

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 18, 2017

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us.
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WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

PRELUDE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Ashdown

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,
So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,
So God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.

Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the Name of Jesus Christ.

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, even when you appear as a stranger among us, we want to welcome you, to bless you, to feast with you. As your servant Abraham prepared the feast for the strangers at his tent, help us to welcome others with open hearts. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

(As the children come forward and depart the sanctuary, the congregation may sing "We Are the Church" - 558 / refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 18:1-15

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

NO LAUGHING MATTER

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

CALL TO PRAYER 141 "Children of the Heavenly Father" (vs. 1, 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR FATHER'S DAY *(by The Rev. Nathan Decker)*

Our Father in Heaven,

Hear us on Earth who struggle to imitate your love.

Your name is holy, above all others.

Help us to create sacred space through justice, mercy and love

So that your kingdom may exist here as it does in Heaven.

Give us this day what we need

and guide us to give what we don't need and hold on to.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive our friends....and our enemies.

And lead us to the paths of light and hope

Protect us from the shadow of lies and despair

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and glory

Forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE 141 "Children of the Heavenly Father" (vs. 3, 4)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Priere"

P. DeBreville

*DOXOLOGY 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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!

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN 573

"O Zion, Haste"

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace. Welcome strangers. Hear God's voice in theirs.

Laugh if you must. And remember: God is with us! **Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION 393

"Spirit of the Living God"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Fantasia"

T. de Santa Maria

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are from the Grace Memorial Garden.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 19 Worship – 33, 70

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June 19	Denise Bruns, Amy Dosch, Jane Straker
June 20	Ella Richards
June 21	Jeff Beam, Owen Cranz, Maryanna Fenton
June 22	Laken Havens, Lynette Lazar
June 23	Chad Fogle, Joe Goodrich, Stephanie Orr, Jeremy Tyson
June 24	Josh Roquemore

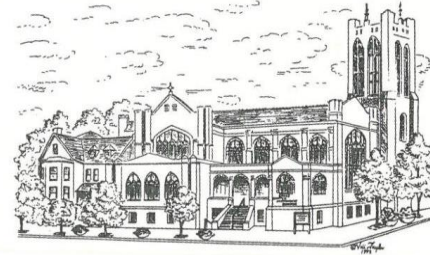
THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, June 18	7:00 p.m.	Memorial Band Concert – Zane's Landing
Monday, June 19		
Tuesday, June 20	7:00 p.m.	Yoga
Wednesday, June 21	6:30 p.m.	Trustees – Classroom
Thursday, June 22	6:30 p.m.	Book Study – Classroom
Friday, June 23	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, June 24		
Sunday, June 25	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:45-8:30	Vacation Bible School – Grace Wesleyan Church (505 Pine St.)

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

>> Our combined churches VBS is fast approaching! The dates are **June 25-29** (begins **NEXT SUNDAY!**) It will be at Grace Wesleyan Church [505 Pine St.]. Registration forms are available on our website or at the back of the sanctuary. See Sarah Burris or Cindi Swope for the list of needed supplies.



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Father's Day

Today is the second Sunday after Pentecost. Today we give thanks for the godly example and sacrificial leadership of all fathers. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God is able to do what seems to be impossible.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Thank you to Joyce Cooper and our Praise Team for leading the music today.

Gathering for Celebration

Prelude

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Genesis 18:1-15

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *No Laughing Matter* — Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Prayers of Confession

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Going Forth to Celebrate

Sending Music