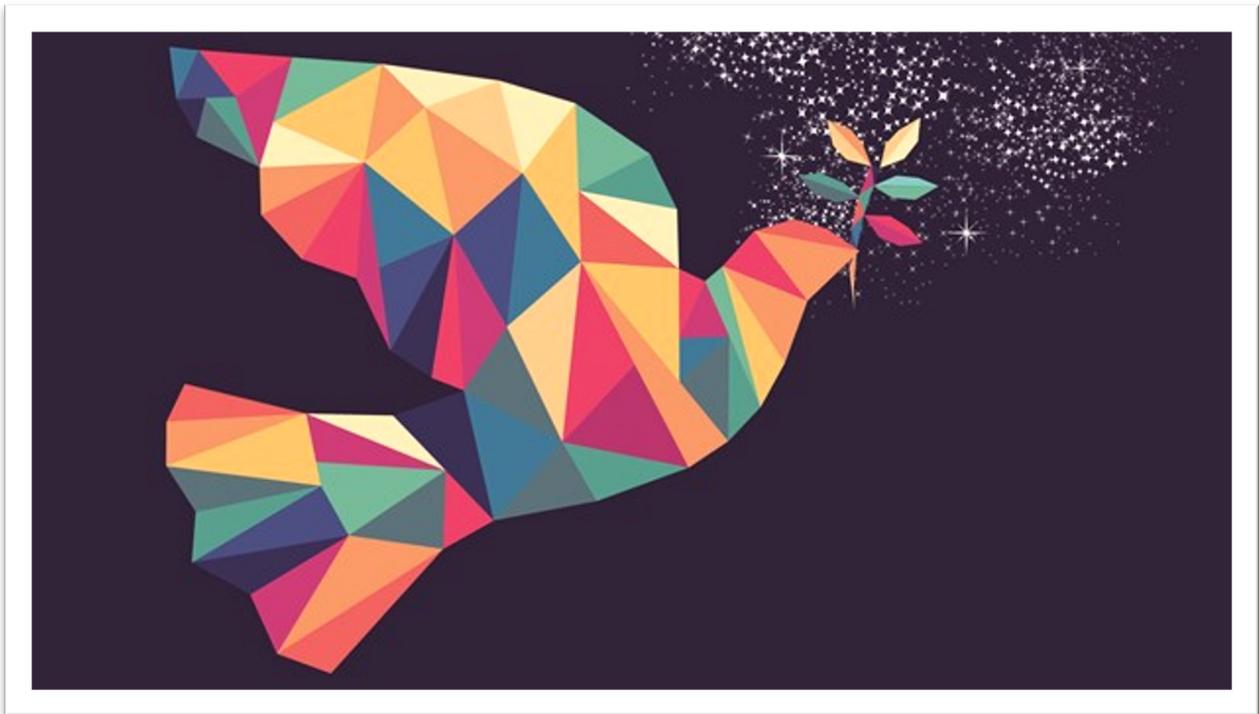


# Grace United Church of Christ



**The Third Sunday After Pentecost  
Worship Service  
Sunday, June 13th , 2021**

## ***We Gather***

10:45am                      Pre Live Stream Video Loop

Prelude                      "Tranquility", Roger C. Wilson

*(During our prelude, please take your seat and enjoy the music as we center ourselves for worship and invite God's presence into our hearts.)*

Video Call to Worship      Here to Give You Glory

Call to Worship

L: Come and give thanks to our God.

Sing praises to the holy name.

**P: With the melody of the lute and the harp  
and the song in our hearts,  
we declare God's steadfast love in the morning  
and faithfulness at night.**

L: God's works make us glad.

**P: Your works are great, O God.**

**We sing our praises of joy to you.**

Opening Hymn              Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone W&S 3104

(Please see next page for lyrics)

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone W&S #3104

**Verse 1**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see.

**Verse 2**

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear;  
And Grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

**Refrain**

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing Grace.

**Verse 3**

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**[Refrain]**

**Verse 4**

The Earth shall soon  
Dissolve like snow,  
The Sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine.

Opening Prayer

Passing the Peace

*(Let us pass the peace with a Covid-Friendly smile, wave or some other sign of Christ's love)*

***We Listen***

First Reading                      1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

Special Music                      "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", arr. Mark Hayes

Gospel                                      Mark 4:26-34

Children's Message

Sermon                                      Unexpected Leadership

***We Respond***

Pastoral Prayer

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

In the Bulb, There is a Flower # 433

**Verse 1**

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

**Verse 2**

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

**Verse 3**

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

Dismissal

Postlude

"I Thank Thee and Praise Thee", Carl Simone

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*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.***

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*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.*

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*(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)*

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*Musicians for Today's service include:*

*Jennie Huntoon, soprano*

*Nicola Sussman, alto*

*Donald Toms, tenor*

*James Taylor, bass*

*We appreciate you!*



# GRACE UCC COMMUNITY EVENTS



## PLEASE JOIN ME FOR BOLT: TOTALLY 80'S VBS.

**DATE:** July 21-23, 2021

**TIME:** 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Free!!

**PLACE:** Zoom! (Invite to be sent by email)

During BOLT, we're going to play games, sing songs, eat snacks, and take a tubular trip through the early church.

It's going to be so RAD!

RSVP by July 15<sup>th</sup> to  
[admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com)



# Grace UCC (Virtual) Book Club

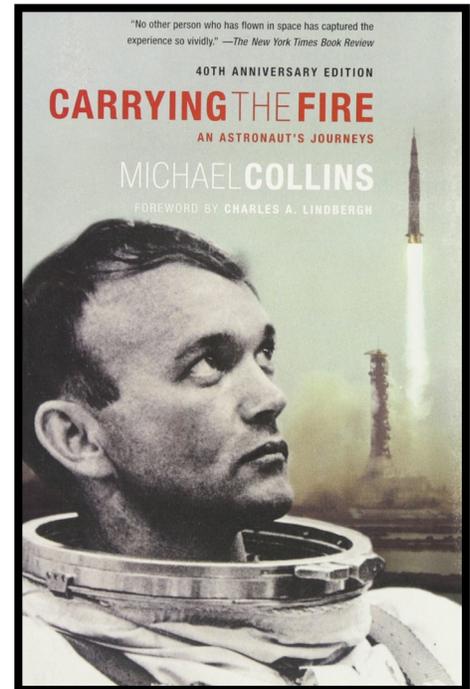
Every Wednesday at 7:00pm

*Join us if you'd like to socialize, stretch your mind, or just leave the daily grind of life behind for a bit!*

## Message from Missy Moxley:

The book club will start a new book, **Carrying the Fire: An Astronaut's Journey** by Michael Collins. We will be reading Chapters 11 and 12 for next Wednesday.

NASA astronaut Michael Collins trained as an experimental test pilot before venturing into space as a vital member of the Gemini 10 and Apollo 11 missions. In *Carrying the Fire*, his account of his voyages into space and the years of training that led up to them, Collins reveals the human tensions, the physical realities, and the personal emotions surrounding the early years of the space race. Collins provides readers with an insider's view of the space program and conveys the excitement and wonder of his journey to the moon. As skilled at writing as he is at piloting a spacecraft, Collins explains the clash of personalities at NASA and technical aspects of flight with clear, engaging prose, withholding nothing in his candid assessments of fellow astronauts Neil Armstrong, John Glenn, and Buzz Aldrin, and officials within NASA. A fascinating memoir of mankind's greatest journey told in familiar, human terms, *Carrying the Fire* is by turns thrilling, humorous, and thought-provoking, a unique work by a remarkable man.



Below is the recurring Zoom link which is also on our church website, [grucc.com](http://grucc.com), and Facebook page.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89654486377?pwd=T1VGSWWh2NFVkrRHhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09>

Questions? Contact Missy Moxley at: [nehoneybee@gmail.com](mailto:nehoneybee@gmail.com) or Doris Moxley at:

[Dorismoxley@gmail.com](mailto:Dorismoxley@gmail.com). Please Email the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to be added to the list for email notices.

# UCC COMMUNITY EVENTS

## TOGETHER IN HOPE: A JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN ASIA

Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 | 2:00—3:00PM EST

Join Brande Crosby, Global Ministries Communications Associate, at the premier of a 37-minute travel documentary, “A Story from Southern Asia”, on her encounters with people and their initiatives for change. Brande travelled to India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Indonesia in 2019, and captured stories and images of people engaged with the challenges of human trafficking and forced migration, caste discrimination, religious and ethnic conflicts and climate change. Deenabandhu Manchala, Southern Asia Executive, will reflect on what these mean to the churches there and here, and to our journey of hope together. Click the link to register! [https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_aSndhBLcTfCcqE054\\_Wscw](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aSndhBLcTfCcqE054_Wscw)



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION: WITH STORIES & SACRED MUSIC

Friday, June 18th, 2021 | 12:00—1:30PM EST

Juneteenth marks the official end of slavery in the U.S. The original legal declaration was signed into law by Abraham Lincoln which instituted Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration honoring the end of slavery in the United States. Listen to lives of African peoples through 4-genres of storytelling and music.

Experience the long history of first peoples despite the interruptions, setbacks, and tragedies. Journey with us through sacred music, spoken word, and creative expressions of joy, sorrow, and praise. In the 21st century, COVID-19, state sanctioned law enforcement murders, and white nationalism and vigilante threats and acts of violence continue to impact people of African descent nationally and globally. And Still We Rise! Click the Link to Register: [https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_L9rkHbrhTUWSSaoW\\_Pq01A](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L9rkHbrhTUWSSaoW_Pq01A)



# FREDERICK FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Frederick Festival of Arts is Back! Celebrating 27 years, the Frederick Festival of the Arts invites art lovers to enjoy a showcase of the finest national artists. Exhibitors are hand-picked by an independent jury, giving all who attend the best of quality fine art and a craft market section. There will be over 150 exhibitors featuring diverse mediums including jewelry, clay, painting, sculpture, metal, leather, digital, fiber, wood, photography, and mixed-media. Enjoy meeting those who create the work to hear their inspiration, techniques and unique perspective on what makes art.



Bring the family for a variety of food and drink.

Presented by the Frederick Arts Council and Howard Alan Events, the Frederick Festival of the Arts offers FREE admission. Visit [here](#) for details.

Note – Please leave your pets at home due to the crowded environment along Carroll Creek during the festival.

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**June 12, 2021 - June 13, 2021 | Carroll Creek Park**  
**50 Carroll Creek Way, Frederick, MD 21701**  
**10:00 AM to 5:00 PM | Free**

# Grace Church Updates

## Your Gifts are welcome at Grace Church!



**Liturgist:** If you would like to serve as a liturgist in the worship service by reading scriptures, please let Pastor Rob know. If you are worshipping with us online, You can still be a liturgist via ZOOM! As a matter of fact, we'd love to see and hear from some of our newer long-distance church family!

**Children's sermon:** If you would like to help by delivering the children's message during the service, we'd love to have you! It a 3 or 4 minutes message based on the readings for the day. (To keep the kids' interested, that would be best done in person)

**Altar Guild:** If you would like to help set up the altar for worship, as well as set up for and clean after Communion, We can use your help! It would mean coming a few minutes early when it's your week to serve. (changing the hymn numbers, checking candles, setting up the altar, etc...)

Please contact Pastor Rob ([pastorrob@grucc.com](mailto:pastorrob@grucc.com)) or ([admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com)) to get started!

## The Emergency Family Shelter Needs Volunteers!

Looking for productive ways to spend your time and help the community? The Emergency Family shelter needs volunteers to come chaperone as families in need stay in the shelter. Come to a training session and Sign up for the Volunteer rotation list.



Please contact Carol Garrison ([cgarrisonteller@gmail.com](mailto:cgarrisonteller@gmail.com)) for Volunteer services and or ([admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com)) and we will be happy to get you started!



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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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