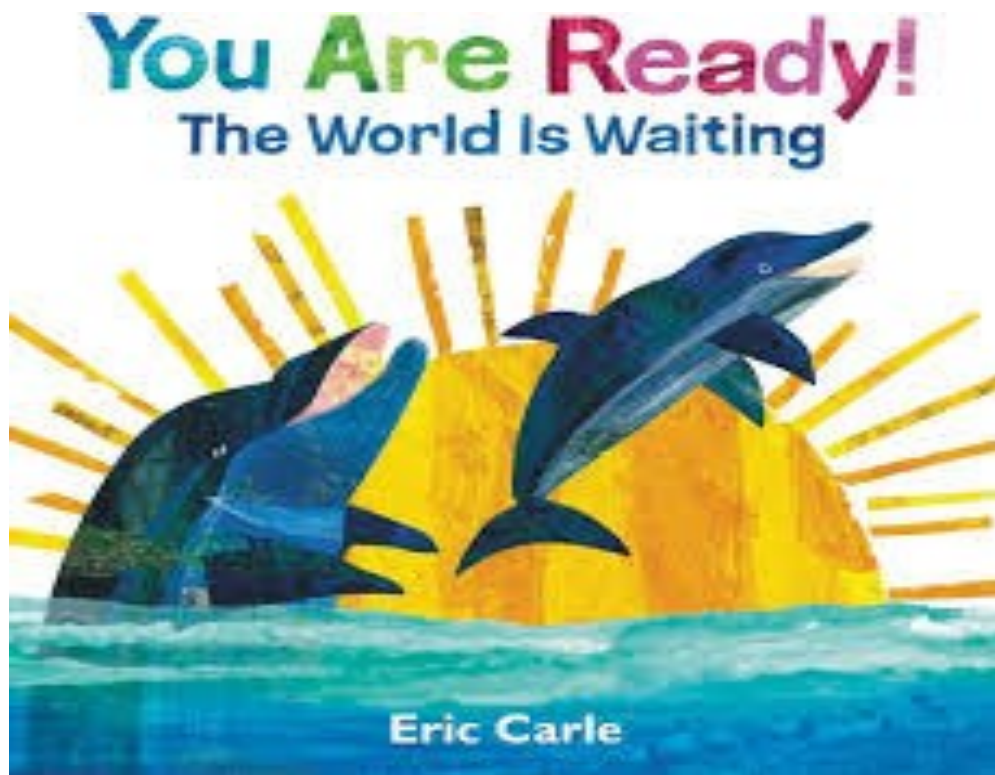


# Grace United Church of Christ



*Sunday, July 7, 2024*

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*You Are Ready!*

*Today's Theme: We Already Have What We Need!*

## WE GATHER

*During this service of worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that this is a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that this is a **Safe and Loving Place, a Sanctuary**, for worship, praise and reflection; and to remember that **'No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You are Welcome Here!***

**Welcome**

**Pass the Peace**

**Ring the Bell**

**Prelude** - Simple Gifts - arr. J. Wayne Kerr

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord-

**All: outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, old and the in-between.**

Leader: Come as you are,

**All: for this is God's house—a house for all people,  
and God welcomes each one who comes. Amen!**

**Gathering Prayer (In Unison)**

**Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.**

## We Listen

### Opening Hymn

“Sing Praise to God”

NCH 22

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!  
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!  
Gladsome rejoice— organ and trumpet and voice—  
joining God’s great congregation.

2 Praise God, our guardian, who lovingly offers correction,  
Who, as on eagle’s wings, saves us from sinful dejection.  
Have you observed, how we are always preserved  
by God’s parental affection?

3 Sing praise to God, with sincere thanks for all your successes.  
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.  
Only conceive, what godly strength can achieve:  
strength that would touch and caress us.

4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending.  
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.  
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight:  
amen, amen never ending.

## We Listen

### Children’s Moment

#### Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:8 (New International Version)

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

*We invite you to let the words of today’s scripture settle within you as Nathan shares this morning’s musical meditation.*

**Musical Meditation** - Prelude on “Amazing Grace” - arr. David Lasky

**Sermon:** The Rev. Chance Martinez

**Sermon Title:** “You Are Ready! The World is Waiting.”

1 Take my life, God, let it be  
consecrated faithfully.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my spirit, let it move  
at the impulse of your love.  
Take my intellect and use  
all its powers as you choose.

3 Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart, and by your grace  
make of it your dwelling place.

4 Take my love and help it grow;  
let my loving overflow.  
Take me now, and help me be  
part of Christ's community.

### **We Respond**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

*We invite you to pray this prayer using the words that are closest to your heart.*

***Our (Father/Mother/Creator) 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering** - Swedish Children's Prayer - arr. Roberta Bitgood

**\*Doxology** (music #780, text #778)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor: Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Grace Church;

**ALL: We dedicate this offering, Lord, for the work of the church. We ask you to use all that we have and all that we are in your service. Amen!**

### **Brief Order of the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*For those who are worshiping online, we encourage you to gather pieces of bread and something to drink (whatever you have such as juice, lemonade, etc) before worship and place it near you as service begins.*

#### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **Blessing the Bread and Pouring the Cup**

#### **Communion Prayer**

#### **Receiving the Bread and the Cup**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Music during Communion - Let Us Break Bread Together - arr. Marianne Kim*



## We Are Sent

### Announcements

#### \*Closing Hymn

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

NCH 423

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness!  
Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

[Refrain]

### Pastoral Blessing for the Journey

#### Postlude - Prelude in F Major - Johann Krebs

~ The Postlude is still part of our worship; we invite you to sit and quietly reflect as we prepare to depart. ~

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE UCC:

- Sunday 7/7:** 11:00 am Worship Service  
12:15pm Birthday Fellowship  
“Stuff the Bus” Donations Accepted  
2:00 pm-5:00 pm Korean Church  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Summer Concert Series in Baker Park
- Monday 7/8:** 7:00 am-4:30 pm Salvation Army  
11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm NarAnon Meeting  
6:30 pm-9:30 pm AA Meeting  
**Bulletin Announcements due by Noon.**
- Tuesday 7/9:** 7:00 am-4:30 pm Salvation Army  
11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting
- Wednesday 7/10:** 7:00 am-4:30 pm Salvation Army  
11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting  
6:30 pm-9:30 pm AA Meeting  
7:00 pm Book Club (zoom)  
7:00 pm-10:00 pm Iglesias De Dios Church
- Thursday 7/11:** 11:30 am-1:30 pm NA Meeting  
7:00 pm- NA (Woman and Children Meeting)
- Friday 7/12:** 7:00 am-4:30pm Salvation Army  
11:30 am– 1:30 pm NA Meeting  
7:00 pm Frederick Keys Baseball Game
- Saturday 7/13:** 8:30 am-10:00 am Women’s NA Meeting  
10:00 am-11:30 am Men’s NA Meeting  
3:00 pm-5:00 pm Korean Church  
7:00 pm-10:00 pm Iglesias De Dios Church
- Sunday 7/14:** 11:00 AM Worship Service- Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
**Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic at Mt. Tabor**  
Text: Psalm 24:1-2  
Sermon: The Reverend Chance Martinez  
Title: “We Are Water Protectors”

# Important Announcements !

Friday, July 12- Frederick Keys Baseball Game  
Sunday, July 14- Outdoor Worship and Picnic at Mt. Tabor  
Sunday, August 11- Blessing of Teachers/Staff/Students  
Sunday, August 18- Volunteer at Community Table  
Sunday, September 8 - Rally Day/Homecoming  
Saturday, September 14- Grace Booth at In the Streets  
Sunday, September 15- Frederick County Fair  
Friday, September 20- Grace UCC Coffee House (8:00 pm-10:00 pm)  
Thursday, September 26- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)  
Friday, October 18- Grace UCC Coffee House (8:00 pm-10:00 pm)  
Thursday, October 24- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)  
Saturday, October 26- Downtown Frederick Trick or Treating  
Friday, November 15- Grace UCC Coffee House (8:00 pm-10:00pm)  
Thurs, November 21- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry (7pm-9 pm)  
Wednesday, December 11- Grace Bus Trip to New York City  
Friday, December 13- Grace UCC Coffee House (8pm-10pm)  
Thursday, December 19- Young Adult Christmas Party (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)  
Sunday, December 22- Christmas Cantata at Grace UCC  
Thursday, December 26-Tour of Historic Churches

GUCC's Awesome Adventurers and Outings Club

## **Grace Goes to The Frederick Keys**

July 12 Get ready to shake your keys! Grace church is planning a night out at the Keys Baseball Game on Friday, July 12 at 7pm. Stay after the game to enjoy the scheduled fireworks display! We will be seated in the Reserved Section (comfy chairs behind the netting to protect those of us who don't watch every pitch!). Cost of the tickets, which will be purchased prior to game day, will be \$13 for adults, \$10 for Seniors (60 years and above), Youth (3-13 years), Military (with military ID), and free for kids under 3 years. Please feel free to invite family and friends outside of our church community as well. The more, the merrier! Please send in payment by Sunday June 30 with names and contact info for those purchasing tickets. Checks can be made out to Grace UCC or payment can be made online at the church website [grucc.com](http://grucc.com) (please put in notes that the payment is for the Keys baseball game). Anyone missing the deadline can purchase tickets from the Keys box office directly. Note that ticket prices on game day are \$3 more for each category. Please contact Missy Moxley if you have any questions, comments at [nehoneybee@gmail.com](mailto:nehoneybee@gmail.com)



## REFUGEE WELCOMING COMMITTEE

In 2024 Grace Church is starting a team to help a refugee family, under the guidance of the Refugee Welcoming Coalition of Frederick (<https://www.rwcfrederick.org/>). The RWC is an alliance of faith communities, civic organizations, and individual volunteers founded in 2021 in recognition of the influx of refugee families who need help establishing themselves in our area. Assistance indeed includes transportation, furnishing household items, and assistance with bureaucracies like school enrollment and health services.

Interested in making a difference? Contact Michael Davies ([fluidmosaic@gmail.com](mailto:fluidmosaic@gmail.com)) and Missy Moxley.

Until we form our team, you can make donations!

- Certain items are on their Amazon wishlist, for shipping directly to the RWC: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8F1P1KKUOUZH>

- If you wish to donate furniture, or supplies that are in urgent need (shower curtains and bathmats; pillows, sheets and blankets; and almost any type of kitchen supply): please email us at [info@rwcfrederick.org](mailto:info@rwcfrederick.org) to arrange pickup

- To donate cash, you may send a check to **AACF: 45 E. All Saints St., Frederick, MD 21701**, with a note on the memo line that the funds are for RWC.

Alternatively, you can donate through PayPal on their website,

<https://rwc.frederick.org>.

### Security Alert

**As many of you are aware, a scam text message was sent to many of the members and friends of Grace UCC this week. The text was an “urgent message” claiming to be from Pastor Chance, but it was not him, and it was not sent from his phone number. Many of you reached out to the office or to Chance directly and we thank you for doing that. A couple of you even sent screenshots of the message and that was very helpful as well. Unfortunately, this thing happens to churches frequently, sometimes by text and other times by email. We just want to reassure you that Pastor Chance, or any staff member, will not reach out to you via text message from an unknown number or email. If there is an urgent matter, please know that Pastor Chance will contact you via a phone call and not a text or email. If you ever receive a text or email from an unknown number or email address that looks suspicious, you are encouraged to call the church office or Pastor Chance directly for confirmation and notification. Thank you all again for making us aware and may we all stay alert to this type of activity.**

# Stuff The Bus



## STUFF THE BUS

### 2024 Elementary School Supply List

- Two-Pocket Folders
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Markers
- Ziploc Bags
- Dry Erase Markers
- Kleenex
- Pencil Boxes
- Earbuds (with Microphone)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Composition Notebooks

**DONATIONS DIRECTLY SUPPORT FCPS STUDENTS!**

**LEARN MORE: [UWFREDERICK.ORG/STUFFTHEBUS](https://www.uwfederick.org/stuffthebus)**

Questions? Contact Joyce Kwamena-Poh at [jkwamenapoh@uwfrederick.org](mailto:jkwamenapoh@uwfrederick.org).

Grace UCC is a community partner for this year's United Way Stuff the Bus program!

Kids in our community need the tools and support to learn - now more than ever.

The goal of the Stuff the Bus program is to ensure that every student in Frederick County has the tools and support they need to learn. This program provides FCPS students with the supplies they need to start the school year through generous donations from our community.

Any school supplies for elementary, middle or high schoolers are welcome! Please place supplies in and around the bin in the narthex. They will be collected at the end of the drive on Tuesday, July 30th.

In addition, Grace UCC has our own page for the virtual drive which allows for cash donations to purchase school supplies. Go to this unique link and donate between today and Friday, July 12th when the virtual drive is collected.

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/StuffTheBus24/team/GraceUCC>

<https://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/stuffthebus>

Donations of any amount are most appreciated. Here are some examples of what different cash donations might purchase:

\$15 buys pencils, markers, and crayons for one kindergarten student

\$50 supports one elementary student with basic supplies

\$125 provides a middle school student with all necessary supplies

\$200 buys a high school student basic supplies, including a graphing calculator

\$500 provides 10 pre-k students with all necessary supplies



*New York City*

**HOLIDAY  
BUS TRIP**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

Explore the Big Apple on your own!  
Bus departs Frederick at 6 a.m. and returns at midnight

**\$80 per person, limited seating**

Pay with QR code below or mail check  
Contact [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to register

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 AM — Virtual and in person**

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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N/A

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Pastor Chance Martinez

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Joan Princler

Greeter:

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