

Grace United Church of Christ



The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service

Sunday, June 27th , 2021

We Gather

10:45am Pre LiveStream Video Loop

Prelude "Preludio Espresso", George Blake (1986)

(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.)

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones

P: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

L: Where there was no way

P: God leads us in a new way

L: Where there was no mercy

P: God surprises us with fresh mercy

L: Where there was weeping

P: God invites us to step into a new dance.

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

Call To Confession

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.

Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change. (silence)

LITANY OF CONFESSION

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow
the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities
of healing and reconciliation.

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know
instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

God have mercy.

Assurance of Grace

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace
and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in
community among us.

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

2 Samuel 1:1, 1:17-27

Special Music "A Prayer of Quiet Thankfulness", Fenton Groden (b. 1982)

Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

Children's Message

Sermon

We Respond

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Blessing the Water

Baptism

Anointing with Oil

The Candle and Letter

Final Blessing

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

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lord of the Dance

(see next page for lyrics)

1. I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem
I had my birth.

(Refrain:)

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he

2. I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John
They came with me
And the Dance went on.

(Refrain)

3. I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame;
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die.
(Refrain)

4. I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back.
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance,
And I still go on.
(Refrain)

5. They cut me down
And I leapt up high;
I am the life
That'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me -
I am the Lord
Of the Dance, said he.
(Refrain)

Dismissal

Postlude

"Exultate", Roger Wilson (1989)

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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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Today's Special Music was brought to you by:

Jessica Kehler, soprano

Jennie Huntoon, alto

Donald Toms tenor

Robert Apgar, 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 15th to
admin@grucc.com



Grace UCC (Virtual) Book Club

Every Wednesday at 7:00pm

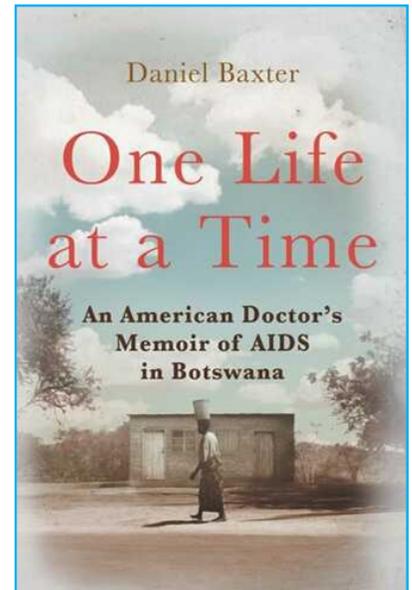
*Join us if you'd like to socialize, stretch your mind,
or just leave the daily grind of life behind for a bit!*

Message from Missy Moxley:

The book club has selected a new book! We will be reading, **One Life at a Time, an American Doctor's Memoir of AIDS in Botswana** by Daniel Baxter. We will be reading through Chapter 5 for next Wednesday.

One Life at a Time, an American Doctor's Memoir of AIDS in Botswana by Daniel Baxter

Now, after caring for innumerable AIDS patients for eight years in Botswana, Baxter has written an urgent, quietly philosophical account of his journey into the early twenty-first century's new heart of darkness: AIDS in Africa, where legions desperately struggled to be among the spared and not the doomed. Part memoir, part travelogue, part chronicle of the zaniness of Botswana (one of the questions on his driver's license application was "Are you or have you ever been an imbecile?"), and part witness to suffering unknown to most Americans, his testimony is an unforgettable tribute to the many people he cared for. Join Baxter on his life-changing journey in Botswana, as he recounts the stories of people like Ralph, a deteriorating AIDS and cancer patient who nonetheless always wore a smile, or Precious, a woman found sick and abandoned in the capital's slum, or "No Fear," a rude man in Baxter's gym whose descent he halted. After many years on the front lines of the African pandemic, Baxter realized that "one life at a time" was the only way to fight AIDS.



Below is the recurring Zoom link which is also on our church website, grucc.com, and Facebook page.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89654486377?pwd=T1VGSWh2NFVkrRHhVVFk1cm1BUUpZz09>

Questions? Contact Missy Moxley at: nehoneybee@gmail.com or Doris Moxley at:

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GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC SERVICE

Save The Date!!

Grace Church Annual Picnic Service

Join the Grace family for our annual Picnic. Enjoy the outdoors, getting to know the community, and a day full of praise and worship.

When: July 11th, 2021

Where: Rocky Ridge Park
13616 Motters Station Rd.
Rocky Ridge, MD 21778



What to bring: Please bring a side dish or dessert!

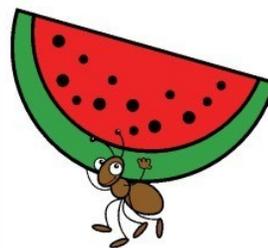
Worship will be held from **10:30am—11:30am**; then we EAT!!

*Hamburg's and Hot Dogs will be provided by congressional life in addition to side dishes provided by members.

Anyone and everyone is invited to attend this is the BIG ONE!!!!

Please Feel free to bring drinks that you enjoy (non alcoholic).

If you would like to sign-up for attendance or to bring a side dish, the sign up list will be provided at back of the church. You can also email Careen at Admin@grucc.com with sign-up, questions, or comments!



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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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