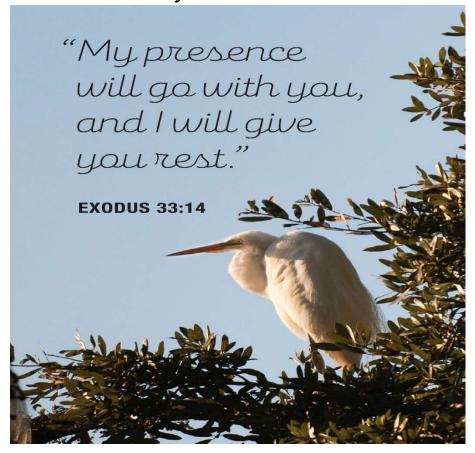
# Grace Community Presbyterian Church June I, 2025



# Thought for Meditation

"God decided that He would send His Son Jesus Christ to the blue planet, and it's through faith in Jesus Christ that we can relate to God... As I travel around I tell people the answer is Jesus Christ; that Jesus walking on the earth is more important than man walking on the moon." Rev. Col. Jim Irwin

#### — GATHERING —

Prelude "Christ, the Life of All Living" Zachau/Bach

"Hymn of Thanksgiving to Our Redeemer and Savior for His Bitter Sufferings"

# Welcome and Announcements Opening Prayer

#### \*Call To Worship Genesis 28:10-22

Michael Cochenour

L: As we gather in this sacred space, let us come to encounter the presence of God.

P: We come seeking connections, yearning for a glimpse of the divine.

- L: We come to bridge the gap between our lives and God's calling.
- P: May we awaken to God's dreams for us, becoming instruments of peace and love.
- L: Come, let us worship together, prepared to encounter the living God in our midst.
- P: We come with hope and expectation, ready to hear, to see, and to respond. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (v.1-2) #2

\*Prayer of Confession: Proverbs 28:13

L: "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Grace Church, let us now take a moment to confess our sins. **Dear Lord,** 

We come before You, acknowledging our need for guidance and strength. Forgive us for relying on our own understanding and plans. Help us embrace humility and surrender our lives to You. Remind us to seek You first in all challenges. Transform us, as You did Jim Irwin, igniting a passion to serve and share Your love. We thank You for Your unwavering forgiveness. May we walk boldly in faith, shining the light of Jesus and leading others to knowing You. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

\*Assurance of Forgiveness Romans 5:8

L: 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.

\* 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 "Amazing Love" Chancel Choir

(Words & music by Graham Kendrick)

- THE WORD -

**Prayer for Illumination** 

**Scripture** *Genesis 28:10-22* 

**Sermon** "The Unexpected Encounter With God"

\*Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed

## **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

Tithes and Offerings Psalm 96:8

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts!"

Offertory "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Childs

\*Doxology "Doxology, with Alleluias" #166

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn of Response** "There's Something About That Name" #83

# **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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

In the beginning, You created the heavens and the earth.

Who are we, O God, that You are mindful of us?

Yet You have crowned us with glory and honor.

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.

#### **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 (in 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 "Blessed Assurance" (v. 1-2) #572

\*Charge and Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

\*Congregational Response "Blessed Assurance" (v. 3) #572

\*Postlude "Toccata on 'In the Cross of Christ'" Cheriwen

# \*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

# **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 June are coloring/activity books. 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	MaryAnn and Lou Walter
June 20	Mary Ann Walter	June 16	Duke and Debbie Pollick
June 27	Barb McGeary	June 28	John and June Cicola (50 <sup>th</sup> )

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 1 -7, 2025

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Monday	Boy Scout Board Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Pastor Owar's Vacation begins	
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
	Ladies' Group	6:30pm
Saturday	Hacker Graduation	

# Looking Ahead June 8 - 14, 2025

Jume 8	Reach Out Committee	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
June 10	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:00pm
June 12	Boy Scouts	6:00pm

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