

# Grace Community Presbyterian Church

## October 5, 2025



### Thought for Meditation

“World Communion Sunday offers an opportunity to celebrate our connectional nature and call toward ecumenical relations as United Methodists. Here's one tangible way to demonstrate this: during Holy Communion, offer a variety of breads common across many cultures. Offer a reminder that as the sun has arisen from the East and continues its movement across multiple time zones, Christians across the globe have already received communion, many congregations are gathering for communion in the moment, and many more will begin worship soon. Another idea is to teach how to say “peace” in many languages, while sharing that Christ’s message of peace is intended for everyone around the world.” *Rev. Carol Zaagsma*

— GATHERING —  
“Communion”

Prelude

F. DuBois

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

*Barb Foust*

**\*Call To Worship** *James 3:18; Matt. 5:7-10, Ps. 116:12-19*

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**People: The world and those who live in it.**

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

**People: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

***ALL: Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. Alleluia!***

**\* Hymn of Praise** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 1-2,5)

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**\*Prayer of Confession:** <sup>1</sup>

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in His way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Friends, let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of Your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of Your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of Your kingdom always falls short.**

**We fail to measure up to the people You have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

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Liturgy written by John Wurster and Keatan King and provided for free distribution. For more resources, visit [pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org)

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

L: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space and through the generations, God seeks us out. Grace church, this is good news!

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

**\* Passing of the Peace**     *2 Thessalonians 3:16*

L: Now may the Lord of peace himself always give you peace and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 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**

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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.

**Anthem**

**“Shepherd of My Heart”**

**Wendy Aurednik**

(Words: Psalm 23; Music: Patrick O’Brien)

— THE WORD —

**Prayer for Illumination** (*in unison*)

**Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

**Scripture**

Joshua 11: 6, 21-23

**Sermon**

“Conquerors Through God”

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*The Nicene Creed*) (On Screen)

**Call for Tithes and Offerings***Romans 12:1*

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord."

**Offertory***"Amazing Grace"*

arr. C. Callahan

**\* Doxology**

#814

**\* Prayer of Dedication***Sharing Joys and Concerns***~THE HOLY COMMUNION~****\*Hymn of Preparation***"I Come with Joy"*

Bulletin Insert

**World Communion Sunday—**Invitation to the Lord's Table

People will come from east and west and north and south to sit at table in the Kingdom of God.

They will come with hope and they will come with doubts.

They will come with faith and they will come with fears.

They will come with love and they will come with regrets.

They will come from all over. They will come across all sorts of barriers and boundaries. They will come. They will all come for God longs for it to be so.

Joining God's people across the globe and joining the saints of every time and place, we come to this table today. Everyone is welcome. God longs for it to be so. God longs to feed with us – all of us – with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

You are invited, you're called: come, let us share this meal together with Christians around the world.

**Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (*responsively*)** (on the screen)

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.**

**Our Father...**

**Breaking the Bread:**

"Jesus said: I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."

"Jesus said: I am the vine; you are the branches. Cut off from me you can do nothing."

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

**Nourishing God,**

**Thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome,  
and for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing.**

**As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and  
hope for those who hunger for your good news. Amen.**

— SENDING —

**\* Hymn of Dedication**      "They'll Know We are Christians" (v.1-2)      #429

**\* Charge and Benediction**      *Hebrews 13:20*

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

**\* Congregational Response**      "They'll Know We are Christians" (v. 3)      # 429

**\* Postlude**      "Prelude in G minor"      J.S. Bach

**\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Today's Music:** We welcome Dane Skroupa to our service. Dane attended Carnegie Mellon University as an organ major with Ken McGeary. For 35 years, he was the chorus director at Mars Area High School where he also directed the all School musicals. He also has served as the organist and choir director for churches for over 40 years. Retired, he and his wife are residents of West Deer. They are parents of two adults and the grandparents of four.

## **Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church**

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall following today's worship service.



Rev. Dr. Ojulu (Pastor Owar) 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.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The Operation Christmas Child items for the month of October are small toys (yo-yos, puzzles, coloring books, etc). Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

October 16 Chris Legters  
October 18 Brandon Daughtry  
Zoe Householder  
October 19 Cindy Daughtry  
October 25 Paul Berggren  
October 27 Apay Ojulu

October 5 Carl & Kathy Dolan  
October 8 Bill & Terri Ludwig  
October 12 Steve & Valerie Lester

**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.**

## Sermon Notes:

For Sunday \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Scripture Reference \_\_\_\_\_

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



### This Week's Calendar October 5 - October 11, 2025

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:00pm

### Looking Ahead

October 12- October 18, 2025

October 12	Reach Out Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
October 14	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:00pm
October 15	Choir Practice	7:00pm
October 16	Meals for Children	1:00pm
	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm

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