

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pastor Sandy Kraft

July 06, 2025

127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Centre Hall, PA 16828



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 06, 2025

10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS: Luke 10

The Kingdom of God has come near. Draw near to God.

NOTE: *If you are able, please stand where this symbol appears* ✝

+CALL TO WORSHIP—

Leader: You are called to be free; but do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your physical desires control you.

People: We come seeking the power of the Holy Spirit to direct our lives.

Leader: God has called us all to service.

People: We pray for the Spirit to produce in us kindness and goodness, that we may be free to serve the needs of others.

OPENING PRAYER—

**Almighty God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have set us free. Give us this day a clear understanding that we were not set free for self-indulgence but for service. Take from our minds all thoughts of using our freedom to become masters through power, and instill in us a passion to use our freedom to become your faithful servants through love. In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

+HYMN—God of Grace and God of Glory, page 577 UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

PRAYER

+HYMN—Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, page 381 UMH

SECOND SCRIPTURE—John 6:1-15

THE MESSAGE

INVITATION

One: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

OFFERING

+**THE DOXOLOGY**—page 94

+**CLOSING HYMN** – One Bread One Body, page 620 UMH

BENEDICTION

Verse to Remember

*In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let
me never be put to shame.*

-Psalm 71:1



Please keep all members, family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially those listed below:

06/16/25—Prayers for family and friends of Jeff Jeffries, Cathy (wife), David (son) and David III (grandson) - requested by Shawnie Olson

06/22/25—Sam Rudy, recovering from kidney transplant surgery-requested by Jane Taylor; Riley Winkelblech-requested by Krista; Erskine Cash, recovering from health issues.

06/29/25—Sherri Taylor and Amanda Fuller both dealing with breast cancer, Susan Romanini, hip replacement—requested by Merrilee Barner

To request a name, please refer to the prayer request cards located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.



Please keep our homebound friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Bertha Cassidy
Liz Fink

Lou Cole
Evelyn Yost

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Kraft

Pianist: Aimee Gahagen

Liturgist: Chris Hosterman

Acolyte: Willow Ash

Greeters / Communion Assistants: Willie and Erskine Cash

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—July 13

The July 13th service will be held at the Grance Park, no Grace service.

Bell Ringers: Page Gaddis and Carl Cassidy

Church Checkers: Don Wilkins—June 30 to July 13

CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Pastor Sandy's cell phone: (570) 575-8225

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Church office phone number: 814-364-1701

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July 13—Worship will be at the People’s Choice Festival, Grange Park, South Side Stage, 9:30 A.M. — NOTE: No Sunday School

July 19—Group Event—Port Royal Speedway, spend the evening at the races! First Responders Night (\$10 General Admission with Proper ID); General admission - \$20, Student (ages 13-17) - \$10, ages 12 and under - free. More detailed information to follow from Carl. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the clip board passed during the service.

July 23—Finance Meeting, Library, 6:30 P.M.

September 10—“Noah”, Sight and Sound Theatre-Lancaster, PA For additional information, please contact Carl Cassidy at 814/574-2866. Payment due by July 27th.

September 13—Soup Sale at Grace, 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Please see the announcement in the bulletin.

Order form is in the hallway.

NOTE: There will be no Sunday School for the month of August, it will resume in September.



Grace is looking for volunteers to assist with the Young Children's Sunday School sessions that are held during the regular church service.

Please contact Mindy Gensimore if you would like to assist or have questions, she will be glad to help you. Thank you!

Volunteer Liturgists needed:

Grace is in need for additional volunteer liturgists for our Sundays services! The liturgist receives an advance copy of all the prepared scripture readings, highlighting everything to be said during the worship service. The liturgist assists leading the worship service. Everything is fully scripted for the liturgist. THANK YOU to all those who have already volunteered! We are hoping to expand the pool of regular liturgists so that we can share this responsibility together. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, or if you have questions, please reach out to Richard Hedden.

SOUP SALE

WHEN: September 13th

PICK UP TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

PICK UP LOCATION: Grace United Methodist Church, Ash Hall

Types of Soups available: Stuff Pepper, Vegetable Beef and Ham & Bean

Cost: \$8.00/quart

(if you forgot to order no problem, walk-ins are welcome)

Orders will be taken from July 6th through August 10th. Order sheets will be available in the church or you may contact Sherri Gilliland at sbg4@psu.edu

Order form available in the hallway.



July Mission

Penns Valley Youth Center

Their mission is to provide students in the community with hope, worth, and friendship. To do so we provide a fun and safe environment in order to encourage healthy habits and promote wise choices. Teenagers from every walk of life need a place outside of the home and school where they can relax, have fun, meet friends and be themselves. We operate an After School Program that includes tutoring, workshops, healthy foods, gym time and weekly family style dinners. We just contracted with a counselor to have on-site appointments available to students and their families. Over the past 8 years, we have worked hard to build relationships with the Penns Valley School District, local churches and businesses and individuals that are all working together to take care of the students in Penns Valley.

CENTRE HALL –PENNS VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

REMINDER: The Food Pantry meets the third Tuesday



Food
Pantry
Needs

July—liquid hand soap

August—laundry detergent

Thank you!



July requests:

Notebooks, composition books, **SOLAR** calculators

August requests:

Coloring books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, small sketch books, etc.

ALL YEAR—Monetary donations (must notate Operation Christmas Child-**OCC** on the memo line of the check), empty shoeboxes, old clean T-shirts to be made into jump ropes (stained is fine, but no tears)

NOTE: All donations accepted regardless of the monthly category.

Donation Box is located inside the back entrance door (bottom of steps).

Reminder – NO used items, liquids or soap, food/seeds, weapons or scary/war related items.

Questions? Please contact Sherri Gilliland 814-777-0053, or the church office. Thank you!

BELOVED COMMUNITY DAY CAMP

Who: Kids who completed
Kindergarten-5th Grade

Register by July 18th

Cost: Deposit of
\$10/ind or \$15/family

Registration Forms and more
information can be found:
[https://gracecentrehall.org/
beloved-community-camp](https://gracecentrehall.org/beloved-community-camp)

Fun & Creative
Outdoor Activities

*water games on some days

August 4th - 8th

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

At Penn's Prairie at
Tri-Municipal Park

2400 Upper Brush Valley Rd
Centre Hall

Provided:
Lunch, Snack, Program

Bring With You (with name labeled):
Backpack or Day Pack,
Reusable Water Bottle,
Sunscreen/protection,
bug repellent,
(water day(s) swim suit or clothes
that can get wet, towel)

Program provided by
Susquehanna Conference & Retreat
Ministry, Wesley Forest Camp

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