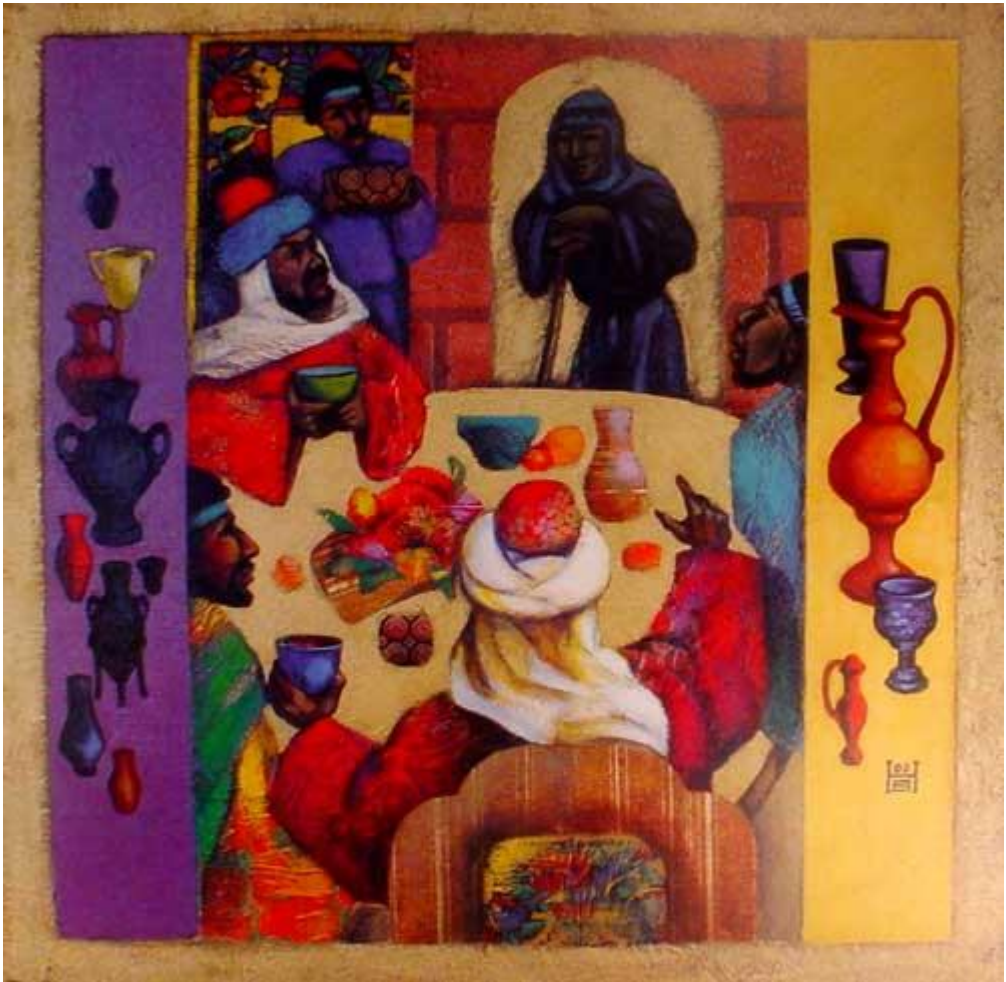


Grace United Church of Christ

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"The Wedding Feast" by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube.

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We Gather

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name/
The Church's One Foundation
WYRTZEN / HUSTAD

Jim Anderson

Welcome

Preparing of our Hearts

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 106)

L: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all God's praise?

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; whose steadfast love endures forever.

L: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

P: Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them;

All: That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. Praise the LORD!

Opening Hymn

"Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing"

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1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,

Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Baptist Hymnal, 1991

Opening Prayer

Collect For Purity **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

We Listen

First Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Special Music

The Solid Rock - KOERTS

Jim Anderson

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Children's Message

Sermon

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Stewardship Moment

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

A Place at the Table

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Dismissal

Postlude

Fanfare On An Original Theme - MARTIN

Jim Anderson

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*Cantor - Rob Apgar*

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Today we welcome *Jim Anderson* as our guest musician.  
Thanks for sharing your gifts with us Jim!

## A Place at the Table

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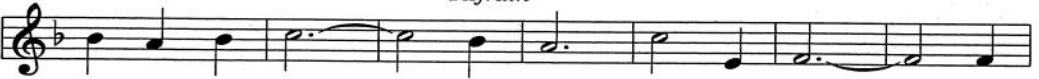
1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -
5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, — a shel - ter, a  
 vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, — with wis - dom and  
 voice to be heard, a part in the song, — the hands of a  
 bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, — in an - ger, in  
 live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, — to work, to speak



space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery - one born, a  
 grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for wom - an and man, a  
 child in hands that are wrin - kled, for young and for old, the  
 hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un - just, a  
 out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery - one born, the

*Refrain*

star o - ver - head. —  
 sys - tem that's fair. —  
 right to be - long. — And God will de - light — when  
 new way to live. —  
 right to be free. —



we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, — yes, God will de -



light — when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, —



jus - tice and joy! —

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray  
 MUSIC: Lori True

PLACE AT THE TABLE  
 11 10.11 10 with Refrain

### *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.)***





## Beloved, Love the Children.

***“Grown men can learn from very little children, for the hearts of the little children are pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss.” – Black Elk 1863-1950***

**H**ow often have I found myself amazed at the simple wisdom of children? Children have a profoundly different perspective on how they see the world – if only we could see the world through their eyes! Jesus tells us in our sacred texts that we must become like little children to enter the kin-dom of heaven. *(Matthew 18.3)*

In 2019, Skyland Community United Church of Christ, through their Love of Children, reached out to the broader community to create a photo exhibition. Located in the Santa Cruz mountains of California, the congregation invited children ages 4 – 11 from the community to submit photographs. Over 80 children participated in the “My World in the Santa Cruz Mountains” exhibit. People from all ages attended the exhibit reception replete with milk and cookies. Each participant was valued as an artist and encouraged to talk about their submission.



All enjoyed the playful and profound perspectives of their world in the mountains through the eyes of the children.

What might we learn about one another, our communities, and especially our church if we were to see them through the eyes of a child? Do they feel heard... seen... valued? How do they know they are 'beloved'?

As you reflect on stewardship in our church, think about these things. How do your actions express your love of children? Are children engaged in ways that also inspire us? What do they teach us about love? Nelson Mandela reminded us, "Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future." Beloved, Love the children.

## WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS

(Rounded to the nearest dollar)

| Annual Income | Monthly Income | Weekly Income | 2%    | 4%    | 6%    | 8%    | 10%   | 15%   |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 16,000        | 1,333          | 308           | 6.00  | 12.00 | 18.00 | 25.00 | 31.00 | 46.00 |
| 20,000        | 1,667          | 385           | 8.00  | 15.00 | 23.00 | 31.00 | 39.00 | 58.00 |
| 25,000        | 2,083          | 481           | 10.00 | 19.00 | 29.00 | 38.00 | 48.00 | 72.00 |
| 30,000        | 2,500          | 577           | 12.00 | 23.00 | 35.00 | 46.00 | 58.00 | 87.00 |
| 35,000        | 2,917          | 673           | 13.00 | 27.00 | 40.00 | 54.00 | 67.00 | 101   |
| 40,000        | 3,333          | 769           | 15.00 | 31.00 | 46.00 | 62.00 | 77.00 | 115   |
| 45,000        | 3,750          | 865           | 17.00 | 35.00 | 52.00 | 69.00 | 87.00 | 130   |
| 50,000        | 4,167          | 962           | 19.00 | 38.00 | 58.00 | 77.00 | 96.00 | 144   |
| 60,000        | 5,000          | 1,154         | 23.00 | 46.00 | 69.00 | 92.00 | 115   | 173   |
| 75,000        | 6,250          | 1,442         | 29.00 | 58.00 | 87.00 | 115   | 144   | 216   |
| 100,000       | 8,333          | 1,923         | 38.00 | 77.00 | 115   | 154   | 192   | 288   |
| 125,000       | 10,417         | 2,404         | 48.00 | 96.00 | 144   | 192   | 240   | 361   |







## *Grace United Church of Christ*

*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 beginning September 27th, we opened for in-person worship. Covid precautions are still 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 +*



This month has an assortment of readings and its really difficult to pick one that stands out. There are, however, two books this month that don't really get that much attention, so let's talk about those for a moment. Titus is a letter written by Paul to Titus, a leader who followed Paul in his mission trip to the apostles in Jerusalem, and is a real test case for ministry to the gentiles. Himself a gentile, Titus is instructed by Paul to keep the order in the community at Crete.

Philippians another of Paul's letters to the church in Macedonia, a part of the Roman Empire. Paul writes to his beloved community of Phillipi from prison and writes to encourage them and to assure them of their comfort for him in his struggles.



**Thursday, October 1, 2020:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23OR Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23

**Thursday, October 8, 2020:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14OR Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

**Friday, October 2, 2020:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4aOR Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

**Friday, October 9, 2020:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10OR Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10

**Saturday, October 3, 2020:** Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52OR Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52

**Saturday, October 10, 2020:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22OR Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22

**Sunday, October 4, 2020: Proper 22 (27)**  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19 •  
Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15 •  
Philippians 3:4b-14 •  
Matthew 21:33-46

**Sunday, October 11, 2020: Proper 23 (28)**  
Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 •  
Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23 •  
Philippians 4:1-9 •  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Monday, October 5, 2020:** Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10OR Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10

**Monday, October 12, 2020:** Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25OR Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020:** Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21OR Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020:** Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1OR Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020:** Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57OR Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020:** Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35OR Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35

**Thursday, October 15, 2020:** Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12OR Psalm 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12

**Friday, October 16, 2020:** Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5OR Psalm 96:1-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5

**Saturday, October 17, 2020:** Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12OR Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12

**Sunday, October 18, 2020: Proper 24 (29)**  
**Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99 •**  
**Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13) •**  
**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 •**  
**Matthew 22:15-22**

**Monday, October 19, 2020:** Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20OR Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020:** Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24OR Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020:** Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27OR Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27

**Thursday, October 22, 2020:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16OR Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16

**Friday, October 23, 2020:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15OR Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

**Saturday, October 24, 2020:** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47OR Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47

**Sunday, October 25, 2020: Proper 25 (30)**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 •  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1 •  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 •  
Matthew 22:34-46

**Monday, October 26, 2020:** Psalm 119:41-48 ; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13OR Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020:** Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26OR Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020:** Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7 ; Matthew 19:16-22OR Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22

**Thursday, October 29, 2020:** Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29OR Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29

**Friday, October 30, 2020:** Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3OR Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3

**Saturday, October 31, 2020:** Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28OR Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28





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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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