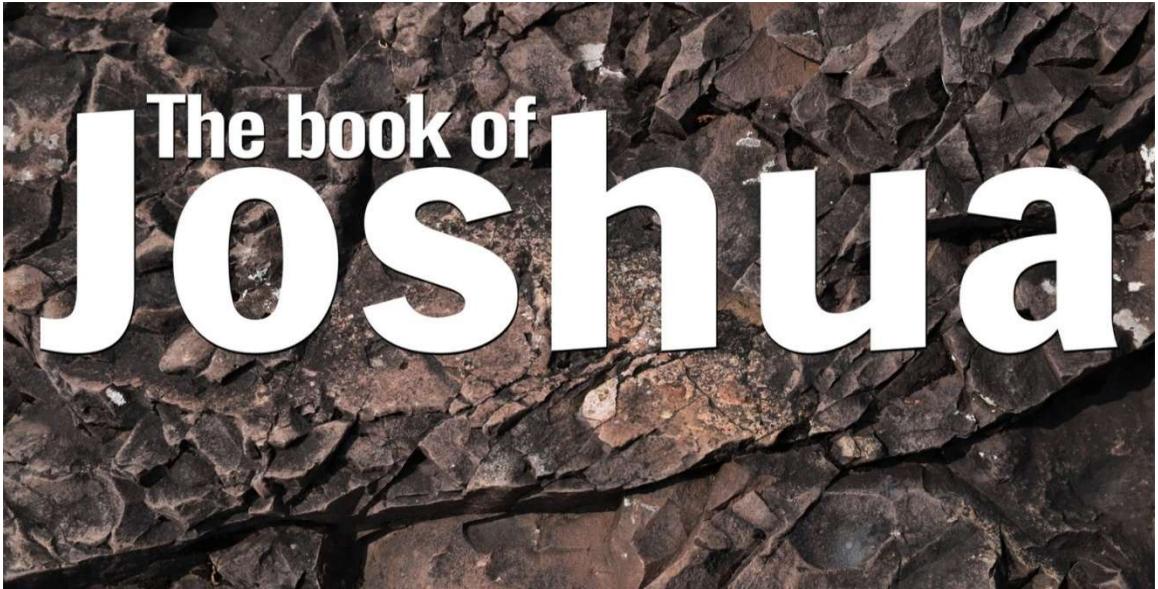


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

August 3, 2025



Thought for Meditation

The Book of Joshua marks the Israelites' transition from desert wandering to the Promised Land, providing valuable examples for the faith journey of Christian believers. It demonstrates God's faithfulness to His promises, encouraging believers to trust in His plans for their lives. Joshua's leadership emphasizes commitment to God, reminding Christians to obey His commands despite the challenges they face. The call for Joshua to be "strong and courageous" inspires us to find strength in our faith amid uncertainties. The book also illustrates God's control and guidance, reassuring Christians that He supports them in their spiritual journeys. The establishment of the Israelite tribes signifies belonging, paralleling how the Church supports believers in faith. The battles against Canaanite cities reflect the spiritual struggles Christians encounter, emphasizing the importance of prayer and reliance on God. Lastly, the land distribution symbolizes the spiritual inheritance for believers, encouraging them to look forward to eternal life with Christ.

—GATHERING —

Prelude "Kumbayah" Rogers

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship** Psalm 66 Henry Kedzierski

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, sing the glory of His name;

People: Give Him glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

People: Because of Your great power, all the earth worships You;

All: We sing praises to You, sing praises to Your name. Halleluia!

***Hymn of Praise** "Jesus, Name Above All Names" #86
"Fairest Lord Jesus" (v1, 4) #87

Prayer of Confession Hebrews 10:22

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." Grace Church, let us confess our sins.

Christ Jesus,

You are the Bread of Life, nourishing our souls. Though you promise we will never hunger again, we often seek fulfillment in the wrong places, ignoring your bounty. We chase achievements, forgetting we are your beloved children. You bless us abundantly and call us to share, yet we hoard your gifts out of fear.

Forgive our misplaced desires and stubbornness. Help us find true nourishment in your love and grace and teach us to hunger for justice and the well-being of all. Transform our hearts to desire not only to be filled but to share the Bread of Life with others. In your presence, may our true hunger be satisfied. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness 1 Corinthians 6:3-4

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

Grace Church, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

*** Passing of the Peace** 2 Thessalonians 3:16

L: "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way." 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.

#813

Duet “We Are Called” Wendy Aurednik/Aubrie Newcomb
(Words & music by David Haas)

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*):

Scripture *Joshua 1:1-9*
Sermon "Life of Courage"

Tithes and Offerings 2 Corinthians 8:12

Offertory	“Voluntary #8”	Croft
*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.		

***Hymn of Preparation** “Nothing But the Blood” (v. 1,4) #337

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.

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:
**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.
Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
To Jesus you have given all authority in heaven and on earth.
Risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, still he leads us
to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them in your holy name.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share
this joyful feast.

Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and
blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. By your Spirit, help us to live as sisters and brothers, in the body
of Christ and the communion of saints, sharing your love and peace with all the world....

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, we bless you, God of glory, and pray in unison:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread
Communion of the People *John 6:35*

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

— SENDING —

***Hymn of Dedication** “Standing on the Promises” (v.1-2) #410

***Charge and Benediction** *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

***Congregational Response** “Standing on the Promises” (v.3) #410



***Postlude**
Boëllmann

“Toccata”

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Today’s Music: David Haas (b. 1958) is one of the most prominent Catholic composers since the mid-1980s. His songs are musically engaging, appropriate to the spirit of worship, and accessible to congregations. Protestants as well as Catholics are beneficiaries of his creativity and devotion to liturgical music.

“We Are Called” captures the energy and enthusiasm of the folk song style. Each of the three stanzas exhorts the singer with an imperative verb: “Come! Live in the light!” “Come! Open your heart!” “Sing! Sing a new song!” Folk songs, especially those growing out of the 1960s and 1970s, urge us to action. The action here is inspired by Micah 6:8: “. . . what the Lord really wants from you: He wants you to promote justice, to be faithful, and to live obediently before your God.”

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 August are school supplies (pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, markers). Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 4	Randy Daughtry	August 1	Mike & Sue Pish
August 10	Beulah Brown	August 5	Michael & Darlene Cochenour
August 14	Rich Acre	August 5	Scott & Sharon Rupert
August 22	Quintin McGear	August 16	Lee & Linda Johnson
August 23	Margie Bistline		
August 25	Scott Rupert		

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
August 3 - 9, 2025

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Thursday	Ladie's Group	6:30pm

Looking Ahead
August 10 - August 16, 2025

August 10	Reach Out Committee	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
August 12	Bible Study	1:00pm

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