

Grace Community Presbyterian Church  
May 5, 2024



The  
**BREAD**  
of life!

**Thought for Meditation**

"Bread sustains life. It is that without which life cannot go on. But what is life? Clearly by life is meant something far more than mere physical existence. What is this new spiritual meaning of life? Real life is the new relationship with God, that relationship of trust and obedience and love of which we have already thought. That relationship is made possible only by Jesus Christ. Apart from him no one can enter into it. That is to say, without Jesus there may be existence, but not life. Therefore, if Jesus is the essential of life, he may be described as the bread of life. The hunger of the human situation is ended when we know Christ and through him know God. The restless soul is at rest; the hungry heart is satisfied." William Barclay

— GATHERING —

**Prelude** Let Us Break Bread Together Wood/Haan

**Welcome and Announcements** Owar Ojulu

**Opening Prayer**

**Call To Worship** Psalm 98:1-9 Elsie Deem

L: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

P: **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

L: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

P: **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.**

**Let us worship the Lord!**

**\* Hymn of Praise** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #2

**\*Prayer of Confession** James 5:16

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” Jesus said. Trusting in God’s grace, let us draw near to God and confess our sin.

**O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we feel alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flow of your peace, show us your love through the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, for all the ways in which we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** Luke 6:37

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Friends, believe this good news.

**All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent.**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

L: Since we have been united with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection and have been granted the gift of peace, let us actively spread and share this peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**P: And also, with you.**

*Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.*

**\* Glory to God** #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.#

**Anthem**

How Great Thou Art

Chancel Choir

O 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. Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

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.

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!

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!"

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!

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— THE WORD —

**Scripture**

John 6:35-40 (page 928)

**Sermon**

"I am the Bread of Life."

**\*Responding Hymn**

How Beautiful

(see insert)

**Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song

of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup....Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory and pray in unison, the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying: (the Lord's Prayer—debt and debtors))

**Breaking the Bread                  Communion of the People**

**Call for Tithes and Offerings                  Luke 6:38**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

**Offertory    Adoration    Peeters**

**\* Doxology    O Bless the Gifts    #817**

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;  
And bless the work our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

— SENDING —

**\* Hymn of Dedication                                  I Hide Your Word within My Heart (v 1, 2)                                  #411**

**\* Charge and Benediction                          2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you now and forever. **Amen**

**\* Congregational Response                          I Hide Your Word within My Heart (v 3)                                  #411**

**\* Postlude    Fugue in G    Bach**

\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

## Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hope you will return. Glenn Nordmark and Shirley Wilson will be your greeters today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall right after worship today. Dan & Tera Howard will be your hosts.



May 02 Darlene Artman  
May 03 Luke Ludwig  
May 04 Alma Woodhall  
May 14 Owar Ojulu  
May 17 Lily Householder



May 03 Jack & Shirley Trinclisti  
May 10 Elsie & Bill Deem  
May 24 Marcia & Richard Sacket 55

If your name does not appear, or if the listed information is incorrect, please contact the church office so that the records can be updated.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The Operation Christmas Child items for the month of May are arts & craft supplies (colored pencils, crayons, watercolors, drawing paper and sidewalk chalk). Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.



We are collecting items for the next spring rummage sale (Date TBD). Please help by bringing in your unwanted items for the next sale. Your items can be placed inside the upper-level door by the old sanctuary.

**NO ELECTRONICS OR LARGE FURNITRE**

Rev. Dr. Ojulu is available anytime if you have any concerns, want to schedule a meeting, or if you need a prayer. You can contact him at the office @ 724-339-9661 or his cell 507-304-5958.

A celebration of our 2024 high school and college graduates is currently being planned. Please let the office know if you have someone graduating this spring.

## **This Week's Calendar**

**May 5 - 11**

|                  |                               |                |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | <b>Children Sunday School</b> | <b>9:00am</b>  |
|                  | <b>Worship/Communion</b>      | <b>10:00am</b> |
|                  | <b>Adult Sunday School</b>    | <b>11:00am</b> |
|                  | <b>Youth Group</b>            | <b>6:00pm</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Bible Study</b>            | <b>1:00pm</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>        | <b>7:00pm</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>CE Meeting</b>             | <b>3:00pm</b>  |
|                  | <b>Cub Scouts Den Meeting</b> | <b>6:00pm</b>  |

## **Looking Ahead**

**May 12 - 18**

|               |                               |                |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>May 12</b> | <b>Children Sunday School</b> | <b>9:00am</b>  |
|               | <b>Reach Out Meeting</b>      | <b>9:00am</b>  |
|               | <b>Worship</b>                | <b>10:00am</b> |
|               | <b>Adult Sunday School</b>    | <b>11:00am</b> |
| <b>May 13</b> | <b>CS Committee Meeting</b>   | <b>6:00pm</b>  |
|               | <b>Mission Meeting</b>        | <b>6:30pm</b>  |
| <b>May 14</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>            | <b>1:00pm</b>  |
|               | <b>Garden Club</b>            | <b>6:30pm</b>  |
| <b>May 15</b> | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>        | <b>7:00pm</b>  |
| <b>May 16</b> | <b>Men's Club</b>             | <b>6:00pm</b>  |
|               | <b>Cub Scouts Den Meeting</b> | <b>6:00pm</b>  |

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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Cathy Brady  
Dave Briscoe  
Michael Cochenour (clerk)  
Dan Howard  
Henry Kedzierski  
Cheryl Landis  
Val Lester  
Glenn Nordmark  
Sharon Rupert  
Jack Trinclisti

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