

Grace Devotion



Week of June 7, 2026

⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47 NRSVUE)

Dear friends,

As you may remember, the four historic Pennsylvania UCC conferences became one on January 1, 2026. This merger was more than three years in the making. It went through many committees, town halls, and prayerful discernment. In November 2024, the historic Penn West, historic Penn Central (our conference), historic Penn Northeast, and historic Penn Southeast conferences overwhelmingly voted to merge as one and this was approved at General Synod in Kansas City in July 2025. Officially the historic conferences ended and began as the newly formed Keystone Conference at the beginning of this calendar year. Truly, I tell you, “Together We Are Stronger.” This was a great opportunity to merge knowledge, talents, resources, etc. into the melting pot of Pennsylvania.

This week marks our inaugural Keystone Conference Annual Meeting, June 5-7! While we gathered as four conferences in 2024, this will be our first time meeting fully as one body. Our theme is “Joy at the Table Together” and our centering scripture is Acts 2:46-47 “Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God.” The meeting will include a Service of Consecration for Keystone Conference to make not just our structural change, but a spiritual one as well. I’m grateful to be part of this moment in the life of the church. At a time when many smaller congregations are experiencing decline, we at Grace are seeing something different—familiar faces returning and new ones finding their place among us. It feels like a reminder that God is still at work, still gathering people in. This is what this merger invites us into—an opportunity to expand who we are. We are making room at the table. We are trusting that there is enough grace, enough space, and enough joy for all of us.

Prayer:

God of new beginnings, Be with all of us this week, those who are attending the annual meeting and those who are supporting this new future together. Remind us that there is always room at our table of grace. May we open our hearts and hands to those around us, sharing Christ’s love with all we meet. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

“Joy at the Table Together”

Keystone Conference Annual Meeting

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude

**+“Washed Over Me”

#57

** Call to Worship

Lector: Come, you who are weary, you who are hopeful—
come to the table

**Congregation: We come, bringing all that we are,
just as we are.**

Lector: This is a table where joy is practiced, not perfected.
**Congregation: A place where love is shared and
all are welcome.**

Lector: Here, there is room for every story, every heart, and
every voice.

**Congregation: We gather with gratitude, ready to
receive and share joy.**

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

Holy and welcoming God,

**You set a table for us, inviting us just as we are. Here,
joy is something we practice—together. Open our
hearts to one another. Help us notice joy in simple and
unexpected ways. Fill us with Your presence and send
us out to share Your love in the world. Amen**

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

**° Hymn: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#108

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: “Doxology”

** Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others

Lord’s Prayer

**° Hymn: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

#296

Prayer of Confession

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Grace

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:46-47

Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message)

Matthew 21:23-32 (The Message)

Time for the Young at Heart

“Let Me Fix You a Plate” by Elizabeth Lilly

Message: “Joy at the Table Together”

**+“And All the People Said Amen”

#8

** Final Blessing

** “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder ° Blue hymnal

Announcements

- Karen will be on vacation June 22-25
- The office will be closed from 9am-12pm (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) and open 12pm-2pm
- The office will be open at the normal time on Wednesday
- Please call the church office for any needs. (The phone will be forwarded to Pastor Amy)

Upcoming Events

- Women's Ministry – ZOOM June 10th @ 7:30 PM
- Monthly Movie – June 12th @ 3:00 PM
- Yard Sale – Parking Lot – June 13th @ 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- PAL – Grace UCC Helpers – June 20th @ 9:00 AM
- VBS – June 22nd – 26th @ 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Upcoming Meetings

- Consistory Meeting – June 8th @ 6:00 PM
- Worship & Music Committee Meeting - June 22nd @ 3:30 PM
- Faith Formation Committee Meeting – June 22nd @ 5:00 PM



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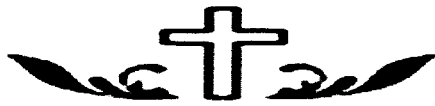
Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks (*away at the Annual Meeting*)

Lector - Linda Bixler and Joleen Fennell

Organist and Music Director -

Head Usher – Angie Boyers & Vickie Arnold



Philippians 2

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- THINGS
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June



Word Search

- BARBECUE
- BEACH
- BUTTERFLY
- FATHER'S DAY
- FIREFLY
- FLIP-FLOPS
- GERANIUM
- HAT
- HONEYSUCKLE
- ICE CREAM
- IRIS
- JUNE
- LEMONADE
- LIGHTNING
- LILY
- PEONY
- PICNIC
- ROSE
- SANDCASTLE
- SHORTS
- SOLSTICE
- SUMMER

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- SUNDRESS
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSCREEN
- SWIMMING



- TANK TOP
- THUNDERSTORM
- VACATION
- WATERMELON

