

God Has ALREADY Made A Way

Grace United Methodist Church

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Ascension Sunday

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17th, 2026

8:00 am ~ Early Contemporary Service
9:15 am ~ Sunday School / Small Groups
10:30 am ~ Traditional Service of Worship

Charlotte Gingrich - accompanist

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Gathering Music

Announcements and Lighting of the Candles

\*\* Our Call To Worship

*Leader* : Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!  
Sing about the glory of His name! Tell the world  
how glorious our God is, and how awesome are  
His mighty deeds!

***People* : All of Creation bows before you, O God -  
everyone on the earth acknowledges Your  
Sovereignty.**

*Leader* : So, come and see what our God has done,  
what awesome miracles he performs for people!  
He has made a way through the Red Sea, and a  
path in the desert. He has kept us safe on the  
journey. Great and Mighty is His name.

***People* : Our lives are in Your hands, O God - for  
You have kept our feet from stumbling. You  
continually test us, O God; You purify us like  
silver and gold in the crucible. We have gone  
through fire and flood, but you have brought us  
out to a place of great abundance.**

**ALL: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord**

\*\* Opening Song of Praise *UMH 64*  
" Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty "

\*\* Opening Prayer of Invitation

**ALL : Lord, send Your Spirit into our midst, that our thoughts might become centered on You, and on what You have for us this day. Help us to truly praise Your Holy Name in all that we say and do this day. Move among us, and enliven our own spirits - that we might be spurred on toward service, and that we might endeavor to bring honor and glory to You. Help us to put aside our own agendas, and to focus on what You have for us this day. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

\*\* Extend a Hand of Fellowship  
and Share the Easter Peace !

## **LET US PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD**

A Reading from the Scriptures *Judy Snyder*  
" Acts 1: 6 - 14 "

Praising God through Music *Grace Choir*  
" America - Land of Liberty "

*The Purpose of "Miracle" Sunday* *Bishop Hector*  
We Gather in the Miracle Sunday Special Offering

Hymn of Thanksgiving *UMH 102*  
" Now Thank We All Our God " *verses 1,3*

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: We give thanks for all those who have accepted God's call to serve in ministry. Out of the abundance of God's gifts to us, we now give freely**

**to others. Bless these gifts, O God - that they might help to train up servants of Christ throughout the world. May we all strive to share the Good News of Jesus in life-changing and life-giving ways - that the Kingdom of God might become manifest on the earth. We ask these, and all things, in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

The Morning Message *Pastor Alan Atchison*  
*" Trail Markers "*

*Based on the text from 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5: 6-11*

The Sharing of Our Joys and Prayer Concerns

The Morning Prayer

The Lords Prayer

**ALL: 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.**

The Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

Offering Hymn

*UMH 698*

*" God of the Ages "*

**\*\* *Prayer of St Francis of Assisi***

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*\* *Benediction and Sending Forth***

"May you always have walls for the winds, a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all your heart might desire. May the road rise to meet you; May the wind be always at your back; May the sun shine warm upon your face; The rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again - May God hold you in the palm of His hand ".

**\*\*Indicates the congregation standing, if you are able.**



**The Bulletins for Today** were sponsored by Ken and Kendra Rudisill in honor of their parent's birthdays.

**The Altar Flowers for Today** were sponsored by Tom and Debb Bowman in celebration of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary.



**UPCOMING SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE**

Grace UMC's Administrative Council has unanimously approved a **Resolution of Merger** with Hebron UMC. Copies of the resolution are available on the entryway table. A special Church Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, May 23rd** at 10am in the Grace sanctuary. Those whose names are contained on the membership role will have the ability to cast a vote.

## *Today's Notes and Notices....*

**Our Miracle Sunday Special Offering** is part of a denomination-wide effort to help educate clergy in some of the poorest countries of the world. Together, we CAN make a positive impact for Kingdom Purposes!

**Our Noah's Crew Preschool** will hold their final closing program **THIS AFTERNOON at 2:30 pm** in the church sanctuary. A time of refreshments and celebration of their ministry will be held following the program.

**The TVP Community Choir** - will hold their spring concert **TONIGHT at 7pm** in the Sanctuary. It is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser** - runs today through Father's Day. Please take home an empty bottle, and fill it with your spare change, or simply add a check, and return it to the church. All proceeds go to help fund the work of Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center here in Millersburg.

**Annual Spring Clean-up** - will continue **Monday evening**, beginning at **6pm**. Please consider joining in as we work at cleaning up the winter debris and sprucing up our church property. Mulching, weeding, trimming of bushes - there is something for every skill level. Hope to see you there!

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - is currently working through the **Book of Revelation** at 10am in the Library. Each week there is something new, so bring your Bibles, and come join us for a morning of excitement and adventure!

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** - is currently meeting in the room across from the church office at 2pm each week, and working through the Max Lucado book *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus*.

more **Notes and Notices....**

**Grace Administrative Council -**

will meet on Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 in the Library.

**Don't Forget To Vote on Tuesday!**

**Grace Missions Committee** - will meet on Thursday, May 21st, at 6:30pm in the Library

**Next Sunday is Pentecost** - when we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared as part of our celebration.

**Hearts of Grace Needs** - we are in need of pancake mix, and, of course - JELLY! for this upcoming food distribution on **Thursday, May 28th**. Please deposit your donations in the shopping carts located in the church entryway or outside the HOG door in the back entrance.

**Upcoming Bus Trip** led by Pam Mauser

*Journey to see "JOSHUA" at Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026*  
**- For information, or to reserve your seat, please call Pam at (717) 903-3590.**

**Our Attendance on May 10th**

Early Worship ~ 51

Sunday School / Fellowship ~ 33

Late Worship ~ 40

Online Worship ~ 13

**Our Giving for May 10th**

General Fund ~ \$ 3,610

Designated Causes ~ \$ 870

Missions ~ \$ 195

Building ~ \$

# Prayer REQUESTS

## **THOSE LIFTED UP THIS PAST WEEK**

- For Carson Kauffman - hospitalized with sepsis
- For Sandy Bell - bad cold, pneumonia, congestive heart failure
- For Andy Strohecker - recuperating from Pneumonia
- For the Family of David Strohecker - Kille in ATV accident
- For Glenn Yeager - recuperating from injuries
- For "Gabe" Acajabon, recuperating from bicycle race accident
- For Charlotte Gingrich - upcoming gall bladder removal surgery
- For Edie Cooper - ongoing health challenges
- For Caroline Orr - upcoming finals
- For Terry Uhler - discharged from hospital to N.D Nursing & Rehab
- For Bruce Wolf - chemo treatments postponed - low blood counts
- For Ron Brooks - broken facial bones in bad fall
- For Ruth Anderson - Upcoming additional Chemo treatments
- For Donna Beer's brother - beginning dialysis at home
- For Pat Hoffman - recovering from Kidney surgery
- For Sue Kissinger - cancer surgery May 18th
- For Gary Matter - ongoing health issues
- For Kay Matter - moved to Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab
- For Laurel Kolva - continuing health and Parkinson's challenges
- For John Haines - recovering from surgery
- For Susan Turnbaugh - back in Hershey Med
- For Nancy Kirkwood - chemo treatments
- For Dawn Powers - continued recovery from infection / BP issues
- For Craig Teter- continued recovering from GI surgery
- .... AND so many more with ongoing challenges!!!

**PLEASE KEEP PRAYING!!!**