

Grace United Church of Christ

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Worship



Image credit: Stained glass window from Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Tarnobrzeg-Serbinów, Poland.

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We Gather

Prelude "In Thee I Rest", Roger C. Wilson Jonas Dawson

Greeting

Preparing our Hearts (piano)

Call to Worship

L: God's people are invited to worship the Lord in the sanctuary.

P: It is good and wonderful thing to be in the House of the Lord!

L: May the Lord's voice find us ready to do his will.

P: May we always be willing to act according to God's wise counsel.

L: Come, let us worship our Almighty, Ever-Loving God!

Opening Hymn "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" NCH # 172

1 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

2 As of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading

Philippians 2: 1-13

Special Music

"I Need Thee Every Hour",
words by Annie S. Hawks, music by Robert Lowry Jonas Dawson

Gospel

Matthew 21: 23-32

Children's Message

Sermon

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

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

Blessing

Closing Hymn “Christian, Rise and Act your Creed” NCH # 537 (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude "God the Omnipotent",
Alexis F. Lvov, arr. Thomas Chesterton Jonas Dawson

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*Cantor - Jennie Huntoon*

### ***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.

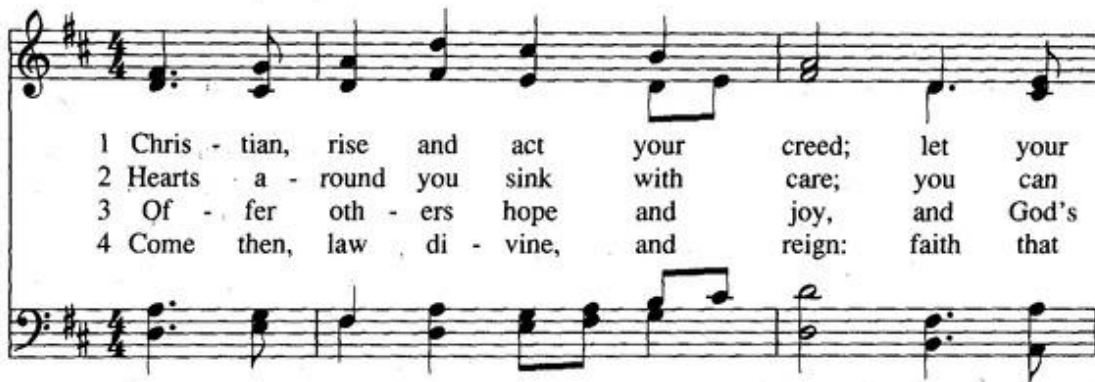
The children's moment will be on camera as well.

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.)***

## Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

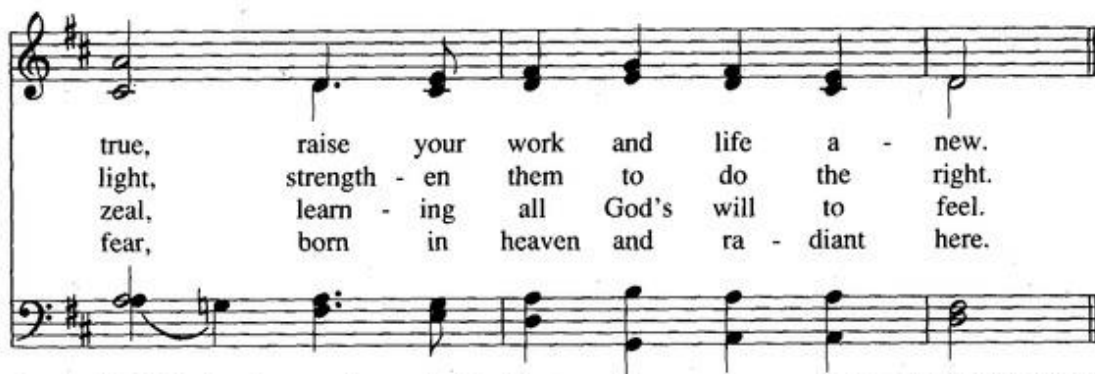
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*Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.*


1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your  
 2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can  
 3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's  
 4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that



prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the  
 help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing  
 wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble  
 doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of



true, raise your work and life a - new.  
 light, strength - en them to do the right.  
 zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.  
 fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

*Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the Pilgrim Hymnal (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.*

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.  
 The Parish Choir, 1850



## Grace United Church of Christ

As of 9/16/2020

Good News!!! At the beginning of the month, Gov Larry Hogan announced that Maryland was moving into Phase 3 of the pandemic response. Grace Council decided to wait a few weeks and see if there was a rise in numbers after Labor Day. Well, it seems stable at the moment, so starting NEXT week September 27th, we will be welcoming people back to worship. Covid precautions will still be in place, but please do join us as you feel comfortable. Live Streaming is NOT going away. You will be able to worship via our youtube channel from now on. (but we still want to see your pretty little face - as grandma used to say!)

What to expect when you return to worship in person?

CDC guidelines will be followed:

1. There will be a welcome table in the narthex. Your temperature will be taken, there will be hand sanitizer and masks available as well. Masks are required. If you don't have one, we will happily give you one!
2. Prayers will NOT be spoken aloud during worship. We cant use a common mic and passing prayer cards is not advised. There will be a prayer list in the narthex. If you have a prayer need either text it to the prayer number on the screen or add it to the comments on YouTube. You may also write your prayers on the prayer sheet in the narthex before worship each week. There are 2 baskets of pens: please take a fresh pen from the basket and put it in the USED PENS basket when you are finished. Pens are sanitized after worship.
3. Seats will be socially distanced. Families may of course sit together. )Just don't sit in the pews that are taped off and you'll be fine. It'll be obvious.)
4. Passing of the peace will not be physical; Instead, give a smile, a nod, a respectful bow of the head or an exuberant wave.
5. Hymns will NOT be sung by the congregation. A cantor will sing the hymns so we can enjoy the words. If you'd like to participate, please mouth the words or hum along!
6. Ushers will be releasing people row by row as worship ends. Please just leave the building without congregating together. We need to minimize in person contact. Pastor Rob will NOT be at the door greeting people.
7. The bathrooms and building are sanitized prior to each service. There are hand sanitizer stations outside the bathrooms. Rubber gloves are there as well if anyone prefers to use those to touch the faucets, etc...
  - a. Trashcans are outside the bathroom so people can use a paper towel to flush or close the door and then dispose of the towel in the trash can.

I know it sounds like a lot, but it's really fine and we will navigate these new waters with ease! We are Grace Church! We can do it with ease!

~ **Pastor Rob** +



# 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





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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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