

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
July 14, 2024



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— GATHERING —

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Call To Worship Barb Foust

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,

People: **The world and those who dwell within.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in God's holy place?

People: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

Leader: Such is the company of those who seek the Lord, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

All: **We come today, to worship the only God who cleanses and purifies us. Let us seek God's face and praise the name of the Lord.**

* **Hymn of Praise** Ye Servants of God #38

***Call to Confession**

Leader: God of Sending, You have sent us into the world that too often we abandon. You send strangers among us and we become threatened, jealous, or just too busy to offer them Your care. We know who they are..... (Silence)

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: **Send us, Lord**

Leader: God of Sending, we don't always respond to others as You would have us respond. We greet some people with fear and others with suspicion. You know these people who threaten us.... (Silence)

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: **Send us, Lord.**

Leader: God of Sending, take our isolated, lonely lives and set us free to tear down walls of greed and fear. We want to have, but we know where You want us to give.... (Silence)

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: **Send us, Lord**

Leader: God of Sending. You give us gifts of good hands and good minds, but it is so easy to let them be busy in our own efforts and forget to meet others in their needs. We remember who could use our help this week.... (Silence)

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: **Send us, Lord.**

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

God of Sending, sometimes it seems as if the world overwhelms us with how much it needs and how little we can do. Forgive us for believing that You become numb to need. God of the sending, here we are. Send us. Amen

***Assurance of Forgiveness** Ephesians 1:13-14

“In Him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in Him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of His glory.”

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you all

People: **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

Solo

Goodness of God

Emilie Greiner

I love You, Lord, Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night You are close like no other. I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God. (repeat)

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— THE WORD —

Scripture

Mark 6:14-29

Sermon

“The Need to Have”

***Responding Hymn**

Faith of Our Fathers

#404

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

Call for Tithes and Offerings *Deut. 12:5-6*

“But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.”

Offertory Choral Peeters

* **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** Jesus Calls Us (v. 1-3) #592

* **Charge and Benediction**

Now to the One who keeps us from falling,
Who sends us into a world in which we can yet have hope,
to the only God our Savior, may there be glory,
majesty, power and authority through Christ Jesus
our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen

* **Congregational Response** Jesus Calls Us (V. 4)
Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior may we hear Thy call.
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

* **Postlude** Recessional on “St. Anne” Young

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

We welcome Rev. Dean Byrom to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Byrom served as a pastor in the United Methodist Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference for over 40 years. Two of the churches he served are in the neighborhood of Grace Church - Janes Church in Creighton and Freeport Church. Retired since 2010, he now is the Pastoral Assistant at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Highland Park, Pittsburgh.

We welcome **Emilie Greiner** today. Emilie is no stranger to Grace Church, having shared her singing talent with us before. In addition to singing, she is also the K-12 Consulting Interventionist with Burrell School District. Emilie attends The Rock.



Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hope you will return. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall right after worship today. Linda Johnson is your host.

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

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| July 4 | Lee Johnson | July 18 | Arch & Bonnie Carroll |
| July 7 | Sharon Rupert | July 27 | Barb & Ken McGearry |
| July 22 | Jennifer Beck | July 30 | Dave & Melody Highfield |
| July 23 | Charlie Markle | | |
| 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

July 14 - July 20

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| Today | Worship | 10:00am |
| | Coffee Fellowship | 11:00am |
| Tuesday | NO BIBLE STUDY | |
| Tuesday | Sewing Group | 7:00pm |
| Thursday | Ladies Group | 6:30pm |

Looking Ahead

July 21 - July 27

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| July 21 | Worship | 10:00am |
| | Coffee Fellowship | 11:00am |
| July 22 | Pastor Owar returns from vacation | |
| July 23 | Bible Study | 1:00 PM |



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



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Website



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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.

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