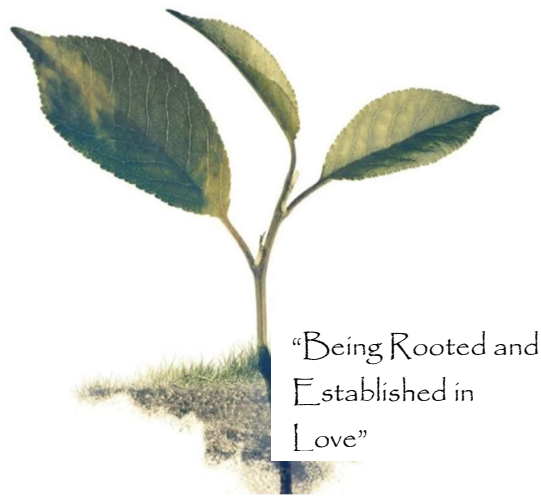


Grace Community Presbyterian Church  
July 28, 2024



**Thought for Meditation**

“In the original, the word "to know" is in a tense which expresses cognition in a particular case; hence the meaning of St. Paul's prayer seems to be that they may know from time to time, as each opportunity offers, what must in its entirety pass all human knowledge, either to discover or fully to understand, even when revealing itself; so that they may always go on from faith to faith, from knowledge to knowledge, and yet find new depths still to be fathomed. The "love of Christ" is the love which He bears to us, and which is the motive of His sacrifice for our redemption. It is known only by those who are rooted in love to Him; such love being at once the consequence of the first knowledge of His love to us (1 John 4:19) and the condition of entering more deeply into that knowledge.” *Ellicott's Commentary*

**Prelude** Rejoice in the Lord Always Purcell  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Opening Prayer**

**Call To Worship** *Psalm 100:1-3* Michael Cochenour  
L: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
**P: For His steadfast love endures forever.**  
L: Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**P: For His steadfast love endures forever.**  
L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**P: For His steadfast love endures forever.**  
**All: The Lord is trustworthy in all his promises  
and faithful in all He does.**

**\* Hymn of Praise** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #11

**Prayer of Confession** *Daniel 9:5* *CTW-571 B*  
We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from God's commands and laws. Friends, let us draw near and confess our sin to God.

**O Christ, when the crowds surrounded you,  
hungry for bread and for your word,  
you took an offering—five loaves, two fish—  
and made for them a feast.  
Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace.  
Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have.  
Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all.  
Forgive us, O God, and make of us a more generous people.  
Empower us to share the gift of our lives,  
and enlighten us to see the miracles around us.  
For you are the giver of grace upon grace,  
the one who turns want into plenty. Amen**  
*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** Colossians 3:1-4  
Since, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God. Christ is your life, and when he comes again, you will share in his glory. Friends, believe this Good News of Gospel!  
**All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent. Amen!**

**\* Passing of the Peace** Colossians 3:2  
L: Therefore, since we have been raised with Christ, let us strive for the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God and share his love 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.*

**\* Gloria Patri** #813  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, a world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

**Solo** God of the Deep Aubrie Newcomb

**Prayer for illumination**

**Scripture** Ephesians 3:14–21

Sermon

"Rooting in Love"

\*Responding Hymn

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

#542



Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Acts

20:35

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

Stow

\* 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 have Decided to Follow Jesus" (v. 1-2) #602

\* Charge and Benediction

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\* Congregational Response

"I have Decided to Follow Jesus" (v. 3)"

#602

\* Postlude

Fanfare

Soler

\*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 that you will return. Please Join us Coffee Fellowship immediately following worship.

Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The Operation Christmas Child items for the month of July are WOW toys (soccer or playground balls, dolls, large trucks, etc.) Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

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.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 4 Lee Johnson

July 18 Arch & Bonnie Carroll

July 7 Sharon Rupert

July 27 Barb & Ken McGeary

July 22 Jennifer Beck

July 30 Dave & Melody Highfield

July 23 Charlie Markle

August 1 Mike and Sue Pish

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.

## GREETERS NEEDED!!!!

GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR AUGUST. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GREET THOSE ATTENDING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNING, PLEASE SIGN UP. IT IS A NICE WAY TO START THE DAY.



Use your cell phone camera to go to the Grace Community Church Closed Facebook



Use your cell phone camera to go to the Grace Community Church Open Facebook

Grace Church has both an “Open” Facebook for the public and a “**Closed Facebook**” for our church family only.

Church members and friends can request to belong to the Closed Facebook.

Anyone can view and post on the “**Open Facebook**” where you will find pictures and information about our many events and activities.



Use your cell phone camera to go to the Grace Community Church Website



Use your cell phone camera to go to the Grace Community Church YouTube

The **Grace Church Website** has information about our church, past bulletins, church calendar, information about activities and staff bios.

The **Grace Church YouTube** has anthems from our church services and other music.

**This Week's Calendar  
July 28 - August 3**

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Thursday	Ladies Group	6:30pm

**Looking Ahead  
August 4 - August 10**

August 4	Outdoor Worship Service VFW	11:00am
August 6	Bible Study	1:00pm

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### Church Staff:

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Christian Ed: Bill Ludwig  
Organist: Kenneth McGearry  
Treasurer: Ray Zerjav  
Custodian: John Baron and Paul Zunich

#### **Elders**

Reitha Bieranoski  
Dave Briscoe  
Michael Cochenour  
Dan Howard  
Cheryl Landis  
Glenn Nordmark  
Sharon Rupert  
Todd Taylor  
Jack Trinclisti  
Steph Tutka  
Cathy Vitari

#### **Deacons**

Sheri Cieslinski  
Kerri Colaianni  
Elsie Deem  
Lisa Edwards  
Heidi Hacker  
Linda Johnson  
  
LaVonne Pelisari  
Debbie Roskey  
Marcia Sackett  
Rich Sackett  
Dee Shaffer  
Shirley Trinclisti  
Shirley Wilson