

Faith TO CHANGE



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion

October 12, 2025

Sermon Series: I Will Call Upon the Lord

Greeting (responsive)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: When illness comes our way,

People: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Leader: Heal us once more.

People: That we may do your will.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Family of God, we come to worship knowing that we live in the safety and shadow of a good God; God in whose faith we can hide and God whose mercy endures forever.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I welcome you to Grace Church this 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Whether you're joining us from the pews or social media, we welcome you to worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prelude 'Intrada' - John Ireland (1879-1862)

The Light of Christ Enters the Sanctuary

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: We are 10 lepers, with scars and wounds —

People: and hope for your healing touch.

Leader: From our souls' depths we raise our voices to you.

People: “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!”

Leader: As we glimpse the grace you pour upon us,

People: we thank you and praise you with our whole hearts.

All: *Amen.*

Opening Hymn “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

Opening Prayer (unison)

God our Creator and Redeemer, open our eyes to a larger awareness of your goodness, and our souls to deeper gratitude. Then, uplifted with thanksgiving, may we give ourselves to unpleasant tasks with good grace, and show irk-some people a good will such as we offer our best friends. Through Christ Jesus our ever-present Lord. *Amen!*

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Israel plants gardens in Babylon

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Psalter: Psalm 66:1-12 (read responsively)

God holds our souls in life

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”

Leader: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

People: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

Leader: There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever,

People: whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

People: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Leader: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

People: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

We will live with Christ

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Here ends the reading of the Word.

Gospel Hymn “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

1. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
2. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.
3. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.

***Prayer of Illumination**

These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight. Strength us to hear their truth. Unbind us live their call. Through the powers of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. *Amen.*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

The healed leper gives thanks to Jesus

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ***"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"***

When he saw them, he said to them, ***"Go and show yourselves to the priests."***

And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, ***"Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?"***

Then he said to him, ***"Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."***

Pastor: "The word of God for the people of God."

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

"Whole Faith"

Luke 17:11 – 19

Rev. Dionne T. Hall

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord Jesus, if we have died with you, we will live with you; if we endure, we will reign with you; we pray to you for all the needs and concerns on our minds and hearts, knowing that you always remain faithful.

Lord, we pray for the church, that we might do our best to present ourselves to God as one approved by him. (We pray especially for... church leaders... and all the people of God.)

Jesus, Master, *Have mercy on us.*

O God, in your might you rule forever, and your eyes keep watch over the nations. We pray for our nation, our community, and all in authority.

Jesus, Master, *Have mercy on us.*

Gracious God, all the earth bows down before you, and sings out your name. We pray for the nations of the earth, that your peace may protect us all.

Jesus, Master, *Have mercy on us.*

Lord Jesus, as you healed the ten lepers between Galilee and Samaria, we pray that you would heal those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____.

Jesus, Master, *Have mercy on us.*

You hold our souls in life, O God, and you will not allow our feet to slip. We pray for those we love (and we especially remember today those who celebrate their birthdays... anniversaries...). Give them your grace.

Jesus, Master, *Have mercy on us.*
O God, we remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David; and we remember before you those who have died, (especially...) that they may rest with Christ in eternal glory.

Jesus, Master, *Have mercy on us.*

Lord Jesus, in your faithfulness to us, you shower us with grace, mercy, love, and all we need; we pray that you would shape our hearts that they would be filled with gratitude, that we might always return to you and give you thanks. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Call to Confession
Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins to the One who is faithful to forgive them.

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you –have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

Words of Assurance (responsive)
Leader: Hear the good news: Your call has been answered. Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin. With glad hearts, return praise to God.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.
Passing of the Peace (responsive)
Leader: The living Christ is here with us!
People: Praise be to God!
Leader: May the peace of Christ dwell deeply in our souls.
People: We will share this peace with the community.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering
Let us prepare our hearts and minds for giving.

Offertory Anthem 'Forth In Thy Name' - Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

Doxology

	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
	praise God, all creatures here below:
	Alleluia! Alleluia!
	Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
	Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
	Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
	Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer (unison)
Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Standing on the Promises” (vs. 1, 2)

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Postlude 'Processional' - William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Light of Christ goes into the world.

Charge

Get up and go on your way, remembering to turn back in praise to God. May you be blessed with faith and made well.

Benediction

Jesus said to the leper, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well.” Let us all claim Jesus’ healing and liberation in our lives. Get up and go on your way! In Jesus’ name, your faith has made you whole And all God’s people say: **Amen.**

*Today’s Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in appreciation to those who do all the behind the scenes work in the church.*

Placed by a friend.

Available Sundays to sponsor flowers is November 16, 23, and December 14, 21, 28.

Grace Notes
October 12, 2025

Mission Statement: *Glorify God ~ Draw All to Christ ~ Edify & Equip*

From the Pastor: Today’s gospel lesson finds Jesus asking, “Where are the other nine?” Jesus is asking why hadn’t the other nine people he healed come to say “Thank you.” Jesus isn’t asking because he wants those he healed to grovel at his feet. No, Jesus is asking because thankfulness, gratitude, for all we have should be an everyday/always part of our lives. We are called to look around us and remember that ALL we have is a gift from God...and that we are to live lives of thankfulness and praise to God for all God has done.

In His Joy,
Pastor Dionne

Membership Reports: As faithful members of Grace UMC, we faithfully strive to remember our membership vows to support the church by upholding the church with our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

Prayers - Persons listed on Joys & Concerns will appear for two weeks. Please fill out a request card if you would like your request shared on Sunday morning and listed in Grace Notes. You may call or email the church office Monday thru Wednesday (**by 10am**) with those you would like to include or remove. If a person requires additional time, or has a long-term illness, request they be added to the “Long-term” list. The joys and concerns will list first name and last initial; no details will appear.

Joys & Concerns

Oct. 5: Larry H., Donna M., Frannie J., Michael L., Babs W.

Sept. 28: Larry H., Donna M.

Prayers (Long-term): John S., Paul H., Ron S., Joann M.; Kenny S.; Robin G., Lucy K.; Bill S., Erin B., Doris K.; Bill H., Wendi C., Margie C., Bev. B., Connie M.; Vickie S., Rhonda and Tony W.

Our Condolences – We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Gregory Long who passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2025.

The Revised Common Lectionary – A service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Sunday, October 12, 2025: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Monday, October 13, 2025: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29;

Tuesday, October 14, 2025: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Ephesians 6:10-20;

Wednesday, October 15, 2025: Psalm 61; Jeremiah 25:15-32; Matthew 10:5-15;

Thursday, October 16, 2025: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34;

Friday, October 17, 2025: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:16-24; 2 Timothy 2:14-26;

Saturday, October 18, 2025: Psalm 121; Jeremiah 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52;

Presence – Join us for worship in person or via Facebook Live.

Worship: 68 Sunday School: 22 Facebook Live: 123 Ladies T4U: 16

GIFTS – Your gifts offer HOPE to Grace Church and the community. When we tithe, we follow the example given to us in Genesis 28:10-22 by giving at least 10% to the **General Fund**. United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy. The **General Fund** is responsible for ensuring all the needs of the church are met; this includes all of the ministries, missions, and operational costs of Grace Church. *The One Board (as of May 14, 2023) asks that all tithes and offerings be placed in the General Fund except those for T.H.R.I.V.E., Micah’s Backpack & Building for the Future. Separate envelopes are provided for these ministries and located by the lectern. This is the only way to donate to these ministries.* This will allow Grace Church to move towards fully funding all ministries and missions of the church. This will bring us up to date with current UMC budget practices.

General Fund: \$5,890.17
Endowment Withdrawal: \$
Estate Gift:
Music Fund: \$150.00
Needed for Weekly Budget: \$4,500
Building for the Future: \$85.00
T.H.R.I.V.E. & Micah’s Backpack: \$75.00

Service and Witness:

Ushers: J.C. Martin, Bill Thompson, Donna and Roy Shoop, Madison Shoop, Lucas Shoop, Ella Sholty, Justus Osuji

Greeter: Daisy Wolfensberger

Lay Readers: John Hess, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Kurt Zimmerman

Media Managers: Donnie Bryan, Roy Shoop

Choir: Becca Bryan, Donnie Bryan, Patti Hull, Hannah Kamseuh, Polly Martin, Peace Osuji, Ryan Wetzel

Congregational Care Committee/Communion Stewards: Chris Jeter, Krista Zimmerman, Cindy Tedrick, Ruth Smith, Patti Hull, Helen Gilliam, Daisy Wolfensberger, Polly Martin, Rose Shank, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Donna Bolinger, Amy Bryan, Becca Bryan, Jane Staley, Rhonda Weaver, Wanda Stouffer, Ruth Thompson, Pastor Dionne, Sonja Shearer, Cindy Swales, Patty Frazier, Caroline Jenkins and Vivienne, Margaret Hess

T.H.R.I.V.E. (Thankful, Hopeful, Revitalized, Intentional, Victorious, Educated). Continued needs are non-perishables, dry goods, feminine care products, hand soap, shower gel, razors, shave cream, individually wrapped paper towels and toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, laundry detergent, etc. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and please use the indicated envelopes located by the lectern. **Closet 712** Volunteers are always appreciated. Donations drop off is Monday -Thursday 10am-12pm., **fall and winter clothing ONLY**. Both T.H.R.I.V.E and the clothes closet are open on Saturday, **November 8, 2025**, 10:00am – 11:00 am.

Pastoral Care and Emergency Contact Information: In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Dionne at (240) 347-2345 (cell), Facebook Messenger, or pastordionne.hall@gmail.com. The church office number is (240) 850-2934. Please inform the hospital and/or funeral home that Pastor Dionne is the Pastor at Grace. **The Pastor and church should be notified of any illness or death of a member or family member first.** The Pastor will confirm availability dates for Services of Death and Resurrection with the funeral home director.

CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 12 Hall	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	<i>Worship</i>
	10:15 am	Sunday school for all ages
	4:00 pm	<i>Sarah DeLacy Organ Concert</i>
Tues., Oct. 14	5:30 pm	The Chosen
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Oct. 15	2:30 pm	Pop Up Pantry
Sat., Oct. 18 details)	1:00 pm	Church Conference (see note below for
Sun., Oct. 19 Hall	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	<i>Worship, Golden Membership Recognition (NO</i>
<i>Sunday school today)</i>	11:00 am	Golden Membership Luncheon in Rider Hall
Sun., Oct. 26	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Trick or Treat

CHURCH CONFERENCE – Everyone can attend and vote. The conference is being held on Saturday, October 18th 1:00 pm at Rehoboth United Methodist Church, 16829 Lappans Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795.

Poinsettias – This year the church is placing an order for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary, please fill out the order form, include payment using the attached envelope, and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$14.00 per flower. If you prefer to purchase your own poinsettia, please indicate this on the order form. **Orders must be in no later than Sunday, October 19th.** Any questions, please see Ruth Smith.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - No matter how humble or unassuming they may be, most people get a warm glow inside when someone says “thank you” for what they’ve done or expresses appreciation simply for who they are. Clergy and others who fill pastoral roles are no exception.

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month with the second Sunday designated as Pastor Appreciation Day. It is a time to say “thank you” to the people who may be most visible as preachers and teachers, but who, in reality, are on-call 24/7 standing with congregants and others to offer spiritual and other support in times of confusion and transition, times of heart-wrenching sorrow and times of overwhelming joy. They laugh, cry and pray with those whom they shepherd and serve.

Established as a worldwide recognition time in 1992, the call to honor the contributions of pastoral leaders can be traced back to Paul, who advised congregations to give “double

honor” to the elders who managed the affairs of the church well, “especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17, NIV).

Causes to contribute to in celebration of Pastor Dionne’s service: Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Volunteer 1 Saturday at the food pantry, Trunk or Treat (bring a car to the event or donate candy to the event).

A basket for cards is located on the pew behind the organ.

Golden Membership – will be held on **Sunday, October 19th**. Reservations for the Golden Membership Luncheon

will be taken through **Sunday, October 12th**. Even if you’re not a Golden Member, you are welcome to attend the luncheon. Reservation cards are available in the narthex and Rider Hall. You may place your card on an offering plate or call the church office to make reservations.

Golden Member(s) – no charge, other members and guests (please pay that day). Menu and prices are listed on the reservation cards. There will be no Sunday school today and the luncheon will begin at **11:00 am** in Rider Hall.

Grace Church Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 26th from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Needed are volunteers

and their vehicles to hand out candy, pencils, etc. that evening. Please bring your donation items to Chris Jeter’s Sunday school room. Also, someone to volunteer on the grill is needed! All donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated!

The Chosen – Season 3 is on Tuesdays, October 6th - 27th from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

The Chosen is based on the true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialog have been added. However, all the bible and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures.

Choir rehearsals have resumed on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. We would be happy to welcome new members. If you have an interest in singing and joining the choir, please talk to Jonathan.