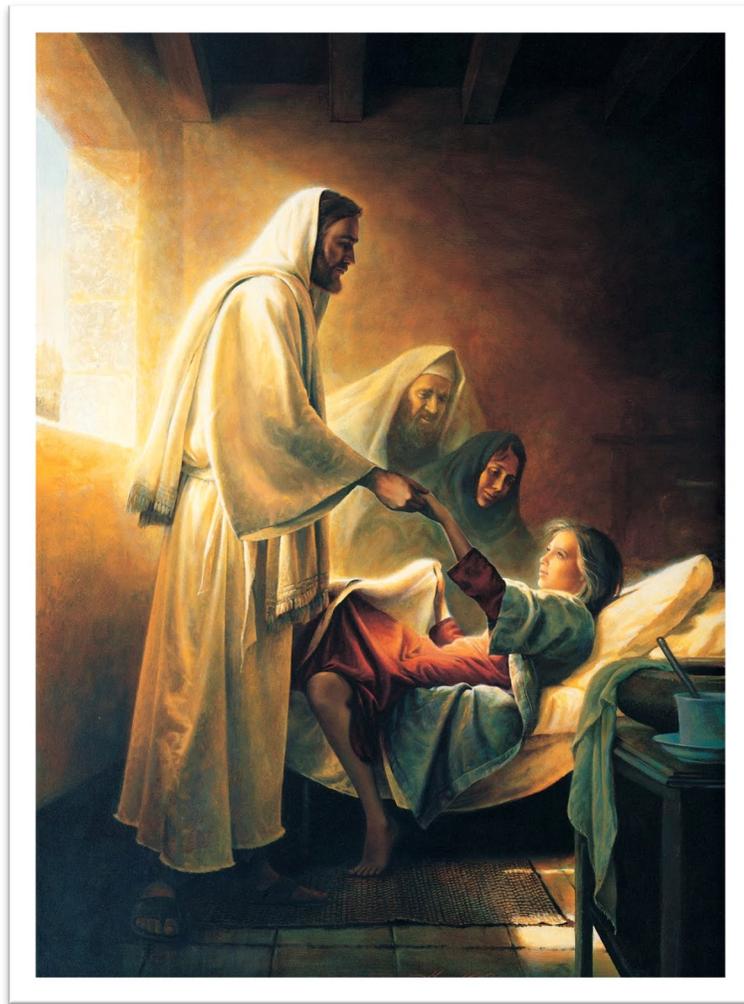


# Grace United Church of Christ



**The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 31st, 2021**  
**Worship Service**

## ***We Gather***

10:45am                      Pre Live Stream Video Loop

Prelude        "Voluntary on 'Aurelia'", Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Edward Broughton

*(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 for Worship

\*Call to Worship

Reformation Dialog:

A. Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

**C. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

A. There is one Body and one Spirit;

**C. There is one hope in God's call to us;**

A. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**C. One God and Creator of all.**

A. Blessed be God who sustains and protects this Holy Church.

**C. And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.**

**Amen. Alleluia!**

\* Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God # 439

(Please See next Page for Lyrics)

\* Opening Hymn      A Mighty Fortress is Our God # 439

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing,  
our present help amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
does seek to work us woe  
with craft and power great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth without an equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
But there is one who takes our side,  
the one of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus sets us Free!  
With mighty power to save,  
victorious o'er the grave,,  
Christ will prevail triumphant.

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

4 That Word beyond all earthly powers  
forever is abiding;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
for Christ is with us siding.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth shall triumph still;  
God's reign endures forever.

\*Opening Prayer

\* Passing the Peace

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

Reflection Video

Reformation Day Video

***We Listen***

First Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Special Music

"Recitative and Aria", Wayne Wold

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Children's Message

Sermon

Here I Stand

***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.**

Stewardship Moment

Pastor Rob

## ***We are Sent***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing 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 I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

Verse 2:

'Twas 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 (2X)

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  
You are forever mine

Dismissal

Postlude "Toccata on 'Ein feste Burg'", Martin Luther, arr. Craig A. Penfield

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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*

*Our Quartet Performers!*

*We appreciate you!*

# GRACE UCC STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

## Rooted in *Love*

Our Stewardship theme of **"Rooted in Love"** draws inspiration from Psalm 1, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season." The Psalmist invited us to imagine all the good things we can bear when well planted. What might we give away when rooted in love?

But the Psalmist also meant something deeper. The word we translate as "planted" in English means "transplanted" in Hebrew. This translation speaks to the power of love to move us from one place to another, the power to convert us from one way of life to another. What would need to change in our lives for us to be fully rooted in love?

We might need to make a move from a "mindset of scarcity" to a "mindset of abundance." A scarcity mindset makes us think there will never be enough - we must compete, one against another, because there is not enough to go around. Scarcity thinking names all the things we cannot do, all the things we cannot share. But a mindset of abundance sees the fullness of God's love. Martin Luther King Jr. saw the world abundantly - despite all the injustice he confronted, King knew God's spirit moved through history, creating and renewing community.

King once described the force of love that animated the Civil Rights Movement. "Agape is not a weak, passive love. It is love in action. Agape is love seeking to preserve and create community. It is insistence on community even when one seeks to break it. Agape is a willingness to go to any length to restore broken community."

**What would it mean for our lives to be rooted in such love?**



# Grace UCC Updates



## THIS WEEK AT GRACE:



**Sunday 10/31:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service

Happy Halloween 🎃

**Monday 11/01:** 7:00PM - Grace AV Ministry Meeting

**Wednesday 11/03:** 7:00 PM - Grace Book Club (zoom)

**Sunday 11/07:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service

## New Members Classes to Begin!

We will be starting new members classes on Sunday November 14th, 21st and 28th with reception of new members during worship on the 28th. If you would like to know more about Grace Church or would like to become a member of the church and make this your official church home, please join us!

We will meet from 10-10:45 each Sunday in person and via zoom for those who are not joining us in person. Online members are full members! You are all welcome.



# FREDERICK COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS!

## HALLOWEEN IN THE CREATIVE DISTRICT

October 31st, 2021 | 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Find out what is happening in the newly established Carroll Street Creative District. Put on your favorite costume and join us for this exciting Halloween Community Event. Featuring live music, vendors, candy, and more!

Parking lot on S. East Street between Commerce and E. All Saints.

*Carroll Street, Frederick, MD 21701*

Sunday, October 31st, 1:30PM – 6:00PM  
Parking lot on S. East Street between  
Commerce and E. All Saints

**Vendors, Music, Fun, & Candy!**

Find out what's happening in the newly established Carroll Street Creative District. Join us for family fun and a unique block party experience on Carroll Street in historic, downtown Frederick Maryland.



## 2021 FREDERICK JAZZ FESTIVAL

November 6th, 2021

*WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS*

In its 4th year, the Frederick Jazz Festival is the premier, live jazz event in Frederick, MD featuring professional and Grammy-winning artists from the DMV. In addition to Terence Blanchard, this year's lineup includes internationally recognized female vocalist Tracy Hamlin, contemporary pianist, composer, and producer Anthony Walker & Friends, featured soloist and drummer (ret.) with the U.S. Army Blues Big Band and recording artist Steve Fidyk Philly Fliers, and, on trumpet, award winning arranger and music educator Mike Kamuf Little Big Band. Visit the website for tickets!

<https://frederickjazzfest.com/>

### Schedule below:

Steve Fidyk's Philly Fliers at 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Mike Kamuf Little Big Band at 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Tony Walker & Friends at 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

— Break —

Tracy Hamlin at 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM

Terence Blanchard at 8:45 PM – 10:15 PM



# FREDERICK COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS!

## Fall Chestnut Roast

**November 6th | 11:00AM—4:00PM**

FOX HAVEN FARM & LEARNING CENTER

3630 Poffenberger Rd., Jefferson, MD 21755

Join us for our first annual Chestnut Roast! We will have roasted nuts and nut oils to taste, fresh nuts to buy, nutty breads, local food and drink, live music, tours of Fox Haven's orchard, and more.



The American Chestnut was a staple crop in the mid-Atlantic region for wildlife, Native Americans, and early settlers and farmers. Sadly, around 1900 the Chestnut Blight started to wipe out most of these magnificent trees. Today, SilvoCulture, Fox Haven Farm & Learning Center, and others are working to get the chestnut back into our landscapes and our food system. These incredible trees are often referred to as the “Bread Tree” because the nuts are rich in healthy carbohydrates and low in fats; a perfect nut for producing nutritious gluten free flour.

The Roast will be held on the beautiful grounds of Fox Haven Farm & Learning Center, outdoors with the option of amazing indoor spaces in the case of rain. Enjoy views of the trees, fields, and gardens. Go on a guided tour of Fox Haven's mixed fruit and nut orchard featuring several productive chestnut trees.

Help us create a new culture around Chestnuts! They belong back in our food systems as a land-regenerating tree, a health food, and a perennial staple crop!

This year's Chestnut Roast will include the following:

- Tastings of roasted chestnuts, smoked chestnuts, chestnut flour pancakes, and cold-pressed local hickory nut oil
- Bulk chestnuts and select chestnut tree seedlings for sale to take home
- Vendors selling nutty sourdough bread and prepared local foods plus wellness, art, & environment vendors
- Live music by The Rhizomes
- Tours of the Orchard by Fox Haven Staff
- A Chestnut Talk with Michael Judd
- Demos of nut shellers and cooking with chestnuts
- Kids free play and activity area

The event is planned to be all outdoors with plenty of space and flow. We are spacing out the various activities, setting up hand sanitizer stations, and if still required or if event moves indoors, will ask folks to wear masks.

# 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!

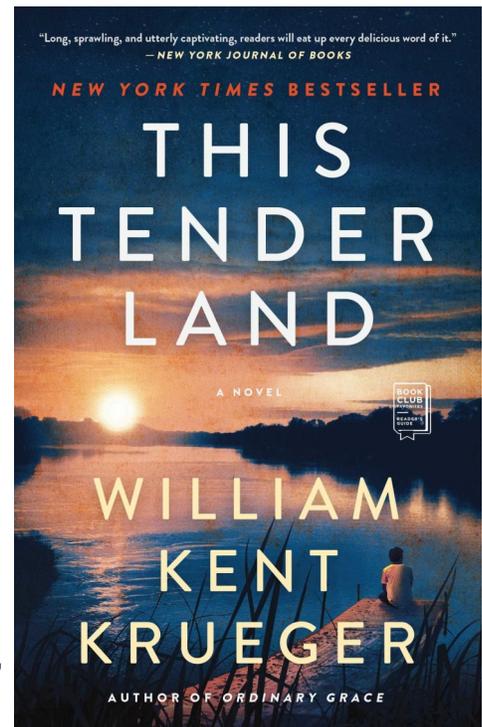
## Message from Missy Moxley:

We selected ***This Tender Land*** by William Kent Krueger as our next book. We are reading through Part 3 this week (through Chapter 34, page 260...stopping before the part entitled "The ODYSSEY") for next Wednesday! Join us every Wednesday for Book Club!

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, the Lincoln Indian Training School is a pitiless place where Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to Odie O'Banion, a lively orphan boy whose exploits constantly earn him the superintendent's wrath. Odie and his brother, Albert, are the only white faces among the hundreds of Native American children at the school.

After committing a terrible crime, Odie and Albert are forced to flee for their lives along with their best friend, Mose, a mute young man of Sioux heritage. Out of pity, they also take with them a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy. Together, they steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi in search for a place to call home.

Over the course of one unforgettable summer, these four orphan vagabonds journey into the unknown, crossing paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an en-thralling, bighearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.



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=T1VGSWh2NFVkrRHhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09>

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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

Liturgist: Vonnie Crum

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

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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