

grace united methodist church

“Reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ”

March 11, 2018

A warm and joyous welcome to all who worship here today. If you are a guest, we are especially pleased to have you with us. Please turn off all cell phones. **Large-print hymnals are available;** you may request them from an usher. We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship service for refreshments and fellowship.

** Indicates the congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

Prayer requests will be collected at the center aisle during the first hymn.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month; all are welcome at our table.

The cups contain grape juice; gluten-free wafers are available.

GATHERING

Prelude	“Partita in Bb, Praeludium” – <i>Bach</i>	Nicole Cloutier
News of the Grace Church Family		
**Hymn	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	UMH 526

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are the people whose God is the Lord

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised

Leader: Every day I will bless you, Loving God, and praise your name forever and ever

People: We worship the God who has conquered sin and death, who is raised to eternal life, and who claims us each one as brothers and sisters with our Lord, Jesus Christ

Anthem	“Crucifixion” – <i>Samuel Barber</i>	Carl Hengen & Nichole Cloutier
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TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER: Good and gracious God, you are always ready to hear us when we come to you in prayer. We confess our failure to keep the lines of communication open. We pray when trouble mounts around us, when pain assaults us, when we have nowhere else to turn. We fail to give you thanks for all our many blessings; instead we take them for granted or give ourselves credit we do not deserve. Open our eyes to your care for us. Help us always to be grateful. Increase our faith in your providential care and our desire to strengthen our relationship with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our intercessor and Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	UMH 895

THE OFFERING

Offering Invitation		
Offertory	“Shout to the Lord” – <i>Darlene Zschech</i>	Nicole Cloutier
Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”	UMH 95
Offertory Prayer		

PROCLAMATION

Hymn	“Be still, My Soul”	UMH 534
Scripture	Romans 5: 1-5	Pew Bible NT 155
Message	“Practicing the Presence of God with Pain & Suffering”	Rev. Paul Hahm
Hymn	“Precious Name”	UMH 536
**Dismissal with Blessing		
Postlude	“Blest Are They” – <i>David Haas</i>	Nicole Cloutier

Following the dismissal with blessing, you may exit the sanctuary while the postlude plays.

grace worship leadership & staff

Pastor	Paul Hahm
Today's Liturgist	Doug Burruss
Choir Director	Xiaosha Lin
Accompanist	Nicole Cloutier
Worship Coordinator	Tabatha Hansen
Nursery Director	Elizabeth Simpkins
Youth Director	Jamie Young
Office Administrator	Jamie Young
Custodian	Clem Nicholson

**“When the church acts with generosity to serve others,
it is a clear picture of Christ.”**

****OFFICE HOURS****

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
12:00 – 4:00 PM: Wednesday

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Bulletin information should be in the office **by noon on Wednesday**.
Articles for the *Grace Notes* should be in the office **no later than noon on the**
SECOND Wednesday of the month.

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