

Grace Community Presbyterian Church  
July 6, 2025

# CHRIST has set us FREE



Galatians 5:1, NRSV

## Thought for Meditation

As we honor our country's freedom, let us also cherish our spiritual independence—the freedom to live in faith, to trust God's plan, and to walk in His light. The spirit of those who fought for our liberty is alive in us when we choose to dedicate our lives to faith, reflecting their courage and commitment in our walk with God. True freedom is not merely the absence of chains, but rather the presence of faith—the faith that empowers us to step into the unknown while surrendering to God's greater plan. It is a call to live boldly, to trust fully, and to walk confidently in God's purpose for our lives.

— GATHERING —

Prelude “Blessed Assurance” Miller

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

**\*Call To Worship** Elsie Deem

Leader: Inspired by the story of Abraham, let us consider our own faith and the lengths we are willing to go to honor God.

**People: We come to worship, recognizing that true faith calls us to surrender what we hold dear.**

Leader: Just as Abraham carried the wood for the offering, we too carry our burdens and offerings before the Lord.

**People: We trust that God will provide for our needs, just as He provided a ram for Abraham.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the One who sees us, hears us, and provides for us.

**People: Together, we will worship the Lord, who blesses us and calls us to be a blessing to others.**

**All: May our worship be a true offering to the God who provides! Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** “We Have Come to Join in Worship” #207

**\*Prayer of Confession:** *Psalm 102:17*

L: He will listen to the prayers of the destitute; he will not reject their pleas. Grace Church, let us approach God and confess our sins.

**All: Gracious and merciful God, we come before You in humility, acknowledging the moments when our faith has faltered and our trust has wavered. We confess that we have often allowed fear and doubt to overshadow Your promises, choosing our own understanding over Your divine guidance. Forgive us, Lord, for the sacrifices we have withheld, for the burdens we have carried alone, and for the times we have strayed from Your path.**

**Help us to embrace the call to trust, even when the road ahead seems uncertain. Grant us the courage to surrender our fears and to rely on Your provision, knowing that You are always with us. May we be reminded of Your unwavering faithfulness, transforming our hearts and renewing our spirit as we seek to walk in obedience. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** *Romans 5:8*

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated, and we are given new life! Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

**\* Passing of the Peace** *John 14:27*

L: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.” 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, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

Solo “Come Home” Wendy Aurednik  
(Words: Will L. Thompson; Music: Craig Courtney)

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

ScriptureGenesis 22:2–18

Sermon“Freedom”

\*Affirmation of Faith—*Apostles’ Creed*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Tithes and OfferingsPsalm 96:8

“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts!”

Offertory“Lord Speak to Me”

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\*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

Hymn of Response“Nothing But the Blood” (v. 1-2)#337

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give thanks and praise,  
eternal God, our creator. We praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven, and with  
all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we bless You for Your majesty and for Jesus Christ, our Lord. With gratitude, we take  
this bread and cup, celebrating the redemption He has won for us. Accept our praise and  
thanksgiving as a holy offering, that our lives may proclaim the crucified and risen Lord. Great is  
the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and cup, making them the  
communion of Christ's body and blood. Unite us with the living Christ and all baptized in His  
name, that we may be one in ministry. As this bread represents Christ's body, send us to be His  
body in the world. Unite us at your table, making us one in Christ Jesus. Empower our shared  
life and ignite our witness. Keep us faithful to the gospel, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeem  
of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor  
are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. As Christ our  
Savior taught us, we are bold to pray: **Our Father....**

Breaking the Bread

Communion of the PeopleJohn 6:35

I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,



**This Week's Calendar**  
**July 6 - 12, 2025**

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:00pm

**Looking Ahead**  
**July 13 - 19, 2025**

July 13	Reach Out Committee	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
July 15	Bible Study	1:00pm
July 15-17 Tues thru Thursday	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	6:00pm- 8:15pm
July 19	VBS WATER DAY	11:00am

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