



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 the black *New Century Hymnal* (NCH).

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude "Be Still, My Soul", Jean Sibelius, arr. Jan Sanborn

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

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Call to Worship (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 9)

LEADER: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
Declare God's deeds among the peoples.
For the Lord does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

LEADER: Be gracious to me, O Lord.
See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,
so that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

PEOPLE: **The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.**

LEADER: God has executed judgment on the peoples;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

PEOPLE: **The wicked shall depart to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.**

LEADER: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

PEOPLE: **Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you.
Put them in fear, O Lord;
let the nations know that they are only human.**

*Opening Hymn

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

TNCH 188

*Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

**O God, our hearts are heavy this morning,
as we contemplate the misguided actions of our nation.**

**May we, your people, never forget your command
that we take care of the widow, and the orphan,
and the sojourner in our midst.**

**Remind us, O God, that just as the ancient Israelites
were themselves once aliens in a strange land,
we too are a people who came to this land as strangers.**

**May we be ever mindful of your command to welcome the stranger,
and may we in this hour of worship draw closer to you,
the one who welcomes everyone into your midst. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

Patti Flanders-Lombardi

Special Music

"The Anchor Holds", Lawrence Chewning and Ray Boltz
soloist Robert Apgar, baritone

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:15-20

Rebecca Shillingburg

Children's Message

Patti-Flanders-Lombardi

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.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Rev. John Shillingburg

Sermon

"Seeing with God's Eyes"

Rev. John Shillingburg

We Respond

Prayer of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory

"Reflection on 'Buinessan'"

Gaelic Melody, arr. Edward Landin

*Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

We give thanks, O God, to you, the giver of all things.

We have been blessed with abundance,

and from that abundance, we today return a portion to you.

Bless these offerings to your work and our lives to your service. Amen.

*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

“Be Now My Vision”

THNCH 451

*Benediction

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude

"Recessional on 'Ein feste Burg'"
Martin Luther, arr. Michael Ryan

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*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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



### Treasurer's Report

| <u>May 2018</u>        | <u>2018 Year-to-Date</u>  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Income: \$14,664.19    | Income: \$70,740.63       |
| Expenses: \$15,539.34  | Expenses: \$99,414.11     |
| Difference: (\$895.15) | Difference: (\$28,673.48) |

## 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.



## *Pastor Rob' is on Sabbatical*

We have a schedule of pastors who will be with us on Sundays, and for emergencies and a team of lay people who are 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. If you should have a pastoral care need; please contact Gary Johnson at [gljohnsonjr@outlook.com](mailto:gljohnsonjr@outlook.com)

### **Grace UCC Sabbatical Preaching Schedule**

Sunday, June 24~Rev. John Shillingburg

Sunday, July 1~Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Sunday, July 8~Rev. John Shillingburg

Sunday, July 15~Rev. Beth O'Malley

Sunday, July 22~Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Sunday, July 29~Rev. John Shillingburg

Sunday, August 5~Gary Johnson

Sunday, August 12~Gary Johnson

Sunday, August 19~Rev. Beth O'Malley

Sunday, August 26~Rev. Beth O'Malley

## 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*



## 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.

### **Monday, June 25, 2018:**

Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 18:6-30; Acts 27:13-38 OR Psalm 65; Exodus 7:14-24; Acts 27:13-38

### **Tuesday, June 26, 2018:**

Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:1-7; Acts 27:39-44 OR Psalm 65; Exodus 9:13-35; Acts 27:39-44

### **Wednesday, June 27, 2018:**

Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:8-17; Mark 6:45-52 OR Psalm 65; Joshua 10:1-14; Mark 6:45-52

### **Thursday, June 28, 2018:**

Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 OR Psalm 30; Lamentations 1:16-22; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

### **Friday, June 29, 2018:**

Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:1-25; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 OR Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

### **Saturday, June 30, 2018:**

Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:27-42; Luke 4:31-37 OR Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:18-22; Luke 4:31-37

### **Sunday, July 1, 2018:** Proper 8

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27: Psalm 130: Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24: or Lamentations 3:22-33: Psalm 30: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15: Mark 5:21-43



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

NEXT ISSUE: JULY/AUGUST 2018

ARTICLE DEADLINE: Monday, June 25th

This Summer we will issue a combined July/August newsletter. The submission deadline will be Monday, June 25th. Would you like to get your newsletter by email instead of print? Contact the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com). Thank you!

## 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 Gary Johnson at 240-460-0411 while Pastor Rob is on sabbatical.

# GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

## **Sunday, June 24- 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Open and Affirming Sunday!

Rev. John Shillingburg, preaching

9:45AM Christian Education Classes

11:00AM Worship (S)

5:00PM Redemption City Church (S)

## **Monday, June 25**

## **Tuesday, June 26**

6:30PM Man Kind Project

7:00PM Grace Council Meeting (Rm. 3)

## **Wednesday, June 27**

6:30PM TFC Youth Group

## **Thursday, June 28**

6:00PM FREE Zumba Class (GSR)

## **Friday, June 29**

8:30PM N.A. Meeting (GSR)

## **Saturday, June 30**

## **Sunday, July 1- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg, preaching

9:45AM Christian Education Classes

11:00AM Worship (S)

5:00PM Redemption City Church (S)

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OF CHRIST**





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*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, June 24**

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Shillingburg

Scripture Reader: Patti F.-L.

Children's Message: Patti F.-L.

Children's Church:

Altar Guild Attendant: Karen Kehoe

#### **Sunday, July 1**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Scripture Reader: Vonnie Crum

Children's Message:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Damazo

Altar Guild Attendant: Joan Princler

*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.*