

Grace United Church of Christ



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 25th, 2022
Worship**

We Gather

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Voluntary

By William Walond

(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

*Call to Worship

L: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who dwells in our lives.

P: We need not look up to find God, we need only look around, within ourselves, beyond ourselves, and in the eyes of another.

L: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the rhythm of a heart beat.

P: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who faithfully dwells in our lives.

*Opening Hymn

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing
1. To you, O God, All Creatures Sing
And all creation, everything
Sings your praises Alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
your silver moon with softer gleam
Sing your praises Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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2 Your wind that blows the tempest by
Your clouds that sail across the sky
Sing your praises Alleluia!
Your morning rises with a song
And lights the evening sing along
Sing your praises Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. Your flowing waters crystal clear
Make melodies for you to hear
Sing your praises Alleluia!
Your fire, bountiful and bright

Remembering your warmth and light
Sing your praises Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. To you O God day after day
Your planet earth in every way
Sings your praises Alleluia!
As savory fruit and fragrant flower
Show forth your glory and your power
Singing praises Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

We Listen

Readings

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Sequence Hymn

Spirit of the Loving God

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

*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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. by Moses Hogan

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

God of Grace and God of Glory
1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

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2 From the evils that round us
And assail the Saviors' ways.
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our reckless, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Make our broken spirit's whole
Make our broken spirit's whole

*Dismissal

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

arr. by Charles Callahan

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 1st through 5th 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.



Grace Announcements



THIS WEEK AT GRACE UCC:

Sunday 09/25:	11:00 AM - Worship Service
Wednesday :09/28:	7:00 PM - Grace Book Club (Zoom)
Thursday : 09/29:	5:30PM-7:30PM - Health Department Meeting
Friday: 09/30:	6:00PM– Movie Night
Sunday : 10/02:	11:00 AM - Worship Service

GRACE IS BECOMING WISE

In an effort to energize UCC congregations to support mentally ill people in their midst, the 2015 General Synod overwhelmingly adopted a resolution on June 29 to develop a network of churches that are **Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged (WISE)** for mental health.

“Research shows that one in four Americans experience some form of mental illness in a given year, although the severity of the disorder can vary widely,” and “One in 17 Americans lives with a serious and persistent mental illness.”

“Many people living with mental illness are shunned, feared and discriminated against. As a result, many people with these illnesses don’t seek treatment and they don’t share their stories with others. Consequently, they are not included in the network of care our congregations normally extend to a member who is ill. They struggle through alone or with the help of a few close family members they trust to keep their illnesses secret.”

We will be speaking more about what it means for Grace to become a wise church in the upcoming weeks. Please take a look at the insert this week, and check your email for a WISE survey. We would like them turned in as soon as possible, but can accept them before the deadline of October 15th.

This is an optional, anonymous survey about mental health. If you need a printed copy, contact Kelly at admin@grucc.com, or grab a copy from the Narthex. Thank you for your support in becoming a WISE congregation.



Today we welcome Ann Thompson as our organist.
Justin has been with us before and we are so happy to have him share his gifts with us this morning.
Welcome Justin!

Drum Roll Please..... Our new Director of Music has been selected and we are proud to announce that Nathan Strite will be joining Grace UCC as our new Director of Music starting October 1st. We will enjoy guest musicians throughout the month of September. Join us October 2nd as we welcome Nathan!



CHRISTKINDLMARKT IS BACK!



December 3, 2022 (First Saturday in Frederick)

**We're looking for ARTISANS for our vendor tables
contact Teddi Garrison at tgarrison00725@gmail.com**

&

**We are looking for Volunteers for the CKM Committee
Contact Pastor Rob at pastorrobgrace@grucc.com**



Join our "CKM Planning Time" Zoom Meeting
This Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 7:00PM Eastern Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84946942732?pwd=azVwL05tb3BrakpzMwS2NElDMGZjdz09>

Meeting ID: 849 4694 2732

Passcode: 927243

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. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

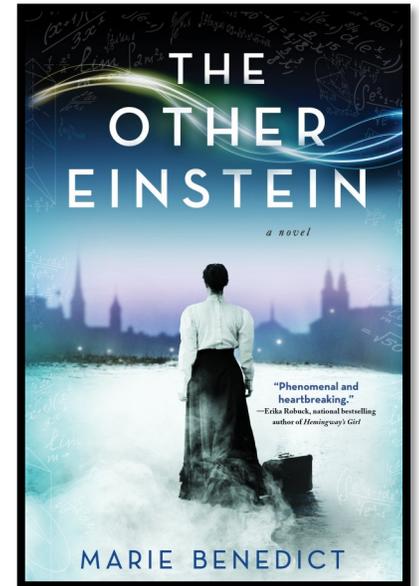


Also if you have yet to join us for fellowship hour, we would love to see you there! We gather in the Good Sheppard Room after service each Sunday, munch on a few snacks, sip coffee and get to socialize with members of the church.

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 reading through Chapter 25 for our book, *The Other Einstein: A Novel*, by Marie Benedict, for Wednesday's discussion. Here are some thoughts on the book:

1. Thoughts on this: When Mitza transformed from an academic to a housewife and mother, Mitza's mom became her main support and mentor rather than her father who previously filled that role. What changes in Mitza do you observe because of this?
2. Thoughts on Albert's reaction/attitude toward his daughter Lieserl? Do you think this was a normal attitude for a man in that era?
3. We have discussed this before in other books we have read set in this time period: letter writing was the main form of long distance communication. How do you compare it to more popular current communication forms like texting and email in terms of effectiveness, problems/benefits, etc.
4. What one or two words would you use to describe Albert? Mitza?
5. Were you aware that red crosses on the doors were used to identify houses where the occupants were afflicted with scarlet fever? Does it bring to mind any other such demarcation of warning or illness on dwellings?

Note: At the end of the book the Author's Notes reference a collection of papers and letters about and by Albert and Mitza at <http://einsteinpapers.press.princeton.edu> (it's a lot of reading but just interesting if you have time to browse through and read their own words)

Thanks,

Missy

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=T1VGSWh2NFVvRHRhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09>

Please Email the church office at admin@grucc.com to be added to the list for email notices.

PACK YOUR BAGS... WE'RE GOING TO NEW YORK!

Time is flying by and before you know it, November will be here. What a beautiful time of year to explore all New York has to offer! Grace would like you to invite all your friends and family to board a bus with us and head out to Manhattan on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022.

Bus fare is \$60 a person. We will leave together, and return together, but what you do in The Big Apple is completely up to you! Check out Broadway, do some Christmas shopping, try a slice of the famous New York pizza, the possibilities are only limited by your imagination!



DIRECTIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION

From 70 East, take exit 56 to East Patrick Street.
Turn left into the park and ride is on your left

For questions please contact Kelly Pineda at admin@grucc.com
or Tony Hemler at Tonyhemler0@gmail.com

GRACE UCC MISSIONS

Don't forget our weekly food collection at church. The wagon 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.



**Just a
reminder...**



NEWSLETTER 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 to be in the upcoming newsletter!



MOVIE NIGHT IS COMING SOON!

Grace is very happy to announce **this Friday**, September 30th, 2022 we will be kicking off our first official movie night of 2022, with The Little Mermaid Sing Along! All of our Grace family and our loved ones are invited to join us in the Good Sheppard Room at 6:00. Light refreshments will be served. This event is *free* and open to the public.



Movie night Schedule
September 30, 2022
The Little Mermaid Sing Along

Coming up next
October 21, 2022
Hocus Pocus



If you can help with snacks or decorating, we would love the assistance.

Contact Kelly at the office at admin@grucc.com

or you can call (301)662-3312.

GROUP STUDY STARTING

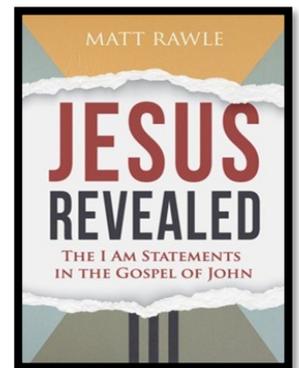
Join us as we look to the nature of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

Mondays on Zoom 7 PM starting September 12th and running through October 17th. The study guide can be purchased through Cokesbury.com or Christianbook.com or an E-book is available through Google books.

All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87477947169?pwd=TkdLeEFRU20zbiMyNmJYRUl0bGNPd09>



Meeting ID: 874 7794 7169

Passcode: 101812

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



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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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Liturgist: Teddi Garrison

Children's Message: Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Church: Kelly Pineda, Joan Princler

Altar Guild: N/A

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