## **Grace United Methodist Church**

**September 10, 2023** 

Greeting Ellen White

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "Bind Us Together" By Bob Gillman ©1977 Thankyou Music CCLI #1365061

Carolyn Swinsick

\*Call to Worship

L: We can trust God.

P: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

L: God loves all the people:

P: the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

L: We can depend on God.

P: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

L: Praise our Loving God.

P: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

\*Song of Praise

"We Are the Church!"

**UMH 558** 

By Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh ©1972 Hope Publishing Co CCLI #1365061

## Chorus

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes we're the church together!

The church is not a building, The church is not a steeple, The church is not a resting place, The church is a people. (Chorus)

We're many kinds of people, With many kinds of faces, All colors and all ages, too, From all times and places. (Chorus)

Sometimes the church is marching, Sometimes it's bravely burning, Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, Always it's learning. (Chorus)

And when the people gather,

There's singing and there's praying, There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, All of it saying: (Chorus)

At Pentecost some people
Received the Holy Spirit
And told the Good News
Through the world
To all who would hear it. (Chorus)

## A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed by the name

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!

Anthem "I Want To Be More Like You"

Chapel Choir

**UMH 895** 

By Rebecca Hogan (BMI), arr. by Brad Nix (c)2011 Hal Leonard-Milwin Music Corp., Hal Leonard Corp. CCLI #1365061

Scripture Readings

James 2:1-4, Galatians 3:6-9, 28-29

L: This is the word of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS 2152

By Eddie Espinosa © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI #1365061

Change my heart oh God, make it ever true Change my heart oh God, may I be like you

You are the potter, I am the clay Mold me and make me, this is what I pray

Change my heart oh God, make it ever true Change my heart oh God, may I be like you

Message "The Sneetches" Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Carolyn Swinsick

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## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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!

Gracious God, thank you for bringing us into your one family. Thank you for claiming us as your children, and offering us such a remarkable inheritance. Receive this offering and help us put it to use to share the blessing you've poured out for the world. Accept our intention not only to give, but to live our lives as your beloveds, even as we pray in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen!

\*Hymn of Response

"For the Healing of the Nations"

**UMH 428** 

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For the healing of the nations
Lord we pray with one accord
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word
Help us rise and pledge our word

Lead us forward into freedom
From despair Your world release
That redeemed from war and hatred
All may come and go in peace
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase
Fear will die and hope increase

All that kills abundant living
Let it from the earth be banned
Pride of status, race or schooling
Dogmas that obscure your plan
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span
May we hallow life's brief span

You, Creator God, have written

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Your great name on humankind For our growing in Your likeness Bring the life of Christ to mind That by our response and service Earth its destiny may find Earth its destiny may find

\*Blessing

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