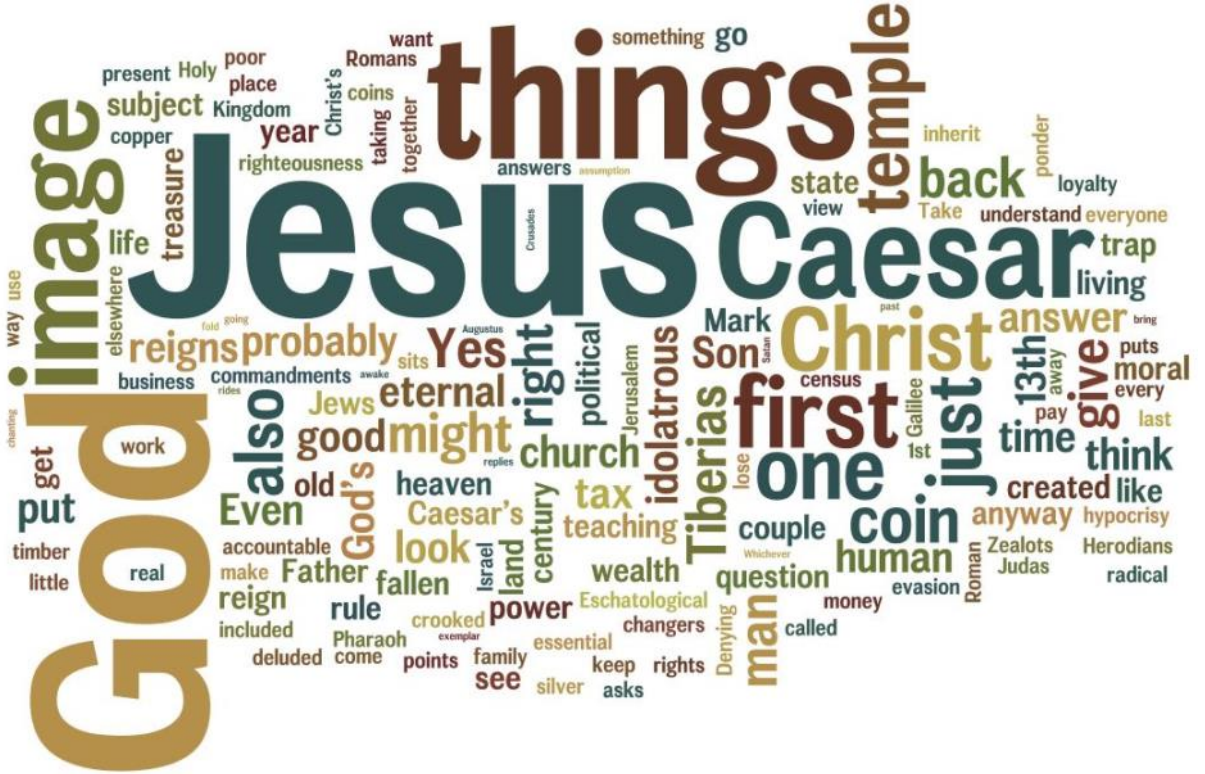


# Grace United Church of Christ

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***We Gather***

Prelude

"Simple Gifts",  
Traditional Shaker Melody, arr. Jan Sanborn

Jonas Dawson

Intro Video

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Preparing of our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: Praise the Lord, the God of Israel

**P: God's holy name be praised!**

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,

the Man of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly powers  
no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever!

*Psalter Hymnal, (Gray), 1987*

Opening Prayer

***We Listen***

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Special Music

"Contemplation", Robert W. Thygerson

Jonas Dawson

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Children's Message

Sermon

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

***We Respond***

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship Video

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

Freely, Freely

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Dismissal

Ringling of the bell

Postlude

"O Almighty and Merciful God",  
Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Jonas Dawson

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*Cantor - Donald Toms*

## Freely, Freely

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been  
2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I  
earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.  
come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

*Refrain*

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -

cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

### ***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**

Beloved,  
let us love one another,  
because love is from God;  
everyone who loves  
is born of God  
and knows God. 1 John 4:7

**W**oven throughout the entire Bible, there are stories that compel us over and over to Love our Neighbor. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that the greatest commandment of all is “Love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” To this, Jesus added a second, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-38)

Founded in 1976, San Lucas United Church of Christ, located in the Humboldt Park community of Chicago, is a small church with a big heart. Representing a multi-lingual, multi-cultural and intergenerational community, the congregation embodies “Loving their Neighbor.” Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagan-Banks, members and volunteers have created a committed team. Amid hunger, homelessness, violence, and economic challenges, exacerbated by gentrification, this team offers a presence of hope. San Lucas UCC’s community meal is an excellent example of one of the offerings presented to the community. Every Tuesday, volunteers from Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs, serve over 100 hot meals to

## **Beloved, Love your Neighbor.**

*“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world.  
For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.” - Margaret Mead*



to those in need. No one is turned away. Carmen Flores-Rance, lay leader and longtime member, stated, “We do Church here every day, we serve the people of the community here every day – not just on Sunday. That’s what makes San Lucas such a special place.” This humble, Humboldt Park church, boldly and fearlessly, lives into God’s commandment to Love thy neighbor. Philanthropist Charlotte Lunsford Berry reminds us, “We won’t always know whose lives we touched and made better for our having cared, because actions can sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What’s important is that you do care and you act.” So, let us act so that “They’ll know we are Christians by our love” as the hymn goes, and may we be known by our acts in love of neighbor.

As you reflect on the stewardship of resources and sharing provisions to create a just world for all, I invite you to consider how you Love your neighbor through your church community. Who is your neighbor? A single parent, refugee, or elder? Someone across the street or town, or in the pew next to you? Beloved, Love your neighbor.

## 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.

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### 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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