

grace united methodist church

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

April 8, 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		Nicole Cloutier
News of the Grace Church Family		
Introit	“O Be Joyful”	Sanctuary Choir
**Hymn	“Joy in the Morning”	TFWS 2284

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies!

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains, your wisdom as deep as the sea!

Leader: How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God!

People: All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Anthem	“Grant Us Thy Peace”	Sanctuary Choir
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TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER: God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil’s power. Make the people inside this house a compassionate people, ready and willing to receive every person you place in our midst even if they don’t look, or act, or talk like us. God, make the door of this house a place of love and acceptance and make it a gateway to your kingdom. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

THE OFFERING

Offering Invitation

Offertory Cloutier

Doxology “Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow” UMH 95

Offertory Prayer

PROCLAMATION

Hymn “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” UMH 703

Scripture Luke 17:20-21 Pew Bible NT 80

Message “Heaven” Paul Hahm

Hymn “Seek Ye First” UMH 405

**Dismissal with Blessing

Benediction “Make Us One” Sanctuary Choir

Postlude 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	Connie Chandler
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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