



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

May 30, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible”

- arr. Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God of the nations, vision of peace, we give our praise to you!

All: God of all people, Giver of Grace, we give our praise to you!

One: God of this time, healing spirit of life, we give our praise to you!

All: God of all love in Jesus the Christ, we give our praise to you!



Hymn #428

“For the Healing of the Nations”

Prayer for Guidance *Unison*

We come to you, God of Life, with memorial prayers of thanksgiving and remembering. We remember names and places. We remember your healing words of hope and comfort in Jesus Christ. We pray as people of your promise and peace. We pray with sighs too deep for words. Amen.

Children’s Message

Anthem

“Blowin’ in the Wind/America ”

Choir Members

- Bob Dylan

arr. Thomas

Scripture

Matthew 22:35-40 NRSV

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Message Version

One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: “Teacher, which command in God’s Law is the most important?” Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

Message

The Why, the Will and the Way

Hymn #2197/Faith We Sing

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer *Unison*

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.

Offering Invitation

Offertory

“A Prayer”

- Stickle

Doxology – Hymn #94 *Projected*

Offertory Prayer *Unison*

May these gifts be given for the work of loving You, O God as we love our neighbors. Let us love with hearts and hands. Let us love with hope and healing. Let us love with change and renewal. Let us follow the Jesus way of Life. Amen.

Benediction

Song of Peace

Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.
May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.
May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.
God go with you, making all things new.

Postlude

“Postlude in g minor”

- Rinck

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1. There will be a Church Conference at Grace on Sunday June 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. On the agenda is compensation approval for incoming pastor Amanda Lunemann.
2. Pastor Rory’s last service as pastor here at Grace UMC will take place on Sunday, June 13, 2021. The choir will be singing and a reception with coffee, juice and a light snack will be served following the service.
3. Pastor Amanda Lunemann’s first service with Grace will take place on Sunday, June 27, 2021. The choir will sing and a welcome reception will follow this service as well.

Volunteering is a Work of Heart

As we move forward with regard to Worship Helpers for Sunday’s services, if you volunteered in the past, we will continue to put you on the schedule. You will be used in the same capacity as in the past. If you are no longer interested in helping out, or are willing to branch out to another position (greeter, usher, sound, liturgist, acolyte, nursery and communion), please contact the office (see above). If you have not volunteered in the past and would like to start, we would love to have you on Grace’s team.

