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Service of the Word

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Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

This morning we will use both the black *New Century Hymnal* (NCH) and the green *Worship & Song* hymnal (W&S).

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude: "How Great Thou Art"

- words and music by Stuart K. Hine, arr. Mark Hayes

Greeting

Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choral Introit: "O Wisdom, Breathed from God" - Ancient Sarum Plainsong

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Opening Hymn: #277 (NCH) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Opening Prayer

*Gloria Patri (*traditional tune*)

Glory to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

- Vonnie Crum

Choral Anthem: "On Eagle's Wings"

- words and music by Michael Joncas, arr. Mark Hayes

Psalm 8 (*read responsively*)

- NCH, p. 624

*Sequence Hymn: #3007 (W&S) "Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord"

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

- Pastor Rob

Children's Message

- Trish Abell

Following the Children's Message, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Sermon: "Asking the Right Question"

- Pastor Rob

*Response: The Nicene Creed

- NCH, #883

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Leader: Glorious Trinity, Holy and Blessed;

People: Hear our prayer.

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Morning Has Broken" - Traditional Gaelic Melody, arr. Jan Sanborn

*Prayer of Dedication

*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

*Closing Hymn: #3017 (W&S) "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

*Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Amen"

- music by Lloyd Larson

Ringling of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

- tune by John B. Dykes, arr. Mark Hayes, setting by Douglas E. Wagner

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!!

Saturday, June 24th - 11:00 a.m. - Frederick Pride Worship Service
2:00 p.m. - Ordination of Pastor Guy S. Johnson

Sunday, July 9th - **10:30 a.m.** - Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck
Picnic at Mt. Tabor Park



The yellow rose on the altar is presented by the Altar Guild in memory of deceased war veterans and in honor of those who have served our country, as well as those currently on active duty.

Welcome to our Guests!

We are delighted that you joined us for worship this morning. Please be sure to sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.

If you have any difficulty hearing the service, one of our ushers can provide you with a hearing assistance device. We also have large print bulletins and hymnals available.

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. We leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Message. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Following the worship service, we invite you to join us in our downstairs fellowship hall for our **SPRING FLING**.

Welcome to Grace Church!

THANK YOU!

Last Sunday, we received \$312 for the Strengthen the Church (STC) offering! STC is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

More information can be found at www.ucc.org/stc.

You are invited...

Service of Ordination for Guy S. Johnson

The Catoclin Association, Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ, Grace United Church of Christ, Keysville Grace United Church of Christ, and Mt. Pleasant Reformed United Church of Christ cordially invite your presence and prayers to the Ordination of Guy S. Johnson.

Saturday June 24, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Grace United Church of Christ

Reception following the service

Daily Bible Readings for this Week

What strikes me most about this month's readings is the emphasis on Holy Saga in the stories of Job and Genesis. Let me explain. Some of the stories in the Bible that we used to take as literal fact have changed over time and we see them now in a different way. Some of the Genesis stories are that way. Adam and Eve had three sons. The sons go and get wives...from where??? Literalism smacks in the face of logic on this one! We have come to understand that some of the stories in the Bible may not be historically factual, but they still contain a religious Truth. That means that while they are not historically accurate, they tell us something about how God's Spirit moved in that time and how God continues to be revealed through those stories today. It doesn't make them less important or any less inspired! It just means that we don't get hung up on whether they mesh with history, science or logic. Remember, these stories were oral tradition for many generations and as such, the details got a bit fuzzy over the years! Remember when you read the Bible, don't get your faith all twisted up over literalism and historical accuracy. The point is to ask where God is in the story and how God spoke to them and continues to speak to us through the stories!

The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The lessons come from the Revised Common Lectionary. The readings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week orient our prayer and preparation for the Sunday lessons. The readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflect on Sunday's lessons. In the worship of Grace Church we normally read only two lessons. However, many Sundays the Psalm for the day is also incorporated into the service as a Call to Worship or prayer.

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 Genesis 1:1—2:4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

June 12 Psalm 29
 Job 38:39—39:12
 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

June 13 Psalm 29
 Job 39:13-25
 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

June 14 Psalm 29
 Job 39:26—40:5
 John 14:25-26

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

June 15 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 Genesis 21:1-7
 Hebrews 3:1-6

June 16 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 Genesis 24:1-9
 Acts 7:35-43

June 17 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 Genesis 24:10-52
 Mark 7:1-13

June 18 *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 Genesis 18:1-15 [21:1-7]
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Worship Assistants

June 18th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Carrie Minnick

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Colleen Street

June 25th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Jerry Princler

Children's Message: Mike Stockman

Children's Church: Nicole Romano

Fellowship Host: Congregational Life

If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host the fellowship time after worship, please sign up in the Good Shepherd Room.

Caring and Sharing

The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card. Addresses can be obtained from the church office, or you can pick up a church directory from one of the ushers. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please call the church office.

Millie Davis, Bill Failor, Joe Free, Jean Gaver, Paul and Miriam Himes, Karlene Kaufmann, Pam Kehne, Betty Linton, Pat Lowry, Larry Sweet, and Harold Wenner.

Please note that hospitals are no longer permitted to contact churches on behalf of their patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. If you or a family member is hospitalized in an emergency situation, please call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE CHURCH

Sunday, June 11 - Trinity Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes

9:45 a.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 12)

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

Following worship - Spring Fling (Basement)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship service (Sanctuary)

Monday, June 12

7:00 p.m. - Finance & Property Commission (Room 3)

Tuesday, June 13

7:00 p.m. - ManKind Project (Basement)

Wednesday, June 14

6:30 p.m. - The Frederick Center youth group (Basement)

Thursday, June 15

6:00 p.m. - FREE Drop-in Zumba class (Good Shepherd Room)

6:00 p.m. - Frederick County Health Dept. Support group (Basement)

Friday, June 16

8:30 p.m. - N. A. meeting (Good Shepherd Room)

Sunday, June 18 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Father's Day

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes

9:45 a.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 12)

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. - Volunteers from Grace serve at the Soup Kitchen

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship service (Sanctuary)

Monday, June 19

7:00 p.m. - The Frederick Center marketing committee (Room 3)

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 p.m. - ManKind Project (Basement)