
Psalm 1;  
Deuteronomy 29:2-20;  
Matthew 10:34-42

## Sunday, September 8, 2019: Proper 18 (23)

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and  
Psalm 1;  
Philemon 1:1-21;  
Luke 14:25-33



## Sunday, September 1, 2019: Proper 17 (22)

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
and Psalm 81:1, 10-16;  
Sirach 10:12-18  
or Proverbs 25:6-7  
and Psalm 112 ;  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Monday, September 2, 2019:

Psalm 58;  
Jeremiah 2:23-37;  
Hebrews 13:7-21 OR  
Psalm 119:65-72;  
2 Chronicles 12:1-12;  
Hebrews 13:7-21

## Tuesday, September 3, 2019:

Psalm 58;  
Jeremiah 3:1-14;  
Titus 1:1-9 OR  
Psalm 119:65-72;  
Isaiah 2:12-17;  
Titus 1:1-9

## Wednesday, September 4, 2019:

Psalm 58;

## GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship & Communion

**Monday, September 2**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Church Office Closed**



Tuesday, September 3

6:30 PM Mankind Project

Wednesday, September 4

6:30 PM TFC Youth Group

Thursday, September 5

6:30 PM GAMMA

Friday, September 6

1:30 PM Coffee w/ COIPP (GSR)

Saturday, September 7

Sunday, September 8

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Faith Formation Sunday

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

# The Grace Vine Print Newsletter / NEXT ISSUE: OCTOBER 2019



**ARTICLE DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**GO GREEN! GO PAPERLESS!** Would you like to get your monthly newsletter by email instead of print? Contact the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com).



## **WEEKLY Grace Vine E-News**

The Church Office sends out the Grace Vine E-News to members and friends every Friday, sharing upcoming news and events. Please email the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to add your email address to this distribution list!

## **CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

Do you need an updated copy of our member directory? Please contact the church office an updated copy will provided to you. Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish our directory on the church website.



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### **June 2019 Treasurer's Report**

|                       | <b>June 2019</b>     | <b>Year-to-Date</b>   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Income:               | \$ 16,482.40         | \$ 89,564.20          |
| <u>Less Expenses:</u> | <u>-\$ 19,521.11</u> | <u>-\$ 119,200.94</u> |
| Net:                  | (3,308.71)           | (29,636.74)           |

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## *Grace United Church of Christ*

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, September 1, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Teddi Garrison

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Rob Apgar

Altar Guild: Sergei Travis

#### **Sunday, September 8, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: Elizabeth Damazo

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Damazo

*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.*

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

