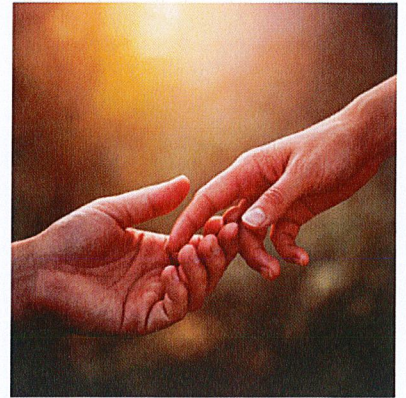


Grace Devotion

Week of April 12, 2026

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."



The Purpose of This Book

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue[b] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(John 20:19-31 NRSVUE)

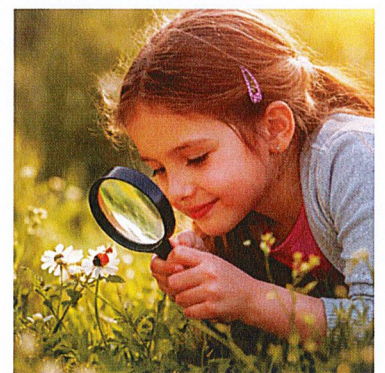
Easter blessings to you!

We celebrated Easter and Christ's resurrection last week, seeing Jesus call Mary by name. What a powerful feeling knowing that Jesus calls each of us by name. No matter our circumstances, we are known and we are loved.

Just as each of us is seen and known by God, we also recognize all of those who come through the doors of the church each week. This week, the youth will be leading worship. This next generation faithfully joins us for worship each week, actively sharing during the Time for the Young at Heart, and most importantly they invite their friends to join them during worship. My friends, this is how our church is growing. Our youngest members find joy and meaning in coming to church and they invite their friends to share the good news. In the past, we often had the children front and center for all to see as they took part during worship. Today, we realize that there are so many moving parts to making worship and the church run smoothly—with just as many opportunities behind the scenes as there are at the forefront. This Sunday, the children will be leading worship as lectors, and offering the words of the sermon about how they see God working in the world today. We also have kids who will be bringing in their favorite treats so that we can share in fellowship time. Even more, we have some of our youngsters handling the microphones and the sound board. Each moving part is a way that God is working through our youth helping them to realize their importance in Grace UCC and in taking God's Word out into the world. We are thankful and blessed that our children are once again filling the pews.

Prayer:

God of Love, We are blessed to have each person connected to Grace. Whether they are here every week, or they participate from home, may each person feel seen, known, and loved. Be with each of us on our daily journeys, giving us strength when we are weak and giving us the opportunity to see Your work in the world around us—in nature, in community, and in our hearts. Amen



With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
Youth-led Sunday

Welcome/Announcements
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

**+“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #44

** Call to Worship

Lector: Come, all who are searching,

Congregation: We come with our questions and our hopes.

Lector: Come, all who are weary,

Congregation: We come for rest and renewal.

Lector: Come all who are joyful,

Congregation: We come to celebrate God’s goodness.

Lector: No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,

Congregation: You are welcome here!

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

Loving God, we come to this space together today, with hope for the future. Be with each of us here, wherever we are on our journey of faith. Thank you for all of the ways that we can be Your church—as leaders and as learners. Guide us to listen, to grow, and to share Your love with the world. Amen

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

**° Hymn: “Thine Is the Glory” #227

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: “Doxology” #625

** Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others

Lord’s Prayer

**° Hymn: “Blessed Assurance” #345

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Seeing and Believing”

**+“Your Ways Better” #74

** Final Blessing

** “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder ° Blue hymnal

Announcements

- Sign up to get your picture taken for the new church directory – call the church office to get a time slot.
 - Contact the church office or Leslie Grote for more information about our new widower's group that will meet monthly.
 - Thank you to all of the youth who helped make today's worship service happen. From bringing in snacks, to running the soundboard, camera, and microphones, to standing up front, thank you for sharing your gifts with us today!
 - Deacon's Fund Donations will be collected on April 19, 2026
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- PAL – Grace UCC Helpers – April 18th @ 9:00 AM
 - Women's Ministry, In Person – April 22nd @ 7:30 PM
 - Mark your calendars for the Grace Parking Lot Yard Sale on May 23rd. More details to come

Upcoming Meetings

- Consistory Meeting – April 13th @ 6:00 PM
- Worship & Music – April 27th @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation – April 27th @ 6:00 PM



Grace United Church of Christ

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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector – Grace UCC Youth

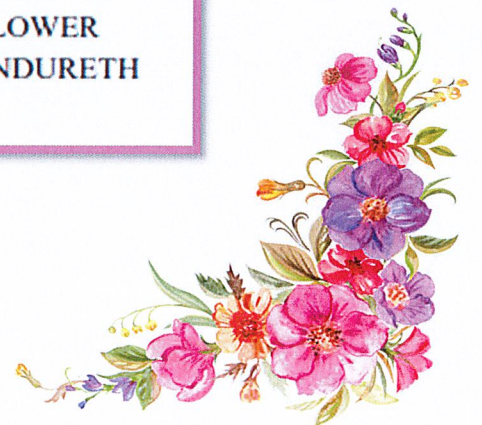
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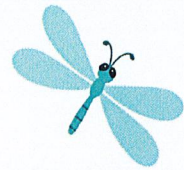
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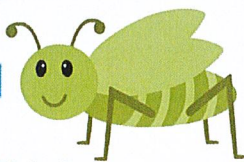


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