

Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, July 14, 2024
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment (in unison)

We begin by acknowledging that we gather today on the ancestral lands of the Tuscarora, Susquehannock and Piscataway people who were removed unjustly, and that we in this community are the beneficiaries of that removal. We honor them as we live, work, and worship here at Mt. Tabor Park.

Pass the Peace

Call to Worship (Please Stand As You Are Able)

Leader: God, as we gather together to worship you, we stand in awe of your creation.

All : We see you in the rising and setting of the sun. We see you in the moon and the stars of the night sky. Your creative presence is all around us.

Leader: We see you in the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the creatures of the sea.

All: From the flowers of the valley to the mountaintops in the sky,

Leader: We see your beauty all over the earth.

All: Let us worship you for who you are our creator and sustainer.

Musical Selection: "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

Dear Lord, be with us this day. Renew our senses so that we might see, hear, smell, taste and feel your presence in all we experience. Help us to respond as you would; with patience, humbleness, joy, and love to all creation around us. In Jesus name. Amen.

Selected Reading: “We Are Water Protectors” by Carole Lindstrom

Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

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

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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Scripture Reading: Psalm 24:1-2

Interactive Sermon

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbayah

Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Prayers of the People

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.

Announcements

Musical Selection: "Hippopotamus Song"

In the beginning God made the sea
And the forests filled with trees
Mountaintops he placed so high
At the top God placed the sky

Fingerprints are everywhere
Just to show how much God cares
In the middle God had some fun
Made a hippo that weighed a ton

Hip-Hip-Hip-Hippopotamus
Hip-Hip-Hurrah God made all of us

Hip-Hip-Hip-Hippopotamus
Hip-Hip-Hurrah God made all of us

Benediction and Blessing of the Food

THIS WEEK AT GRACE UCC:

- Sunday 7/14:** 11:00 am Outdoor Worship Service
12:00 pm Church Picnic
“Stuff the Bus” Donations Accepted
2:00 pm-5:00 pm Korean Church
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Summer Concert Series in Baker Park
- Monday 7/15:** 7:00 am-4:30 pm Salvation Army
11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting
7:00 pm-9:00 pm NarAnon Meeting
6:30 pm-9:30 pm AA Meeting
Bulletin Announcements due by Noon.
- Tuesday 7/16** 7:00 am-4:30 pm Salvation Army
11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting
- Wednesday 7/17:** 7:00 am-4:30 pm Salvation Army
11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting
6:30 pm-9:30 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Book Club (zoom)
7:00 pm-10:00 pm Iglesias De Dios Church
- Thursday 7/18:** 11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting
7:00 pm- NA (Woman and Children Meeting)
- Friday 7/19:** 7:00 am-4:30pm Salvation Army
11:30 am– 1:30 pm NA Meeting
7:00 pm Frederick Keys Baseball Game
- Saturday 7/20:** 8:30 am-10:00 am Women’s NA Meeting
10:00 am-11:30 am Men’s NA Meeting
3:00 pm-5:00 pm Korean Church
7:00 pm-10:00 pm Iglesias De Dios Church
- Sunday 7/21:** 11:00 AM Worship Service– Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service
Text: Psalm 139:1-18
Sermon: The Reverend Chance Martinez
Title: “Be Your Beautiful Self”

*Every Sunday in June & July, Pastor’s sermon will be a “Fun Summer Series” Concert at Park from 7pm-8:30pm.

Important Announcements !

Sunday, August 11- Blessing of Teachers/Staff/Students

Sunday, August 18- Volunteer at Community Table

Sunday, September 8 - Rally Day/Homecoming

Saturday, September 14- Grace Booth at In the Streets

Sunday, September 15- Frederick County Fair

Friday, September 20- Grace UCC Coffee House

(8:00 pm-10:00 pm)

Thursday, September 26- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry

Kick-Off (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Friday, October 18- Grace UCC Coffee House

(8:00 pm-10:00 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)

Thurs, 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

Thursday, December 26-Tour of Historic Churches

REFUGEE WELCOMING COMMITTEE

In 2024 Grace Church is starting a team to help a refugee family, under the guidance of the Refugee Welcoming Coalition of Frederick (<https://www.rwcfrederick.org/>). The RWC is an alliance of faith communities, civic organizations, and individual volunteers founded in 2021 in recognition of the influx of refugee families who need help establishing themselves in our area. Assistance indeed includes transportation, furnishing household items, and assistance with bureaucracies like school enrollment and health services.

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

Until we form our team, you can make 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://rwc.frederick.org>.

Security Alert

As many of you are aware, a scam text message was sent to many of the members and friends of Grace UCC this week. The text was an “urgent message” claiming to be from Pastor Chance, but it was not him, and it was not sent from his phone number. Many of you reached out to the office or to Chance directly and we thank you for doing that. A couple of you even sent screenshots of the message and that was very helpful as well. Unfortunately, this thing happens to churches frequently, sometimes by text and other times by email. We just want to reassure you that Pastor Chance, or any staff member, will not reach out to you via text message from an unknown number or email. If there is an urgent matter, please know that Pastor Chance will contact you via a phone call and not a text or email. If you ever receive a text or email from an unknown number or email address that looks suspicious, you are encouraged to call the church office or Pastor Chance directly for confirmation and notification. Thank you all again for making us aware and may we all stay alert to this type of activity.



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

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