

## Entrance

### Gathering

#### \*Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!**

Let all people praise you, O Lord.

**Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

**Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing.**

#### \*Opening Prayer

**How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John proclaims a crystal river flowing from God's throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God's people. Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes in glory. Amen.**

#### \*Hymn

*O Worship the King – Hymn 73*

### Proclamation and Response

#### Prayer of Illumination

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come Creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. **Amen.**

#### Scripture Reading – *John 5:1-9*

Lee Hauser

Sermon *When You Get Where You're Going,  
Where Will You Be?*

Francis Daniel

#### \*The Apostles' Creed

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#### \*Gloria Patri

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#### \*Passing the Peace

#### Offering / *I Am Thine, O Lord*

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#### \*Doxology

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#### Announcements, Joys and Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### \*Hymn

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus – Hymn 297*

#### Sending Forth

#### \*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Stacy Owen (8/1)!

Happy Anniversary to Ray & Janet Krause (7/29), Lee & Nancy Hauser (7/30), Rich & Patty Scotten (8/1), Kevin & Jennifer Dunham (8/2), and Pat & Lisa Stokes (8/2)!

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Herb Hanna by Alan and Beth Sasser.

Rev. Mark Gustafson, Pastor  
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## Announcements

Thank you, Rev. Francis Daniel, for being with us today! Blessings.

The Trustees and the Building Committee are gathering more information about the future of our building project by visiting other churches to get ideas. If you have an idea of a church we should visit, please talk with Cathy Kinlaw or Mary Greene.

Our Apple Tree continues! We have 10 teachers to bless, 3 affiliated with Grace, 4 from Bethlehem, and 3 from Live Oak. Please return them unwrapped gifts by August 4. We will give out all of our gifts during worship on August 11!

T-Shirts! We have a design chosen and are waiting for direction on how to start taking orders!

Church Directory: <https://liveoak.ctrn.co/directory/index.php> You may go to this link. Your username is [first name][last name]. Your initial password is 123456. Once logged in, you may change your password. Any troubles with this, contact Renee Summerlin or Janelle Rose. Pat Routh is willing to take pictures for the directory at your convenience. Once everyone has pictures in the directory, we will begin making paper copies available for those who would like one and/or cannot see it online.

BCC's Back to School Blast is August 10, 8a-12p. FYI. We are planning to support this with a booth. Please contact Robin Summerlin and/or Tiina Mundy to support this effort!

Pastor Mark's vacation continues until August 2.

### **The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:**

*Mentioned 6/30/2024:* Rebekah Dixon and her 3 girls; a coworker of Hannah Martin's.

*Mentioned 7/7/2024:* Ray Coleson; Julie Smith; Ruth Feight; Lisa McLean; David Torres; Randy Stamps; Hazel Autry; Pete Kinlaw; the family and friends of Herbert Bernard "Baldie" McKoy.

*Mentioned 7/14/2024:* all those battling the heat this summer, including bracing for/cleaning up from hurricanes; Karyn Wiseman; Kathy Lee; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Adele Clark, Randy Hood, and Melanie Jones.

*Mentioned 7/21/2024:* Ally Byrum; Lonnie Harris; Paul Russ; Wayne McCall; Mordekai Barfield and Laura; Mary Cain; the family and friends of Donald Melvin, Mike D. Smith, William Moore.

*Prayers this week:* Scout and the Lancaster family; Alb Inman; Roma Askea and her daughter, Vicky; Alvin Dickerson; Matthew Krause; Joy Grady and family; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser.

# *Grace United Methodist Church*

**July 28, 2024**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service 8:30 am**

### **Our Mission**

*To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

### **Our Vision**

*We welcome everyone into the experience  
of a different story!*

