Grace United Methodist Church

Engaging the Community with the Love of Christ

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Order of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter | Sunday, May 3, 2026 | 8:00 am
Grace United Methodist Church, Gaithersburg, MD

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Welcome

Call to Worship
In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.
Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.
(Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, 2025, adapted)

Opening Hymn | "Only Trust Him" | United Methodist Hymnal #337 (vs. 1-3) | John H. Stockton | John H. Stockton | © Words & Music: Public Domain

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, creation, ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Friends, hear the good news: Jesus came not to condemn us, but to love us and save us and show us the way. Know that we are forgiven and can be at peace. Alleluia! Amen.
(Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good")

Sharing of the Peace

Scripture Lesson | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

***Gospel Lesson** | John 14:1-14

Hymn of Response | "Be Still, My Soul" | United Methodist Hymnal #524 (vs. 1) | Katharina von Schlegel | Jean Sibelius | © 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

Sermon | Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

Moment of Absorption

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
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 Giving of the Bread and Cup
"Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join" | United Methodist Hymnal # 699 | Charles Wesley | Adapt. From Orlando Gibbons | © Words & Music: Public Domain

"For the Beauty of the Earth" | United Methodist Hymnal # 92 | Folliot S. Pierpoint | Conrad Kocher Arr. W. H. Monk | © Words & Music: Public Domain

"Holy, Holy, Holy" | United Methodist Hymnal # 64 | Reginald Heber | John B. Dykes | © Words & Music: Public Domain

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" | United Methodist Hymnal # 138 | Henry W. Baker | Irish Melody | © Words & Music: Public Domain

Offering

Morning Prayer

***Closing Hymn** | "Victory in Jesus" | United Methodist Hymnal #370 (vs. 1 & 3) | Eugene M. Bartlett | Eugene M. Bartlett | © 1967 Eugene M. Bartlett

Sending Forth

Benediction

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