

Grace United Church of Christ



Transfiguration Sunday
Sunday, February 27th , 2022
Worship Service

We Gather

10:45am

Pre Live Stream Video Loop

Prelude

"Sweet Peace", Gregg Sewell

(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

Ringling of the Bell

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Heaven on Earth

*Call to Worship

L: Let's go up the mountain. To the place of voices and conversations,
to the place of listening.

P: To the place of meeting, to the place of mists,

L: Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky
where the earth touches the heavens,

P: to the place of meeting, to the place of mists,

All: Let's go up the mountain to worship Christ the King

- 1 Crown with your richest crowns, the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you,
to your risen Savior bring your thanks for life made new.
- 2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
Look past the peak of Calvary's road to Christ the glorified.
The sun that lights the sky is pale before that sight.
At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mysteries so bright.
- 3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife this fallen world to save,
Christ's glories now we sing, Christ's name we magnify,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wounded feet
a fragrant garden shall extend forever green and sweet.
- 5 Crown Christ who holds the years, embracing space and time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for you have died for me;
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

* Opening Prayer

* Gloria

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Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*Passing the Peace

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

We Listen

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Special Music

"Adagietto", from "Enigma Variations" Opus 36,
Edward Elgar, arr. Rick Parks

* Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Holy Expectations

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

"God's Love Shine on You", Johann Sebastian Bach,
arr. Geoffrey Edwards

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all Creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

(See next page for lyrics)

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

1 Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

2 And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

[Refrain]

3 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

[Refrain]

Dismissal

Postlude

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies", from *Geysliche Gesangk
Buchleyn (1524)*, arr. James Mansfield

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*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.***

*~~~~~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.*

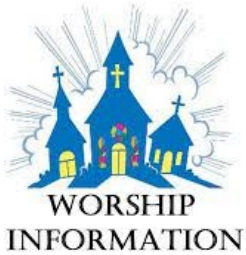
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(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)

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# Grace UCC Updates

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE:



- Sunday 02/27:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service
- Wednesday 03/02:** 4:00 PM - Grace UCC Afterschool Program  
7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 PM - Grace UCC Book Club (Zoom)
- Thursday 03/03:** 7:00PM - Grace Lenten Bible Study
- Sunday 03/06:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service



## GRACE UCC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

We are beginning an afterschool program for kids up through elementary school. Join us each Wednesday at 4 PM for a time of music, videos, Bible lessons and crafts. We are meeting via Zoom under the leadership of Kelly Pineda, our new Director of Children and Youth Ministry. To know more, please contact Kelly at **Youth-ministry@grucc.com!**

**Topic:** After school Program

**Time:** 4:00 PM (EST) Every Wednesday, until Dec 21st, 2022

**Weekly:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/82819697212?pwd=bFhKd1hSQ2tyU2JyVVBFcGNjSWlXQT09>

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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# GRACE UCC LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

Join us Thursday evenings during Lent starting **March 3rd, 2022** at 7:00PM as we walk through The Lord's Prayer with Pastor and Author Adam Hamilton!

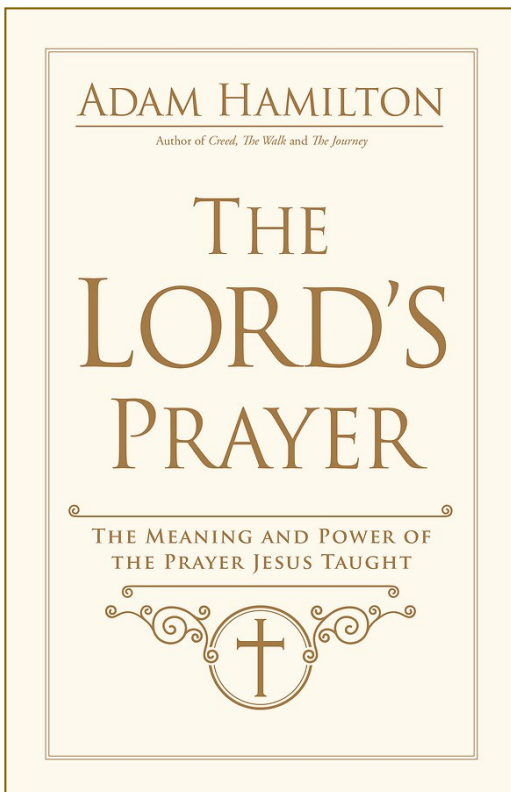
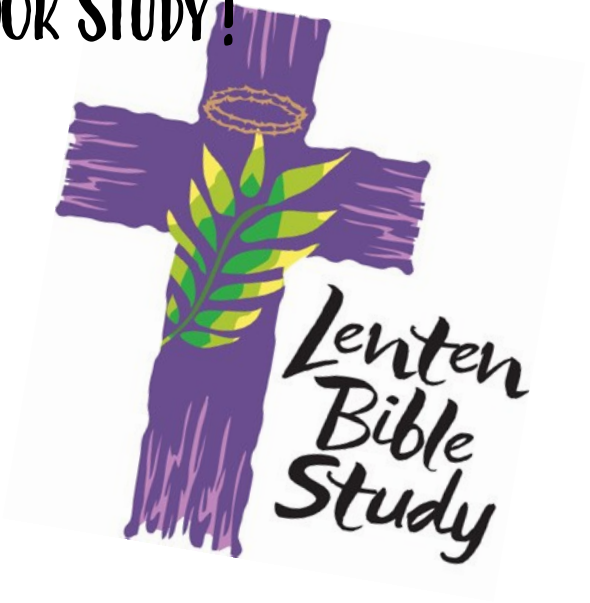
**Topic:** The Lords Prayer

**Time:** Thursdays in Lent 07:00 PM EST

**Weekly:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcq-d-yrpjwpH907n2R6PldkXjs4Lts\\_3WN0/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrqTsvGdySsxyORpwqB4igZ-nxiGZegvoNyxG3MXZjSwf9DuhRZp5rA-eD](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcq-d-yrpjwpH907n2R6PldkXjs4Lts_3WN0/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrqTsvGdySsxyORpwqB4igZ-nxiGZegvoNyxG3MXZjSwf9DuhRZp5rA-eD)

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## BLACK CHURCH HISTORY SPOTLIGHT –

### ELIZABETH CLARISSE LANGE ( MOTHER MARY LANGE)



Elizabeth Clarisse Lange (Mother Mary Lange) was born circa 1784 and died February 3, 1882.

Mother Mary Lange founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829. The Oblates were the first United States based religious order of women of color.

The Oblate Sisters were role models who provided an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and to children degraded by slavery.

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange's parents were refugees who fled to Cuba from the revolution taking place in their native Saint Domingue. In the early 1800s young Elizabeth left Santiago, Cuba to seek peace and security in the United States. Providence directed her to Baltimore, Maryland, where a great influx of French-speaking Catholic Saint Domingue refugees was settling. Elizabeth Lange came to Baltimore as a courageous, loving, deeply spiritual woman. Although she was a refugee, she was well educated, and of independent means, possessing monies left to her by her father.

It did not take Elizabeth long to recognize that the children of her fellow refugees needed education. She used her own money and home to educate these children of color. For ten years Elizabeth, with a friend, Marie Magdaleine Balas, offered free education.

Thus, on July 2, 1829, Elizabeth and three other women (Rosanne Boegue, Marie Balas and an older student, Almaide Duchemin) took their vows. The first paragraph of the Rule was quite simple:

“The Oblate Sisters of Providence are a religious society of virgins and widows of color. Their end is to consecrate themselves to God in a special manner not only to sanctify themselves and thereby secure the greater glory of God, but also to work for the Christian education of colored (sic) Children.”



## BLACK CHURCH HISTORY SPOTLIGHT ( CONT.)

Elizabeth, founder and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, took the name of Mary. These women demonstrated leadership and divinely daring in the face of poverty, racism, humiliations and untold hardships. The sisters were role models who provided an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and to children degraded by slavery. In Mother Lange's school, Catholics and non-Catholics were accepted.



The multiplicity of works undertaken by the Oblate Sisters despite a shortage of personnel and financial resources gives evidence to the depth of their awareness, devotion, self-denial and desire to serve. The sisters: educated youth and provided a home for orphans,

nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832, sheltered the elderly,

served as domestics at St. Mary's Seminary in time of crisis, took in washing, ironing, and mending to care for the "children of the house", made vestments, begged, and borrowed so that solid virtue, religious and moral principles could be transferred as a legacy to the children.

By 1860, all of the Catholic schools for "colored" children in Baltimore were taught by Oblate Sisters: St. Frances Academy, St. Joseph's School for Boys and St. Michael's. During the 20th century, Oblate schools were founded in 15 states in the United States. They have given witness during periods of social struggle by active participation for almost 200 years of continual service to schools, day care centers, outreach and Christian education programs which encompass all age levels. They provide social and pastoral services to all ethnic groups.

(Taken from: <https://blackandindianmission.org/servant-god-mother-mary-lange-osp>)



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

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

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist: N/A

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: N/A

Altar Guild: N/A

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

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