

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

**May 12, 2024** **10AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

\*Stand if you are able

**Entrance**

PRELUDE "Wind Over Waves"  
by Adrienne Potter

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

**We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.**

Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.

**We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.**

How will you share God's love with the world?

**By loving, respecting, and honoring our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, neighbors, and all who are overlooked, and ignored.**

Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

**Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.**

\*OPENING SONG "Lift High the Cross"  
UMH #159

**Proclamation**

\*WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

\*RESPONSIVE SONG "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
UMH #92

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*As we give our financial gifts, please fill in the attendance pad*

OFFERING SONG "Prayer for Mothers"  
by Donna Butler

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

INTRODUCTION & SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:9-20, 25-28  
Psalm 1:1-3

SERMON "A Mother's Love"  
Pastor Brian Neville

**Response**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD The Wide Spectrum of Mothering

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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. Amen.**

**Sending Forth**

\*SENDING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
UMH #139

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

**Today's Altar Flowers are presented by  
The Anand Family  
Happy Mother's Day  
In memory of my loving mom, S.Shanti Baala.**

Our mission at Grace United Methodist Church is  
to be an inclusive community  
passionately following Jesus Christ

**Give to support GUMC**

Besides the offering plate, you can give by visiting our website, gumc.org. Click the 'give online' button at the bottom and set up a one-time gift or recurring gift. Recurring online gifts reduce volunteer time, so it's a great way to give!

Gifts can also be given through text messages. Send 'gumc' to 77977 and click the link to support the work of the church!

We appreciate estimate of giving cards that share how much you plan to give in a year. Feel free to pick up a card and giving brochure in the narthex. You can drop off the estimate of giving card in the office or in an offering plate.

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## Grace UMC Announcements

### **1. College Scholarship Deadline is May 15th!**

Members of Grace who are planning to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree this summer/fall are eligible to apply for one of our Memorial Scholarships. Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information visit: [www.gumc.org/scholarship](http://www.gumc.org/scholarship)

### **2. Grace Kickball Game, RAIN DATE Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>**

The kids and youth at Grace have spoken, and they want to play! Join us after worship for a fun game of kickball. All are invited and encouraged to attend and take your best kick! Meet us on the field after worship.

### **3. New Member Classes, Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> & May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Interested in becoming a member of Grace United Methodist Church and deepening your Faith?

Visit our website for more info: [www.gumc.org/calendar](http://www.gumc.org/calendar)

To sign up, contact Pastor Brian: [pastor.brian@gumc.org](mailto:pastor.brian@gumc.org)

### **4. Family Promise Dinner, Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Help feed those in need. We cook and deliver a delicious meal at Grace UMC in the morning and then deliver to the Hackensack, NJ Family Promise facility, where hundreds of people with housing needs can eat.

Donate or find out how to volunteer today!

See or Contact Patricia: [missions@gumc.org](mailto:missions@gumc.org)

### **5. Family Movie Night, Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Join Friends on the field for a movie night! We'll have the cub scouts, nursery school and all our friends from Grace UMC out for a fun, FREE, movie night & popcorn. Movie starts at Dusk.

### **6. VBS Registration is now open!!!**

Vacation Bible School at Grace UMC ages 3.5 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12pm. Register today at:

[www.gumc.org/vbs](http://www.gumc.org/vbs)

### **7. CAMP YDP Fundraiser, Thurs, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

CAMP YDP invites you to "Building Bright Futures!". A night of celebration, dining & fundraising. Grace UMC has partnered with CAMP YDP for many years Tickets are \$100 per person.

For more info & to buy tickets visit: [www.gumc.org/calendar](http://www.gumc.org/calendar)

## First time here? Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, or it's been a while, fill in the black attendance form so we can contact you. If you have questions about the church or faith in general, please feel free to chat with Pastor Brian or email him at:

[pastor.brian@gumc.org](mailto:pastor.brian@gumc.org). Thanks for joining us today!

## Prayer requests

You can write down your prayer request and put it in the basket in the narthex before the start of worship or online at [gumc.org/worship](http://gumc.org/worship). They will be shared during the service unless you indicate otherwise.

**We are praying for:** The Pakosinski Family, Rosemarie & Thomas Saunders, Roe, Lida, Jonathan Marcus, The Family of Mickey Mac Farran

## This Week at Grace

*Find the latest updates at [gumc.org/calendar](http://gumc.org/calendar)*

**Sun. 5/12/24:** Mother's Day; 10am Worship Service; 11am Children's Choir; 11:15am Choir Practice;

**Mon. 5/13/24:** 3pm TOPS; 7pm Church Council

**Tues. 5/14/24:** 6pm Bell Choir; 6:30pm Cub Scouts

**Wed. 5/15/24:** 6:30pm Cub Scouts

**Thurs. 5/16/24:** 6:30pm Cub Scouts; 7pm Trustees

**Fri. 5/17/24:** 1pm Fox Music Lessons

**Sat. 5/18/24:** 8:30am Men's Meeting; 10:30am Women's Spirit AA; 5pm Grateful Beginnings AA

## A Welcoming Statement of Grace Church

We welcome all people as friends in Christ, without prejudice or distinction based on race, national origin, gender, gender identity, social or economic standing, education, sexual orientation, physical or emotional limitations, or any other classification by which humanity divides people.

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"Children's children are a crown to the aged,  
and parents are the pride of their children."

– Proverbs 17:6



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