

# **GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**Pastor Sandy Kraft**

**June 29, 2025**

**127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue**

**Centre Hall, PA 16828**



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 29, 2025

10:00 AM

Third Sunday after Pentecost



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## CENTERING WORDS: 2 Kings

When Elijah was about to be taken from him, Elisha asked for a double portion of his spirit. May we too recognize our need and have the courage to ask for what we need to do our ministries.

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

## **+CALL TO WORSHIP—**

Leader: To the God who created, let us sing praises.

**People: To the Son who reveals the infinite, let us  
bring open minds.**

Leader: To the Spirit who makes all things new, let us lift our  
souls in worship.

## **OPENING PRAYER—**

**Hear our prayers, O God, and receive our praises. Give us a  
sense of awe in your holy presence, and give us a new vision  
of what life can be. Fill us with your Spirit, and incline our  
hearts to be receptive to your Word. Amen.**

**+HYMN—Morning Has Broken**

## **PRAYER**

**+HYMN— Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**SCRIPTURE—Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

## **THE MESSAGE**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—**

Leader: Let us affirm our faith.

**People: I believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth, and in his Son, Jesus.**

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

**People: He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

Leader: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit who comes forth from and is one with the Father and the Son and who regenerates, dwells within, sanctifies, teaches, empowers for service, intercedes and comforts all who believe in Jesus Christ, who ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead and bring all of his saints into the joy of their true eternal home.**

**All: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION—

**Our Father, too often we see only the bad in the world around us, and complain about our misfortunes. Forgive us, we pray, and open our eyes to the beauty of your creation all around us, and open our minds and hearts to the reality of our blessings. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Reflection and Confession followed by Words of Assurance*

**+CLOSING HYMN—This Is My Father's World**

## BENEDICTION

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### VERSE TO REMEMBER

*These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

**-John 20:31 NIV**

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

06/08/25—Evelyn Yost-requested by Jane Taylor

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.

*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.*

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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:** Merrilee Barner

## **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—July 06**

**Liturgist:** Chris Hosterman

**Acolyte:** TBD

**Greeters and Communion Assistants:**

Willie and Erskine Cash

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**Bell Ringers:** Page Gaddis and Carl Cassidy

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**Church Checkers:** Don Wilkins—June 30 to July 13

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## **CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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

**Email:** skraft@susumc.org

**Church office phone number:** 814-364-1701



**TODAY**—Outdoor church service and picnic, worship at 10:00, A.M., picnic at 11:00 A.M., Centre Hall Lion's Club—NOTE: No Sunday School

**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.

**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.

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

### **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.



**TODAY!**

**Worship: 10:00 A.M.**

**Picnic: 11:00 A.M.**

**CENTRE HALL — LION'S CLUB**



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!



Recruiting choir participants for the July 13th special worship service held at the Grange Park People's Choice Festival, South Side Stage at 9:30 A.M. on July 13th. If interested, or questions regarding the music, please contact Mary Kay Heiser (814 364-1626)

Practice will be at St. Luke on July 10th at 7:00 P.M.





## June Mission

### Mercy Ships

A global charity that operates a fleet of ships in developing nations since 1978. Following the example of Jesus, Mercy Ships bring hope and healing to the poor, mobilizing people and resources worldwide. Mercy Ships volunteer doctors perform life-changing surgeries on the floating hospitals and operate village clinics near the ports. Other volunteers provide clean water by drilling wells, building hospitals and basic housing and developing agricultural projects to help communities become self-sufficient in food productions

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## CENTRE HALL –PENNS VALLEY FOOD PANTRY



Food  
Pantry  
Needs

June —paper towels

July—liquid hand soap

Thank you!

**REMINDER: The Food Pantry meets the third Tuesday  
of each month**



**June requests:**

Pencils, sharpeners, erasers, pens, blunt scissors, small rulers, pencil pouch, etc.

**July requests:**

Notebooks, composition books, **SOLAR** calculators

**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!***

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