

Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, October 13, 2024

WE GATHER

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Sicilienne - Maria von Paradis, transcribed by Charles Callahan

Choral Introit - Come Worship God Alone - Roger Summers

***Call to Worship**

Leader: I invite you now to join me in the call to worship. You may do this seated or standing, whichever is most comfortable for you.

Leader: This is a thin place

**All: Where earth and heaven embrace
Where past interweaves with future
Where people gather expectantly**

Leader: This is a thin place

**All: Where hopes are renewed
Where faith is restored
Where peace is revived
Where love is refreshed**

Leader: This is a thin place

**All: Where fresh words are heard
Deep wisdom revealed
Daring promises proclaimed**

Leader: This is a thin place

**All: Where the God who shaped us
The Christ who remakes us
The Spirit who inspires us
Walk among us full of grace and truth**

Leader: God above us, God beside us, God within us

**All: May we be open to see and hear
Your grace revealed as we worship you this day. Amen!**

Gathering Prayer (In Unison)

Reconciling God, we ask you to help us open to compassion, for we are a divided world and the conflict is waging even within us in this moment. Empower us, and invite us to “do unto ourselves and others” in ways that build up your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds, and in the power of the Spirit that Transforms. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works” NCH 3

We Listen

Children’s Moment

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:6-9 (NRSV-ue)

Sermon: The Rev. Chance Martinez

Sermon Title: “The Polarization Within: Compassion”

Sermon Hymn: “Help Us Accept Each Other” NCH 388

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

We invite you to pray this prayer using the words that are closest to your heart.

Our (Father/Mother/Creator) 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.

Stewardship Moment

Jerry Princler

Offering - Be Thou My Vision - arr. Douglas Wagner

***Doxology** (music #780, text #778)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our money, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen

We Are Sent

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** “The Church of Christ in Every Age” NCH 306

Benediction

Postlude - Trumpet Tune in C - Michael McCabe

~ The Postlude is still part of our worship; we invite you to sit and quietly reflect as we prepare to depart. ~

Important Announcements !

If you have purchased New York trip ticket, please email Tricia for confirmation at admin@grucc.com.

We are continuing to accept donations of candy for Halloween this year. If you are out shopping and are able, please consider purchasing a bag or bags and bring them with you on Sunday Mornings. This candy will be distributed during the downtown trick-or-treating event this year...and we need all that we can get!

Friday, October 18- Grace UCC Coffee House (7:00 pm-8:00 pm)

Thursday, October 24- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Saturday, October 26- Downtown Frederick Trick or Treating

Friday, November 15– Grace UCC Coffee House (8:00 pm-10:00pm)

Thursday, November 21- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry (7pm-9 pm)

Wednesday, December 11- Grace Bus Trip to New York City

Friday, December 13- Grace UCC Coffee House (8pm-10pm)

Thursday, December 19- Young Adult Christmas Party (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Sunday, December 22- Christmas Cantata at Grace UCC

Tuesday December 24– Christmas Eve Service (7:00 pm)

Thursday, December 26-Tour of Historic Churches (3:00 pm—8:00 pm)

REFUGEE WELCOMING COALITION

Coming soon, Grace Church will be working with our neighbors at ERUCC (Evangelical Reformed UCC) to help a refugee family settle in our area, under the guidance of the Refugee Welcoming Coalition of Frederick. The RWC is an alliance of faith communities, civic organizations, and other volunteers founded in 2021 in recognition of the challenges faced by refugee families in our county. Assistance will include furnishing household items from a list and occasional volunteer work including assistance with transportation and paperwork.

Interested in making a difference? Contact Michael Davies (fluidmosaic@gmail.com) and Missy Moxley.

We are also making donations

- Certain items are on their Amazon wishlist, for shipping directly to the RWC: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8F1P1KKUOUZH>
- If you wish to donate furniture, or supplies that are in urgent need (shower curtains and bathmats; pillows, sheets and blankets; and almost any type of kitchen supply): please email us at info@rwcfrederick.org to arrange pickup
- To donate cash, you may send a check to **AACF: 45 E. All Saints St., Frederick, MD 21701**, with a note on the memo line that the funds are for RWC.

Alternatively, you can donate through PayPal on their website,

<https://rwcfrederick.org>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Sleep In Heavenly Peace!

SHP (<https://shpbeds.org/>) is a national organization of local chapters that build bunk beds for children in the local community who otherwise wouldn't have a bed. Grace Church has been very generous in donating sheets, pillows, mattress covers and quilts over the last couple years.

The Frederick County Chapter of SHP has building events every month or so, mostly on Saturdays, and volunteers of all skill levels (including none) are welcome for tasks like cutting lumber, constructing and finishing the beds, transporting them, or sorting items, cleaning up and prep work.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to a great organization.

Contact Michael Davies (fluidmosaic@gmail.com) to be notified of upcoming builds and be part of the team when you can!

“No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!”



Upcoming Council Vacancies

Have you been wondering how you can get involved at Grace? Have you been looking for ways to share and expand your leadership skills? Then look no further! At this year's annual meeting, there will be some Council positions open, and we are looking for individuals to fill those positions.

The following positions will be open, and terms will begin in January, 2025:

Vice President: One nomination has been received.

Worship and Education Commission Chair: This Commission works with the pastor to plan worship services and provide feedback on such. This Commission also oversees the supervision of the work of Christian Education in partnership with the pastor. This Commission also facilitates lay leadership in worship (greeters, liturgists, etc.) If you would like more information, please see Amy Duray who is currently the Chair of this Commission.

For Outreach: The Outreach Ministry Commission is tasked with two goals, directing Grace Church programs of aid to people in need, and representing Grace Church at events in the community. The commission coordinates volunteer activity and donation drives, and directs funds from the Mission Basket to organizations that do the most good for our neighbors. The commission also makes sure Grace Church has a presence at community events like In the Streets, Trunk or Treat, and Frederick Pride. If you're interested in helping people and getting the word out about Grace Church, the job of Outreach Ministry Chair is for you!

Member At Large: This is a position on the Council that has voice and vote but does not chair a Commission. For more information, please see Missy Moxley or Liz Tinker.

Assistant Treasurer: This person will have a voice but no vote on Council (unless the Treasurer is unable to attend a meeting) and will assist the Treasurer with the Financial Matters of Grace.

The Council meets once a month for regularly scheduled meetings. Other meetings may be scheduled if a situation arises that needs to be addressed.

INSTALLATION OF REV. CHANCE MARTINEZ

as Pastor of Grace United Church of Christ

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024, AT 3:00 PM
25 East 2nd Street Frederick, MD 21701

On Street Parking is Free on Sundays. We are also close to
the Church Street Parking Garage.

Clergy are asked to RSVP by emailing Chance at
pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com

Clergy wishing to join the processional are asked to wear
your preferred clergy attire and a red stole. Please arrive by
2:45 pm to robe and gather for the processional.

Reception to Follow the Service

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!



We will Celebrate the Feast of All Saints on November 3rd, 2024. Please submit list by, name, date passed, and relationship to you of those who have crossed over to heaven this year so that we can add them to our celebration on November 3rd. Please submit your list by October 26th, 2024. You may place your list in the box in the Narthex, or you may email the list to admin@grucc.com. Thank you!



SONGS FOR THE EARTH

a multifaith musical service

Music, Readings, & Prayers by

African Faith Community Choir

Asbury UMC Choir

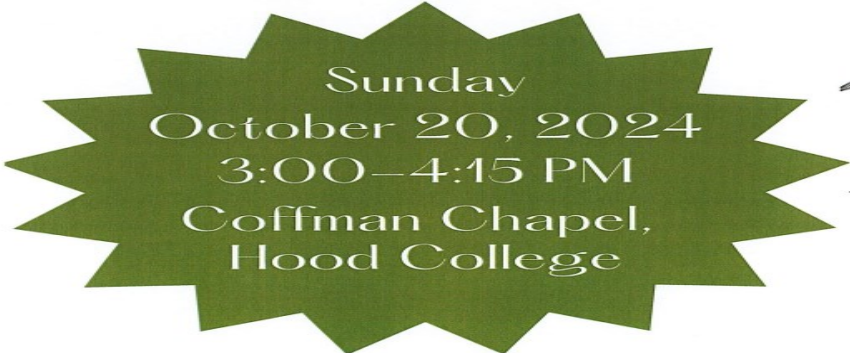
Beth Sholom

Frederick Children's Chorus

Hood College Ensembles

Unitarian Universalist Congregation Choir

Xa Loi Temple



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Bachtoberfest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 5PM

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

31 EAST CHURCH STREET

DOWNTOWN FREDERICK

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This collaborative concert will feature the choirs of numerous Downtown Frederick churches, the Frederick Children's Chorus, and Frederick Flute Choir.

A free will offering will be collected for Beyond Shelter Frederick

For more information, please visit twinspires.org/lineartsseries



New York City

**HOLIDAY
BUS TRIP**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Explore the Big Apple on your own!
Bus departs Frederick at 6 a.m. and returns at midnight

\$80 per person, limited seating

Pay with QR code below or mail check
Contact admin@grucc.com to register

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

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist:

Amy D.

Children's Message:

Pastor Chance

Children's Church

Amy D.

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Amy D.

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