

Grace Devotion

Week of June 29, 2025

“⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.” John 10:5-6 (NRSVUE)

When Jesus sent His followers out into the world, He didn’t just send them with instructions—He sent them with peace. He sent them with the deep peace that comes from God’s presence and grace.

He told them to offer peace freely to every house they entered. Some would welcome it, and others might not. The peace, though, never disappeared. If it wasn’t accepted, Jesus said, “it will return to you.” What a beautiful promise! God’s peace is never wasted—never gone. When you offer grace, kindness, or a word of comfort (even if it isn’t received the way you wanted) God reminds us that nothing is lost.

It might be more challenging now to go from house to house, but every time you speak with a neighbor, call a friend, or say a prayer for someone else, you are sharing God’s peace. Even in the quiet moments, your very life is a testimony to God’s goodness and faithfulness.

You carry the grace of Christ with you. When you offer that grace aloud, in prayer, or even in spirit, you are continuing the ministry Jesus gave His disciples long ago. Where it is received or not, God’s peace always remains—returning to rest with you until the next time you share God’s peace with others.

Prayer: God of peace, help me remember that I am the giver of Your grace. Let my words and my presence bring hope, comfort, and love to those I meet, even in simple ways. When the peace I try to share with others seems unnoticed or unrewarded, remind me that Your peace always returns to me. Thank you, Lord, for Your constant presence in my life. Amen.

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

Special 5th Sunday of the Month
June 29, 2025
Third Sunday after Pentecost

In the Sanctuary:

Welcome/Announcements

** Call to Worship

Lector: We are a people called into action.

Congregation: We are called to go forth and share the message of God's Kingdom.

Lector: We do not remain behind closed church doors.

Congregation: Christ calls us to reach out with Love and share God's Grace.

Lector: So we go out into the world,

Congregation: to share the peace and love of Jesus Christ with all we meet.

** Hymn: "The Church Is One Foundation" #277

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: Doxology #625

** Prayer of Dedication

Message: "Peace to this House" (Luke 10:1-11;16-20)

Move to Outdoors (Fellowship Hall if inclement weather)

Create "Peace Packets"

Those who are able will go forth to the neighborhood bring the peace and love of Jesus Christ to those we meet.

Those who wish to stay at Grace, an opportunity for a short devotion.

When all return,

** Song: "All the People Said Amen" #8

** Final Blessing

** "A Choral Benediction"

*On the screen

** Please stand, if you are able.

Announcements

- July 14th @ 6:00 PM, Consistory Meeting

- Any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the By-Laws need to be in Susan Dienes' s mailbox by the end of July.

Upcoming Events

- Our Second Summer skills Swap will be held on Thursday July 24th at 4pm. Craig and Linda Bixler will lead us in making Christmas soup. While the pot simmers we will prepare a dessert from scratch! Between the meal prep and partaking in the delicious food we will pair up seasoned smartphone users with those who aren't as familiar to learn how to navigate.

Please join us! Share your kitchen skills or learn a new one. Share your technology wisdom or learn about an app you've always wondered about.

Our third Summer Skills Swap will be held on Tuesday August 19 at 1pm. We will create an art project and then learn how to digitally capture our creation and share with others.

- Monthly Movie will be July 11th @ 3:00 PM

Financial Information

General pledge for June 2025: \$4,629.00

General pledge for June 2024: \$4,915.00

YTD income: \$74,902.02

YTD expenses: \$115,122.97

YTD deficit: \$40,220.95

Financials will be updated upon Karen's return to the office this week

- June 30th @ 3:00 PM, Staff Meeting



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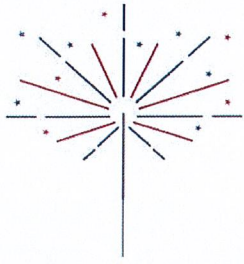
Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector -

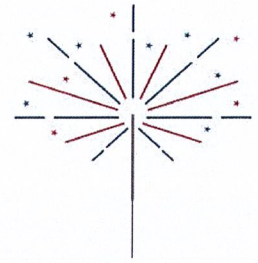
Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Chelsey Topper & Craig Bixler

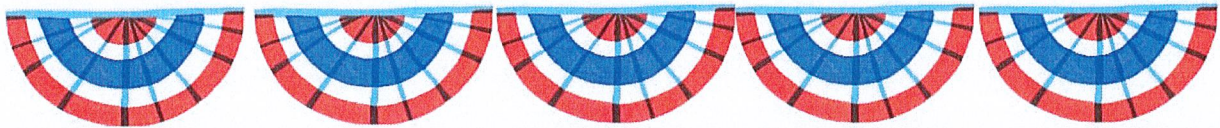


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