

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
June 29, 2025



Prelude	<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	Coe
Welcome and Announcements		

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Cathy Brady

Leader: Give ear to my words, O Lord, give heed to my sighing.

People: Listen to the sound of my cry, my King, and my God.

Leader: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

People: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you. The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

All: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

"O Worship the King" (v. 1,4,5) #104

All: Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting our love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of Mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

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

L: Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. 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 Be to the Father” #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, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Matt Derby
(Words by Frederick Faber, music by David Ashley White)

Linda Gossar-Loesch

Prayer for Illumination

1 Kings 21:1-10
Luke 7:36-8:3

Sermon	“Unconditional Love”	Linda Gossar-Loesch
*Hymn of Response	“Come, Let Us Reason”	#484
*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed		
Sharing Joys and Concerns and The Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)		
Call for Tithes and Offerings		
Let us remember the words of our Lord, who said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”		
Offertory	“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”	Childs
*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	“Shine, Jesus, Shine” (v. 1, 3)	#431
*Charge and Benediction		
*Congregational Response	“Shine, Jesus, Shine” (refrain)	#431
*Postlude	“Fugue in C”	Buxtehude

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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.

We welcome to Grace Church this morning Linda Gossar Loesch. Linda is a retired Activity Director. She has worked at all levels of care: skilled nursing, personal care, subacute hospital unit, psychiatric unit, and in community setting. She has a Community Ministries BS degree from Geneva College and is an Authorized Lay Pastor for Redstone Presbytery. She has become a Stephen Minister six years ago and is also a Stephen Leader. She loves to quilt, sew, read, crochet and camp.

TODAY’S MUSIC: Kenton Coe (1930-2021) studied piano as a youth in Tennessee. He hated piano lessons but always loved writing music down, scribbling music when he was 10 or 11. He went on to study composition at Yale and in Paris. He wrote in almost every format: orchestral, opera, choral, chamber music, and film scores.

Organist Dr. Stephen Hamilton met Kenton Coe professionally and they soon developed a working relationship and friendship. Coe added concert pieces for organ to his musical output. Hamilton asked Coe if he would consider writing some shorter organ pieces for use in churches and suggested the folk hymns from the Sacred Harp. Coe’s “Three Organ Preludes on American

Folk Hymns,” which Dr. Hamilton describes as “introspective and comforting,” are the result of that request.

“Amazing Grace” breathes confidence – confidence in God, in his promises, in his continual presence. Each stanza relates to multiple Old and New Testament passages. Coe has given us an interesting organ arrangement for today’s prelude. It begins simply and quietly, builds up slightly before encountering some dissonance, perhaps musically representing the “many dangers, toils and snares.” It continues to build before subsiding to a quiet conclusion.



Rev. Dr. Ojulu (Pastor Owar) is currently traveling to Ethiopia and will be out of the office for the month of June. If you need pastoral assistance, please call the office at 724-339-9661.

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 4	Lee Johnson	July 27	Ken and Barb McGeary
July 7	Sharon Rupert	July 30	Dave and Melody Highfield
July 22	Jennifer Beck		
July 31	Paul Zunich		

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.

This Week's Calendar
June 29 - July 5, 2025

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

Looking Ahead
July 6 - 12, 2025

July 6	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
July 8	Bible Study	1:00pm

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