

Grace United Church of Christ



Reign of Christ Service
Sunday, November 21st, 2021
Worship Service

We Gather

10:45am Pre Live Stream Video Loop

Prelude "Come, Thou Almighty King", Felice de Giardini, setting by
Don Hustad

(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

Ringling of the Bell

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

People: We come to worship the one who rules justly.

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness
The firstborn of the dead, The ruler of the kings of the earth!

People: Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

People: Eternal Word, Great I AM.

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)

**All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.**

- 1 Crown with your richest crowns
the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Christ who died for you,
And to your risen Savior bring
your thanks for life made new.

- 2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed
down hands and feet and side.
Look past the peak of Calvary's road
to Christ the glorified.
The sun that lights the sky
is pale before that sight.
At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye
from mysteries so bright.

- 3 Crown Christ the truth, the life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife,
this fallen world to save.
Christ's glories now we sing,
Christ's name we magnify,
Who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

- 4 Crown Christ who rules in peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
Christ's reign shall have no end,
for 'round those wounded feet
a fragrant garden shall extend
forever green and sweet.

- 5 Crown Christ who holds the years,
embracing space and time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For you have died for me;
Your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

*Opening Prayer

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

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

We Listen

Choral Anthem

"Beautiful Savior", Münster Gesangbuch,
arr. David Allen

First Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Sequence Hymn

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

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(See Next Page for Lyrics)

1 Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your Sovereign God adore!
For Christ has robbed death's sting
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
The God of truth and love;
The Lamb who purged our stains
is crowned with power above.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3 Christ Jesus cannot fail,
to rule both earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
are to the Savior given.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the Judge shall come,
And take the faithful up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear a heavenly voice,
above the trumpet's sound, "Rejoice!"

Gospel Lesson

John 18:33-37

Children's Message

Sermon

"Do you Belong?"

We Respond

Musical Response

"A Thankful Heart", Fenton Groden

Pastoral Prayer

Response: **We thank you, O Lord.**

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

Song Come, O Thankful People Come

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1 Come, O thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in
as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply
ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

3 These to you, our God, we owe,
source from whom all blessing flow;
and for these our songs we raise,
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

Video Reflection

Thanksgiving Feels Different This Year

Closing Prayer

What is my prayer of thankfulness?

I thank You, Lord . . .

For having a warm place to stay.

For having enough food to eat.

For having an abundance of clothing.

For giving me friends.

For giving me kind words to say.

For peace in the knowledge I belong to you.

For loving me unconditionally.

For your patience with me.

For the assurance that my life is in your hands

For the courage to not look at things as they are, but instead to look at things from God's perspective.

For your assurance that I can give all my cares and burdens to you.

For always being there to hear my prayers.

For answering some I haven't even said yet.

For the joy of knowing a relationship with you.

Thank you, Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
You chasten and hasten Your will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to Your Name; You forget not Your own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining the kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol You, O Leader triumphant,
And pray that You still our Defender will be;
Let Your congregation escape tribulation;
Your Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Dismissal

Postlude "We Gather Together", Dutch Folk Song, harm. Edward Kremser, arr. Mary McDonald

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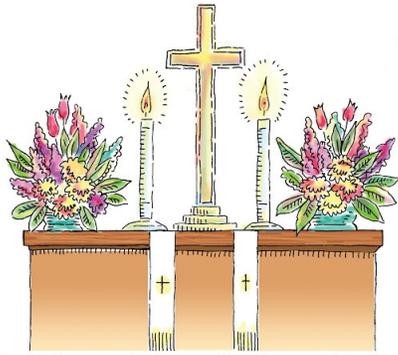
*(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)*

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Today's music was bought to you by our Quartet Performers.

We Appreciate You!

Grace UCC Updates



Worship Schedule

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:



Sunday 11/21: 11:00 AM - Worship Service

Congregational Meeting

Monday 11/23: 7:00PM - GRUCC Council Meeting

Wednesday 11/24: 7:00 PM - Grace Book Club (Zoom)

Thursday 11/25: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday 11/28: 11:00 AM - Worship Service

New Member Reception

REMINDER! NEW MEMBERS CLASSES ARE IN SESSION

We have begun our New Members classes. The session begins immediately after service from 10:00– 10:45am with reception of new members during worship on the 28th. See the zoom info below! Online members are full members! You are all welcome!

Topic: GRUCC NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Time: Nov 21, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83777616784?
pwd=M2pITVZVRTRnVFBLaVlvRmwrTEVzdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83777616784?pwd=M2pITVZVRTRnVFBLaVlvRmwrTEVzdz09)

Meeting ID: 837 7761 6784

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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!

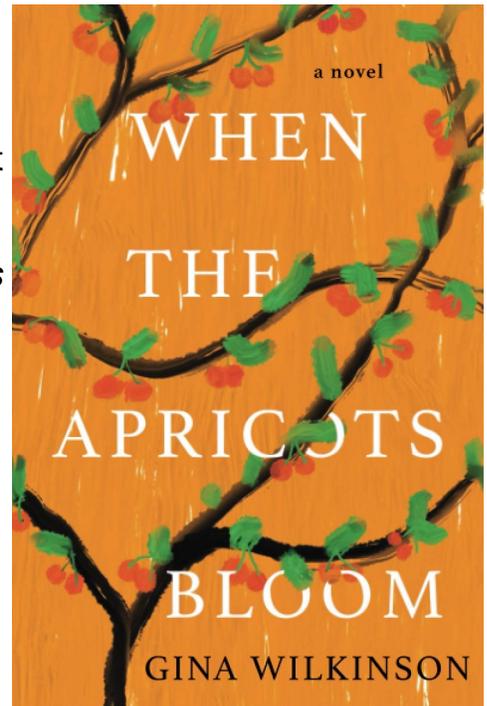
Message from Missy Moxley:

We have been reading *"This Tender Land"* by William Kent Krueger as our current book. We will be finishing *This Tender Land* next Wednesday and beginning our next book selection, ***"When the Apricots Bloom"*** by Gina Wilkinson, immediately after our current read for next Wednesday! Join us every Wednesday for Book Club!

In this moving, suspenseful debut novel, three courageous women confront the complexities of trust, friendship, motherhood, and betrayal under the rule of a ruthless dictator and his brutal secret police. Former foreign correspondent Gina Wilkinson draws on her own experiences to take readers inside a haunting story of Iraq at the turn of the millennium and the impossible choices faced by families under a deadly regime.

At night, in Huda's fragrant garden, a breeze sweeps in from the desert encircling Baghdad, rustling the leaves of her apricot trees and carrying warning of visitors at her gate. Huda, a secretary at the Australian embassy, lives in fear of the mukhabarat—the secret police who watch and listen for any scrap of information that can be used against America and its allies. They have ordered her to befriend Ally Wilson, the deputy ambassador's wife. Huda has no wish to be an informant, but fears for her teenaged son, who may be forced to join a deadly militia. Nor does she know that Ally has dangerous secrets of her own.

Huda's former friend, Rania, enjoyed a privileged upbringing as the daughter of a sheikh. Now her family's wealth is gone, and Rania too is battling to keep her child safe and a roof over their heads. As the women's lives intersect, their hidden pasts spill into the present. Facing possible betrayal at every turn, all three must trust in a fragile, newfound loyalty, even as they discover how much they are willing to sacrifice to protect their families.



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=T1VGSWh2NFVkrRHhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09>

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist: Earl Bartgis

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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