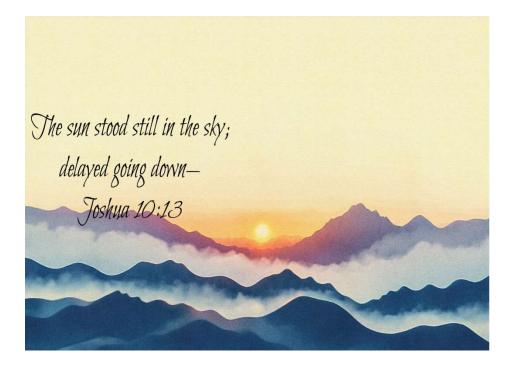
# Grace Community Presbyterian Church September 28, 2025



## Thought for Meditation

"God had worked actively behind the scenes to demoralize the Amorites within their walled towns. Now God had granted Israel tremendous courage and energy to attack the enemy forces. God had performed miracles in the midst of combat. Now God had given glorious victories beyond their highest hopes" W. Philip Keller

#### -GATHERING -

Prelude "Offertoire in C Major" C. Franck

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer** 

\*Call To Worship Psalm 67 Stephanie Tutka

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **People: The maker of heaven and earth.**Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **People: The healer of all that is wounded.**Leader: Our trust is in the name of the Lord.

People: The One we gather to worship and praise.

All: Together, we lift our voices in praise, for He is worthy of all worship!

\* Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #11

### \*Prayer of Confession

Acts 3:19

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin before God. **Heavenly Father,** 

We confess that we have strayed from Your path, allowing pride, anger, and doubt to cloud our hearts. Forgive us for turning away from You and seeking our own desires. Help us choose faith over fear and extend compassion to others. Cleanse us of our sins and fill us with Your grace. Guide us to walk in love and reflect Your light in the world. Strengthen our faith and restore our hearts so we may honor You in all we do. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 43:25

"I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Friends believe the God News of the Gospel.

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

### \* Passing of the Peace

Philippians 4:7

L: May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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

"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.

Anthem Chancel Choir

— THE WORD —

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Scripture Joshua 10: 1-15

**Sermon** "The Light That Never Fails"

\*Hymn of Response "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (vs. 1-3) #43

Sharing Joys and Concerns and The Lord's Prayer

### Tithes and Offerings

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" arr. C. Callahan

\* Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #816

\* Prayer of Dedication

— SENDING —

\*Hymn of Dedication "A Mighty Fortress is our God" (vs. 1-2) #151

\* Charge and Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:13



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen** 

\* Congregational Response "A Mighty Fortress is our God" (v 4)

\* Postlude "Praise be to God on High" J.C. 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 September are clothing and flip flops. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

### SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September 30 Merle Brown September 29 Rich and Darlene Artman

Killian Matarrese October 5 Carl & Kathy Dolan
October 4 Kellie Newcomb October 8 Bill & Terri Ludwig
October 16 Chris Legters October 12 Steve & Valerie Lester

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October 18 Brandon Daughtry

October 19 Cindy Daughtry
October 25 Paul Berggren
October 27 Apay Ojulu

Zoe Householder

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 September 28 - October 4

Worship	10:00am
Adult Sunday School	11:00am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Bible Study	1:00pm
Rabbits Foot Meeting	5:00pm
Choir Practice	7:00pm
Boy Scouts	6:00pm
Ladies Group	6:30pm
Looking Ahead	
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