

Grace United Church of Christ 25 E. Second St. Frederick, MD

ASCENSION DAY

MAY 13, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

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 "Psalm Prelude: Delectare in Domino" Fenton Groden

Welcome *Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew*

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choral Introit "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"
text by Tobias Clausnitzer (1663), translated by Catherine Winkworth
(1858), music by Roger Summers

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our God reigns!

**People: Robed with majesty and armed with strength,
God holds our world and our lives securely.**

Leader: This is the God to whom we have given our lives—

People: This is the God who deserves our worship and our praise!

Leader: Let us Worship the Lord

*Litany of confession

Leader: You are the King of Glory, O Christ, and yet we must confess that we forget that God has honored you above everything in heaven and on earth.

People: Forgive us Christ, King of Glory, and help us to remember you in glory.

Leader: In your glory with God the Father, you continually pray and intercede for us, yet we forget to pray for ourselves and for others.

People: Forgive us Christ, our great high priest, and continue to pray for us.

Leader: From your glory you have promised to come again to judge the living and the dead, and yet we lose hope and forget to look for you.

People: Forgive us Christ, our Savior and Lord, and restore confidence in your eventual victory over all our enemies. In your name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Opening Hymn “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise” #260

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Ever-living God,
your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth,
confined by time and space.
Give us faith to discern in every time and place
the presence among us
of him who is head over all things and fills all,
even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.

*Doxology “Holy Holy Holy” v.1

*Passing of the Peace

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 for fellowship.

Welcome to Grace Church!

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND ELECTRONIC GIVING

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use envelopes for regular giving. Simply pick up a box and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen.

If you prefer to give electronically, we offer **2** options:

- a. the *UCC e-Giving* program allows you to have a regular, recurring donation drafted out of your bank account, or charged to your credit card. (*To get started, simply pick up an authorization form in the Narthex, or contact the church office.*)
- b. make donations through our website using PayPal! Simply click the button at the bottom of the home page - www.grucc.com

If you decide to participate in our electronic giving programs, you can pick up some "I give electronically" cards to place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.



SAVE THE DATE!

Veritas/Grace Outdoor
Worship Service and Picnic
Sunday, May 20th -- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Family Recreation Park ~ <http://famrecpark.com/>
21036 National Pike, Boonsboro

Veritas UCC and Grace UCC will be participating in a combined outdoor worship service at the Family Recreation Park in Boonsboro. It will be a time of fellowship and fun as we worship, eat, and play mini-golf (Adult \$6; Child 5-12 \$5.50; Child 4-under \$2.50). If anyone is interested after all of that fun, there are other activities available at Family Rec such as go-karts, ice-cream, paintball, and water wars for additional fees.

This service will take the place of Veritas' monthly Dinner Church service for the month of May, and will also be a send-off celebration for Pastor Rob's upcoming sabbatical to India.

Hope you can join us! Bring a dish and bring a friend!

Summer is coming...

And that means that we are preparing for **Pastor Rob's Sabbatical**. We have pastors who are going to be with us on Sundays, and for emergencies, but we are also looking to put together a team of lay people who will be willing to visit people in the hospital and nursing homes as we have the need. Gary Johnson has agreed to coordinate this and be the contact person for this ministry while Pastor Rob is away. Before the summer, we will have a time to get together to learn about how to visit people in health care settings, i.e. praying with people, hospital visitation guidelines, etc.

If this is something that would interest you, please let Pastor Rob or Gary Johnson know. Thanks!

GERMAN CHURCH DELEGATION VISITS GRACE

OCTOBER 24TH - NOVEMBER 1ST

Host Families needed for the German Church delegation that will be visiting us this Fall (Oct. 24th-Nov. 1st). If you have space in your home to host 1 or 2 (or 10!) adults, please speak to Pastor Rob for the details. Thanks!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE CHURCH

Are you ready to get more involved in your church? We have plenty of opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, and interests:

- Acolytes, Altar Guild, Children's Sermon volunteers, Lay Caring Ministry, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Scripture readers, Ushers, and Youth Ministry - *please speak to Pastor Rob*
- Sanctuary and Joyful Noise Choirs - *please speak to Jonas Dawson*
- Hand Bell Choir - *please speak to James Taylor*
- Fellowship Hosts and Greeters - *please speak to Rob Apgar*
- Congregational Life activities - *please speak to Matt Bonin or Rob Apgar*
- Sunday School teachers, Children's Church leaders, and Nursery volunteers - *please speak to Jean Barrick*
- Offering Counters - *please speak to Lloyd Taylor*
- Outreach and Missions - *please speak to Sarah Travis*

OSTOMY SUPPLIES AVAILABLE

The Ostomy support group in Frederick has partial boxes of Ostomy supplies that are available for someone in need. The "Official" channels for these resources are only able to take full unopened boxes of supplies. They hate to waste perfectly good supplies if someone can use them.

If you know a person in need, please contact Rev Rob Apgar-Taylor at pastor-rob@grucc.com.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

The readings this month have no really strong focus on one book or another. They continue the accounts of the post resurrection community in Acts as well as the teachings of Jesus about the everyday life of a follower. What is a bit interesting are the readings from I Timothy and Titus, which together with II Timothy comprise what are commonly referred to as The Pastoral Epistles. They are attributed to the Apostle Paul, but modern scholars are fairly unanimous in their feeling that these are attributed to Paul, in the Pauline tradition, but perhaps not written by Paul himself. The pastoral epistles deal with very practical matters from a mentor to a young pastoral student. Paul was a mentor to Timothy and in this letter, Timothy is instructed in the ways of a young pastor. Written to Saint Titus, the book of the same name is instructive on the office of Bishop and Elder in the new church community.

Our readings list comes from the Revised Common Lectionary recommended for use by the United Church of Christ and by many other Christian denominations in North America. The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. 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.

May 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 14 Psalm 115

Exodus 28:29-38

Philippians 1:3-11

May 15 Psalm 115

Numbers 8:5-22

Titus 1:1-9

May 16 Psalm 115

Ezra 9:5-15

John 16:16-24

Pentecost

May 17 Psalm 33:12-22

Genesis 2:4b-7

1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

May 18 Psalm 33:12-22

Job 37:1-13

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

May 19 Psalm 33:12-22

Exodus 15:6-11

John 7:37-39

May 20 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The submission deadline for the June issue of the *Grace Vine* newsletter is Monday, May 21st. The newsletter will be ready for pickup from the Narthex on Sunday, May 27th.

If you currently receive a paper copy of the *Grace Vine* newsletter, but would *prefer* to receive the newsletter by email, or read it online, please call or email the church office. Thank you!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Do you need an updated copy of our member directory? Please contact the church office or speak to an usher on Sunday morning. Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish our directory on the church website.



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 ~ Joe Free ~ Jean Gaver ~ Paul and Miriam Himes
Karlene Kaufmann ~ Pam Kehne ~ Betty Linton**

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.

GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 13 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:45 am Christian Education classes for adults and youth

9:45 am New Members Class

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Redemption City Church worship and dinner (Sanctuary, Basement)

Monday, May 14

7:00 pm Finance & Property (Rm 3)

Tuesday, May 15

6:30 pm ManKind Project (DR)

Wednesday, May 16

6:30 p.m. TFC Youth Group (GSR)

Thursday, May 17

6:00 p.m. FREE Zumba Class (GSR)

6:00 p.m. FCHD Support Group (13)

Friday, May 18

8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting (GSR)

Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m. *Emergency Family Shelter Clean-Up (DR)

10:00 am NA Event (DR)

2:00 pm Voice Student Recital (S)

*Emergency Family Shelter at Grace - May 12 - May 19

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 13th

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: John Brehmer

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Carol Garrison

Fellowship Host: OPEN

May 20th

Greeter:

Scripture Reader: Teddi Garrison

Children's Message: Trish Abell

Children's Church: Teddi G. & Traci K.

Fellowship Host:

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