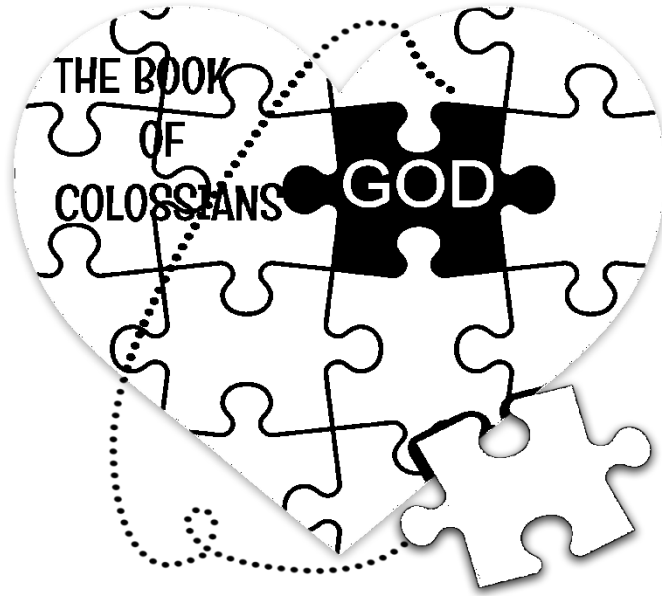


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2026



Thought for Meditation

"Paul prays for "hupomone" the fortitude which no situation can defeat, and "makrothumia", the patience which no person can defeat. He prays that the Christian may be such that no circumstances will defeat his strength and no human being defeat his love. The Christian's fortitude in events and patience with people must be indestructible. Added to all this there is joy. The Christian way is not a grim struggle with events and with people; it is a radiant and sunny-hearted attitude to life. The Christian joy is joy in any circumstances. As C. F. D. Moule puts it: "If joy is not rooted in the soil of suffering, it is shallow." It is easy to be joyful when things go well, but the Christian radiance is something which not all the shadows of life can quench. So the Christian prayer is: "Make me, O Lord, victorious over every circumstance; make me patient with every person; and withal give me the joy which no circumstance and no man will ever take from me." William Barclay

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Cantilene”

M. Archer

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Psalm 139:1-8

Cheryl Landis

Leader: Lord, You know when we sit and when we rise;
You know our thoughts and all our ways.

People: Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

Or where shall we flee from Your presence?

Leader: If we ascend to heaven, You are there;
if we make our bed in Sheol, You are there.

**People: We come to worship the God who is omnipresent,
and Christ who has made us complete.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

All: Let us sing to God, and shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Alleluia!

*** Hymn of Praise**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

#563

***Prayer of Confession**

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be
healed. Grace Church, let us draw near to God in prayer.

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for Your glory.

You call us to love and serve You, but we do not heed Your voice.

You offer us restoration in Christ, but we turn away from Your good gifts.

Forgive us, God of grace. Reveal the treasure of heavenly life

hidden in our fragile human hearts, so that Your love may shine in us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession...

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Now, when sins have once been forever forgiven and forgotten, there is no need to offer more sacrifices to get rid of them. Friends, believe this good news of the gospel.

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

*** Passing of the Peace**

L: Since we have been united with Him in His death and resurrection and gave us peace, let us share peace between us. May the peace of the Lord Jesus 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**

#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.

— THE WORD —

Scripture

Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon

“While Growing”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed** (*in unison*)

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings *Numbers 18:26*

“When you take from the people of Israel the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present a contribution from it to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe.” Grace Church, let us offer to the Lord our lives and our tithes for God’s glory.

Offertory

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. R. Wienhosrt

*** 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**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Invitation “Nothing but the Blood” #337

Invitation to the Table

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with His disciples, He took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. This is the Lord’s table and our Savior invites those who trust Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (debts & debtors) (refer to 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.....

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People *John 6:41-51; Matt 26:28*

I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry,
I am the vine.
Whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God our Creator, You have fed us with Your grace. Christ our Savior, You have embraced us in Your love. Holy Spirit, You have filled us with Your life. Now send us out into Your beloved world to share Your life, Your love, Your grace with all. Blessing, honor and glory to You, Holy Lord. Amen.

— SENDING —

*** Hymn of Dedication** “How Firm a Foundation” (V 1-2) #408

*** Charge and Benediction** Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen**

*** Congregational Response** “How Firm a Foundation” (vs. 3) #408

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”

*** Postlude** “A Sunday Recessional” G. Young

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

Today's Music: We welcome Dane Skroupa to our service and thank him for serving our church during this transitional time.

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. Please join us downstairs (Cana Hall) for coffee fellowship. On Sunday, June 21st we are hosting a reception for Ammani's graduation during coffee fellowship. Today's Deacon greeters after the service is Margie Bistline.



Do you miss fresh flowers in the sanctuary? If you wish to purchase altar flowers, the sign-up calendar and order form is on the bulletin board outside the church office. The cost is \$60 for 2 arrangements and provided by "Just for You" florist.



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! Samaritan's Purse recommends for the month of June toys small enough to fit in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 1- June Cicola	June 4- Kellie and Jim Newcomb
June 2- Michael Maddox Pish	June 6- Jackie and Chick Chickerella
June 17- Reitha Bieranoski	June 15- Mary Ann and Lou Walter
June 17- Melissa Gott	June 15- Ryan and Melissa Gott
June 20- Olga Howrelook	June 16- Duke and Debbie Pollick
June 21- Mary Ann Love	June 17- Chris and Karen Legters
June 27- Barb McGeary	June 28- John and June Cicola
June 28- Mary Ann Walter	

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 7, 2026- June 13, 2026

Today	Reach Out Meeting	9:00am
	Worship- Communion	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship-	11:00am
Tuesday	Garden Club	6:00pm

Looking Ahead

June 14, 2026- June 20, 2026

June 14	Worship- Children's Message-	10:00am
	Ordination/Installation- Elders/Deacons	
	Strawberry Festival- Cana Hall	11:00am
June 15	Sewing Club	7:00pm
June 18	Ladies Group (Library)	6:30pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday ___/___/___

Scripture Reference _____

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