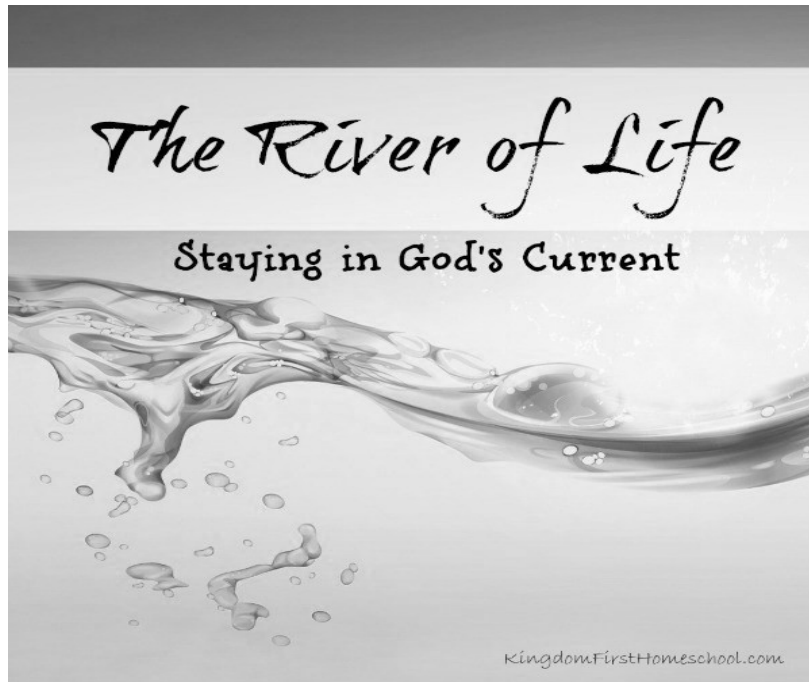


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2025



Thought for Meditation

“Under Joshua’s faithful leadership the holy war proceeded in a stately, orderly fashion, without haste or delay. Israel calculated that God’s mighty acts connected with the crossing began at Shittim (cf. M.6:5). Since the people went up from the Jordan on 10 Nisan (4.19), the first month of the lunar year corresponding to our April, they could not have arrived at the east bank of the forbidding Jordan before 8 Nisan, three days earlier (3:2, 5). The extra time between their arrival at the Jordan and their fording of it was necessary for the spiritual preparation of the people. There are four speeches preparing the people for the crossing: one by the officers to the people, (2-4), one by Joshua to the people and to the priests (5-6), one by the Lord to Joshua (9-13). Each speech reveals a bit more about the marvel to happen, reaching and climax in Joshua’s final dress.”

Bruce K. Waltke

Prelude	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	Thompson
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship** *Psalm 9:1-2* Terry Ludwig

Leader: Let us worship our God with joy and gratitude!

People: We gather together, grateful for the goodness of our God!

Leader: I will rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High.

People: With joyful hearts, we enter this sanctuary to lift our voices in praise!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is worthy of all honor and glory!

All: Together, we will celebrate the marvelous works of our King!

*** Hymn of Praise** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #11

***Prayer of Confession** *John 1:9*

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Grace Church, let us make confession and seek God for forgiveness and restoration.

Gracious God,

We come before You, acknowledging our weakness and times we've doubted Your guidance. Like the Israelites at the Jordan, we often hesitate to embrace the new paths You lay before us. Forgive us for letting fear overshadow our faith. Help us remember Your faithfulness and cleanse our hearts of anxiety. Strengthen us to step into the unknown, trusting in Your presence. Thank You for Your unending love and the promise of new beginnings. May we walk forward in faith, ready to embrace the blessings You have for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Proverbs 28:13*

"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

***Passing of the Peace** *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

L: *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."* 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.

Duet

“Down to the River to Pray” Aubrie Newcomb/
(with “Lord, Listen to Your Children) Brian Hacker
(Words: traditional spiritual, Ken Medema; music arr. by Mary MacDonald)

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Joshua 3:1-17*

Sermon "Crossing OVER"

*Hymn of Response "Lead Me, Guide Me" (Insert)

Sharing Joys and Concerns and The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings 2 Corinthians 8:12

"If you are really eager to give, then it isn't important how much you have to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you haven't."

Offertory "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" Johnson

*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 "There is a Fountain" (v. 1-2) #336

*Charge and Benediction 1Thessalonians 5:16-24

May the God of peace make you holy
and the power of the Spirit sustain you
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

*Congregational Response "There Is a Fountain" (v.5) #336

*Postlude "Little Prelude & Fugue in B-flat" Bach

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



Ordination and Installation
On Sunday, August 31, 2025, Grace Church will be installing individuals to the offices of Elder and Deacons during the 10:00 AM worship service.

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 McGeary	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 17 - 23, 2025

Today	Deacons	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Monday	Boy Scout Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Sewing Group	7:00pm
Thursday	Ladies' Group	6:30pm
	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
Saturday	Knead Café	8:00am

Looking Ahead
August 24 - 30, 2025

August 24	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
August 25	Session Meeting	6:30pm
August 26	Bible Study	1:00pm
August 27	Cross Currents mailed	

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/__

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



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