

Grace United Church of Christ



Service of Holy Communion

Celebrating the Partnership

Between Grace UCC

&

Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the

Pfarrbereich Weferlingen, Germany

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5th, 2021

We Gather

10:45am

Pre Live Stream Video Loop

11 AM Prelude

Es kommt ein Schiff, geladen bis an sein höchsten Bord
-Weferlingen Chor

Translation:

A ship is coming laden
And rich indeed her hoard
The Son of God the Father
And His eternal Word

The ship sails soft, her burden
Of price all measure past
Her mainsail, it is charity
The Holy Ghost her mast

The ship has dropped her anchor
Is safely come to land
Th' eternal Word in likeness
Of man on earth doth stand

(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.)

Greeting

Gnade sei mit uns und Friede von dem, der da ist und der da war und der da kommt, unserm Herrn und Heiland Jesus + Christus. R: Amen.

(Grace be with us and Peace from him, who is and was and ever will be, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.)

Opening Prayer

Gott, aus unserem Alltag kommen wir
und suchen dich und deine Nähe.
Zur Ruhe möchten wir kommen
in deiner Gegenwart.

Lass uns hinter dem Lichtschein der Kerzen
und dem Zauber des Advents eine Ahnung bekommen
vom Licht deiner Gegenwart.
öffne uns das Herz, dass wir deine Nähe spüren:
öffne uns die Hände,.
Dass wir deine Liebe weitergeben.
Öffne uns für dein Kommen
in unser Leben.

(English Translation):

God, we come from our everyday life
and look for you and your nearness.
We want to come to rest
in your presence.

Leave us behind the glow of the candles
and get an idea of the magic of Advent.
of the light of your presence.
open our hearts so that we can feel your closeness:
open our hands.
That we pass on your love.
Open us for your coming
in our life.)

Musical Response “Kyrie eleison” (aus T. Dubois, Missa brevis)

(Translation : Lord, Have Mercy) -Weferlingen Chor

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. We celebrate the second coming of Jesus Christ and the sign of our redemption. As a sign of how the coming splendor of God is spreading among us, we light the second candle on the Advent wreath. O Come O Come Emmanuel!

Special Music Away in a Manger, Traditional Normandy tune,
arr. Jennie Huntoon - Grace UCC Choir

Gospel Luke 3: 1-6 (German & English)

Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

2 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe

[Refrain]

3 O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

[Refrain]

Children's Moment

Sermon Pastor Karen and Pastor Shareesa

Covenant Signing

Prayers of the People

Pastor Karen and Pastor Shareesa

Special Music

“Herr nun schenk uns deinen Frieden” - Weferlingen chor

Communion Prayer

Gott hat uns in Jesus Christus das ewige Leben geschenkt. Er ruft alle Welt und lädt uns ein an seinen Tisch. Wir gehören zu ihm. Er verbindet uns untereinander. Er befreit uns von der Last der Vergangenheit, lässt uns Einsamkeit und Unfrieden überwinden und einen neuen Anfang wagen. Indem wir das Brot essen und aus diesem Kelch trinken, warten wir voll Verlangen auf sein Reich, in dem Gerechtigkeit wohnt.

Translation (God gave us eternal life in Jesus Christ. God calls everyone and invites us to this table. We belong to God who connects us with one another. God frees us from the burden of the past, lets us overcome loneliness and strife and dare a new beginning. As we eat the bread and drink from this cup, we eagerly await God’s kingdom, in which righteousness dwells.)

Words of Institution

Pastor Karen and Pastor Shareesa

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.

Invitation to Communion

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

Pastor Rob

L: Lobe den HERRN, meine Seele, (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)

P: und was in mir ist, seinen heiligen Namen ... (and All that is within me, bless God's Holy name)

Gott, heilig und ewig. Du hast uns in der Feier dieses Sakramentes wunderbar beschenkt: Gib, dass wir im Glauben unsere Erlösung annehmen und deiner Zukunft in Freude und Erwartung entgegengehen. Durch Christus, deinen Sohn, der mit dir und dem Heiligen Geist lebt und regiert von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit.

(Translation: God, holy and eternal. You gave us wonderful gifts in the celebration of this sacrament: Grant that we may accept our salvation in faith and approach your future in joy and expectation. Through Christ your Son, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.)

Special Music

Birg deine Seligkeiten - Weferlingen Chor

The Blessing

Pastors Karen and Shareesa

May the Lord Bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance to you and give you peace. Amen.

Der HERR segne dich und behüte dich; der HERR lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dir und sei dir gnädig; der HERR hebe sein Angesicht über dich und gebe dir Frieden. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Tochter Zion, Freue Dich! (Daughter Zion, Rejoice!)

(Tune: Thine is the Glory 253)

1. Hail Zion's daughter, O rejoice!

Shout aloud glad tidings, Lift your voice!

Lo, thy King doth come, come to thee,

Yea, He comes in Glory, Prince of Peace is he!

Hail Zion's daughter, O rejoice!

Shout aloud glad tidings, Lift your voice!

2. Hail and hosanna, David's Son, Through Thee O Savior,
be the vict'ry won!

Thine eternal Rule is coming nigh!

Praise and Glory, be to Thee on high!

Hail and hosanna, David's Son!

Through Thee O Savior, be the vict'ry won!

3. Hail and hosanna, David's Son,

Be Thou most welcome, Sovereign One!

Firmly stands before us, is thy throne of peace,

Thou most blessed, God's realm increase!

Hail and hosanna, David's Son,

Be Thou most welcome, Sovereign One!

*(*Translated to English by Pastor Rob. There is no English version of this very popular advent hymn.)*

Dismissal

Pastor Rob

Postlude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, Traditional, harm. By Michael Praetorius, arr. Mark Hayes - Grace UCC Choir

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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.***

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*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.*

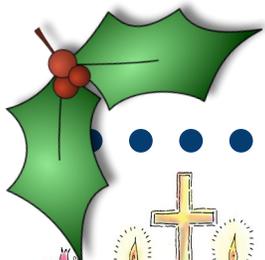
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*(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)*

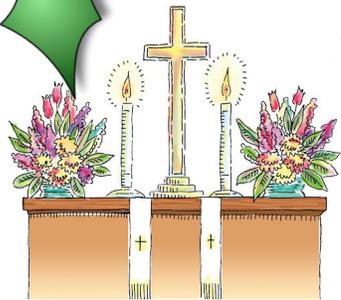
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Today's special music was brought to you by our Quartet Performers and the Weferlingen Chor!

We Appreciate you!



Grace UCC Updates



Worship Schedule

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:



Sunday 12/05: 11:00 AM - Worship Service—

Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 12/8: 7:00 PM - Grace Book Club (Zoom)

Thursday 12/9: 7:00PM - Grace Advent Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday 12/11: 11:00AM - Grace Gingerbread Bash (Zoom)

Sunday 12/12: 11:00 AM - Worship Service

*Join us for our Special Christmas
Worship Services!!*

*Weihnachtsliturgie in
deutscher Sprache*

(German Language Christmas Service)

Sunday, December 19th 7:00PM

(in person only)

*Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service with Holy Communion*

December 24th ~ 7:30 PM

In person and online!

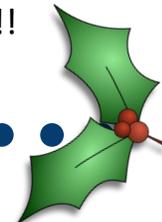
via [https://www.youtube.com/
gracelivefrederick](https://www.youtube.com/gracelivefrederick)

(Masks Required for in-person worship)

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER SUNDAY!!



So this Advent we are together, but its still a season with our regular celebrations muted by Covid. Someone suggested maybe a fun Ugly Sweater Sunday on December 19th and it's a great idea! So join us on **December 19th** in your **Ugliest Christmas Sweaters** as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent! Remember...The tackier and uglier the better!!





Join us on **Saturday, December 11th at 11:00am** on Zoom for a fun way to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

We will have music, lessons, and a craft together as we learn what it means to celebrate Jesus as the greatest gift we have ever gotten!

The Zoom link is below to join us!

Make sure you get your Gingerbread Bash supplies!

- Coloring Pages to print out if your kids like to color
- At Home Family Guide so you can have all the supplies ahead of time
- B/W and Color Nativity figures to print off at home and cut out to be in your nativity scene.

PLEASE invite friends and family to join us. The more the merrier!

Topic: Gingerbread Bash!

Time: Dec 11, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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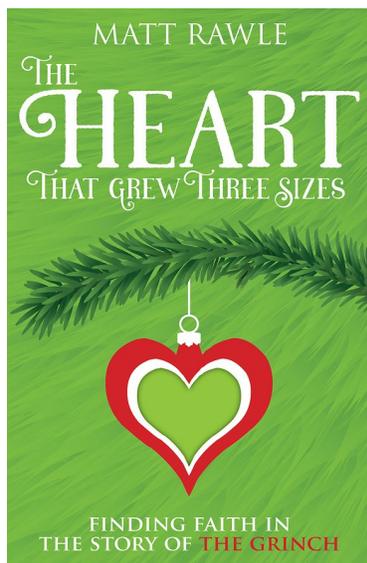
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Join us for a Special Advent Bible Study

Every Thursday at 7:00pm! Starting December 2nd — 23rd on Zoom!



The Heart That Grew Three Sizes!

Join us as we look for Christmas lessons in the Story of How the Grinch Stole Christmas! All are welcome!

You can find this book on Google Play books or purchase a hardcopy from Cokesbury.com.

Topic: Advent Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist: Peter Abell

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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