

# Grace United Church of Christ



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 14th, 2022  
Worship**

## We Gather

\*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

"Sweet By and By",

Joseph P. Webster, arr. Mark Hayes

*(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

No Matter What

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And the peace of the Lord be with you also.**

Leader: Let the world see witnesses of God's grace through our lives.

**People: Let us each one take courage and share the Gospel in all we do.**

Leader: Even when the world will not hear, let us hold true and praise God.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn

Of For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

W&S # 3001

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
    my great Redeemer's praise,  
    the glories of my God and King,  
        the triumphs of his grace!  
        the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,  
    assist me to proclaim,  
    to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
        the honors of thy name.  
        the honors of thy name.

3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
    that bids our sorrows cease,  
    'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
    'tis life and health and peace.  
    'tis life and health and peace.

4. He speaks, and listening to his voice  
    New life, the dead receive.

The mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe  
The humble poor believe.

5. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise ye dumb  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind behold your savior come  
And leap ye lame for joy!  
And leap ye lame for joy!

#### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we often seek the approval of the world and lose sight of the message You would have our lives bring to those around us. Or we have feared rejection and not seen how Your rejection on the cross brought healing and love. Forgive us, Lord, when we have lost our way, and lead us so that our lives might lead others to You. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### Words of Pardon and Assurance

##### Response Hymn

Spirit of the Living God  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

##### \*Opening Prayer:

**O Lord, You called us to stand firm in our faith, even if the world, our friends, and our families do not understand. Give us the courage to be true and to seek only to serve You faithfully. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### We Listen

##### First Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

##### \*Alleluia

Hale, Hale, Hallelujah

##### \*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56

##### \*Passing the Peace

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

#### Childrens' Moment

## Sermon

## We Respond

# Pastoral Prayer

## Offering "Lyric Reverie", Stanley E. Saxton

## 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

\*Blessing

## \*Closing Hymn

# You are the Seed # 528

1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
you're a star that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,  
a beacon to glow in the dark.  
  
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;  
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,  
my witnesses where'er you go.

### Chorus:

Go, my friends, go to the world,  
proclaiming love to all,  
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,  
from the dead I arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,  
till the end of the world."

3. You are the life that will nurture the plant;  
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;  
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,  
a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide,  
nor a mountain can cover its might;  
may your good deeds show a world in despair  
a path that will lead all to God.  
(Chorus)

**\*Dismissal**

# 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.**

**NOTE: If today's service contains a processional (check bulletin) and you do not wish to be in the live stream video, please see an AV Team member or an usher.**

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.

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



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

We are delighted that you joined us for worship this morning. Please be sure to sign the red Friendship Book in your pew or text “check-in” to (301) 857-4626. 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Children’s Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, snacks and fun activities in room 13. We leave the Sanctuary following the Children’s Message. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

**Welcome to Grace Church!**

# Grace Announcements

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE UCC:

- Sunday 08/14:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service blessing of the backpacks
- Wednesday :08/17:** Frederick County first day of school
- Wednesday :08/17:** 7:00 PM - Grace Book Club (Zoom)
- Thursday : 08/18:** 5:30PM-7:30PM - Health Department Meeting
- Sunday : 08/21:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service



## GRACE UCC MISSIONS

Don't forget our weekly food collection at church. The basket is filling up again after many months of slow activity due to Covid. The food is blessed on the 3rd Sunday of each month and then brought to the Frederick Food Bank.



## GRACE FAMILY REMINDER



Do you have an interesting article or announcement you would like to have featured in the monthly Grace Vine Newsletter? Be sure to email your information and content over to [Admin@grucc.com](mailto:Admin@grucc.com) to be in the upcoming newsletter!

# CHURCH DAY CAMP PICS!



Kaylynn, Sophia H., Sophia K.  
Christopher, Nathaniel, Landes,  
Lily, Jessica, Madison



Hand songs, and silly songs with  
Ms. Kelly and Pastor Rob

Last Monday we had our second day camp of 2022 with the children of GRUCC! We sang silly songs, and learned some new hand songs with Pastor Rob and Miss Kelly. We played several games, but the favorite amongst the kids was called "My Cup Runneth Over" (pictured below) where the kids had to dump water over their head and trust their friend behind them to catch the water and not get wet. We discussed several stories in the Bible including the lesson from last week "Be Ready" from Luke 12:35-40. We had a blast! Thank you to everyone that helped make day camp one to remember!



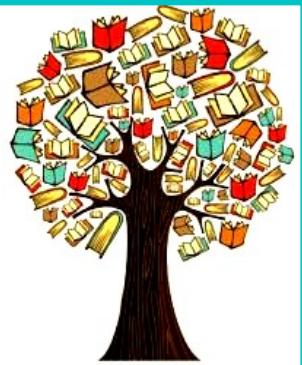
"My Cup Runneth  
Over" game



# 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!**



Hi All,

We are finished our discussion on The Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers last week and gave it a rating of 4/5 stars. Comments on the book were, "Enjoyable", "Easy to read."

We started our new book, The Brighter the Light, by Mary Ellen Taylor this week, reading through Chapter 10 for tonight's discussion. Here are some thoughts on the book:

1. Do you like the author's writing style? Is the book engaging you, ie are you interested in the story?
2. This is a story about coming home for the main character, Ivy. However the one who made it a home is gone (Ruth). Can you identify with this situation?
3. Like many books we have read, this story highlights the difference in classes, ie the summer families who stay at the Seaside Resort vs Ruth and her family who run the resort. Ruth's mom tells her she can't really be friends with the kids who are resort guests. It reminds me of the movie Dirty Dancing. Thoughts on any of this?
4. Why do you think the author included the homeless pregnant dog in the story?
5. Carlotta, the showboat singer, is an exotic creature to the girls, Ivy and Talley. The girls are enamored by her. What do you think the adults think of her?

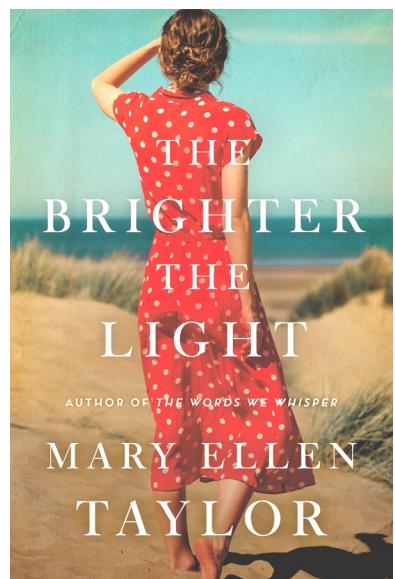
Thanks,

Missy

Below is the recurring Zoom link which is also on our church website, [grucc.com](http://grucc.com), and Facebook page.

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pwd=T1VGSWh2NFVkRHhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89654486377?pwd=T1VGSWh2NFVkRHhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09)

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or Doris Moxley at: [DorisMoxley@gmail.com](mailto:DorisMoxley@gmail.com).  
Please Email the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to be added  
to the list for email notices.



# Coming Soon!

Grace Church is working on setting up an ongoing movie night! This will be a great opportunity for you to invite family, friends, and neighbors to show our loved ones what a special Church Grace is.



We would like to extend an invite for suggestions on fun themes, or ideas that we can incorporate into our movie nights. As always none of this will be possible without volunteers to help plan, coordinate, set-up and clean-up after, so if you were looking for ways to be more involved in the church we would love to have you.

Please contact Kelly Pineda in the office for questions, comments, suggestions or want to sign up to volunteer at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) or you can call the office at 301-662-3312.

## In Loving Memory

It is with sad hearts that we remember our dear friend Sarah Drenning who died on Monday at the age of 93. Sarah was a life-long member of Grace Church and served on the Council, as assistant treasurer, choir member and most recently as bell choir member.

A celebration of Sarah's life will be planned for the fall. Please remember husband Bill, and children Jenny and Jim and their families in your prayers.



# AGING WITH PRIDE

The attached article was published this week in two supplements of *The Frederick News-Post*, regarding a new conversational social group for "older" LGBTQ+ members of our local community. The group is truly fantastic, inclusive of anyone who considers themselves "older," be they retired or not, and has already expanded from a twice-monthly to weekly gathering, with the intention of having a guest speaker every other week and simply open discourse or a member-initiated topic of conversation each alternating week. At this time, we are composed of men, women, trans folk, and attendees who identify otherwise. We want to continue to grow, especially as we are finding that this type of group is greatly needed and desired in Frederick. We're also beginning to consider activities beyond our weekly get-togethers, including the possibility of day trips, weekend events, and more

[https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/lifestyle/aging-with-pride-provides-companionship-to-retired-lgbtq-community/article\\_28ea1d44-cf51-5d03-87a9-b7199511e29b.html#comments.](https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/lifestyle/aging-with-pride-provides-companionship-to-retired-lgbtq-community/article_28ea1d44-cf51-5d03-87a9-b7199511e29b.html#comments)



## FELLOWSHIP HOUR



We are so glad to have fellowship hour up and moving again after Covid cancelled it for TWO YEARS! If you have not signed up to host fellowship hour yet, please consider signing up so it doesn't fall on the same people each week.

Also if you have yet to join us for fellowship hour, we would love to see you there! We gather in the Good Sheppard Room after service each Sunday, munch on a few snacks, sip coffee and get to socialize with members of the church.



**If you take photos at Grace events, please email them to Kelly at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to be featured in our bulletins, website or social media pages!**



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*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual and in person**

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

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## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Liturgist: John Brehmer

Children's Message: N/A

Children's Church: Kelly Pineda, Joan Princler

Altar Guild: N/A

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