

Grace United Church of Christ

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Worship & Communion



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We Gather

Prelude Allegro from Concerto in D Minor Wayne L. Wold
G. F. Handel

Preparing our Hearts

Greeting

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 149)

- L: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- P: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in the Sovereign One. Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.**
- L: For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.
- P: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy.**
- L: Come, let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" NCH # 436 (insert)

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading	Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14	
Second Reading	Romans 13:8-14	
Special Music	Meditation on "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"	Wayne L. Wold
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor
Children's Message		
Sermon	"Morality of Love"	Pastor Rob

We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

Communion Hymn

“Jesus is Here Right Now”

NCH # 348 (insert)

Jesus is here right now. Je-sus is here.
With this bread and wine true peace you'll find;
Christ Je-sus is here right now. (right now).
repeat:

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

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Blessed Be The Tie That Binds"

NCH # 393 (insert)

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

Processional on "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Wayne L. Wold

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*Today we welcome Dr. Wayne Wold as our guest organist. Wayne is a long-time friend of Grace Church and a beloved music professor in the area. Jonas is enjoying some time off today. Welcome Wayne!*



# Daily Bible Readings September 2020

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020:** Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13OR Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15; Revelation 3:7-13

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020:** Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32OR Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32

**Thursday, September 3, 2020:** Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21OR Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:1-14; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

**Friday, September 4, 2020:** Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21OR Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:15-27; Romans 10:15b-21

**Saturday, September 5, 2020:** Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36OR Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:1-6; Matthew 23:29-36

**Sunday, September 6, 2020: Proper 18 (23)**  
Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149 •  
Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40 •  
Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20

**Monday, September 7, 2020:** Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17OR Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020:** Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7OR Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020:** Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22OR Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22

**Thursday, September 10, 2020:** Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16OR Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16

**Friday, September 11, 2020:** Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16OR Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16

**Saturday, September 12, 2020:** Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15OR Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15

**Sunday, September 13, 2020: Proper 19 (24)**  
Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 • Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 • Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35

**Monday, September 14, 2020:** Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29OR Psalm 133; Genesis 48:8-22; Hebrews 11:23-29

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020:** Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2 OR Psalm 133; Genesis 49:29-50:14; Romans 14:13-15:2

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020:** Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25 OR Psalm 133; Genesis 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25

**Thursday, September 17, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4 OR Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

**Friday, September 18, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 OR Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 2:3-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

**Saturday, September 19, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30 OR Psalm 145:1-8; Zephaniah 2:13-15; Matthew 19:23-30

**Sunday, September 20, 2020: Proper 20 (25)**  
Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 •  
Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8 •  
Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

**Monday, September 21, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16 OR Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 16:1-16

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20 OR Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5 OR Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1-5

**Thursday, September 24, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16 OR Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16

**Friday, September 25, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41 OR Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41

**Saturday, September 26, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33 OR Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33

**Sunday, September 27, 2020: Proper 21 (26)**  
Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 •  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9 •  
Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32

**Monday, September 28, 2020:** Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14 OR Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020:** Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21 OR Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020:** Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8 OR Psalm 28; Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8





## *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



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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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