THIS WEEK AT GRACE UMC

(AMV) Asbury Methodist Village, (CP) Church Parlor, (CR) Choir Room, (CY) Courtyard, (ER) Epworth Room, (FB) Facebook, (FH) Fellowship Hall, (K) Kitchen, (S) Sanctuary, (WB) Walker Bldg., (WR) Wesley Room, (Z) Zoom, (OC) Off Campus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
8 am | Sunday Worship (S)
9:15 am | Adult Sunday School (WR)
9:15 am | Sunday Meditation (S)
9:45 am | Special Music Rehearsal (S)
10:30 am | Sunday Worship (S, Z, FB)
10:30 am | Children's Sunday School (WB)
2-6 pm | Truth and Life Church (S, FH, FO)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
7 pm | SPRC Committee Meeting (Z)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
12:05 | Meditate Like Jesus (Z)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
7-10 pm | Truth and Life Church (S, WR)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
6:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)
7:10 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal (FH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
4 pm | The Friday Exploring Class (Z)
7-10 pm | Truth and Life Church (S)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
8:00 am | Men's Breakfast (FH)
7-10 pm | Truth and Life Church (S, FH)

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Engaging the Community with the Love of Christ

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 4, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:30 am

Carillon (10:30 am)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship
We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.
We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.
Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.
We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God's mercy and justice as we build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, 2026, adapted

Opening Hymn | "My Hope Is Built" | United Methodist Hymnal #368

Prayer of Confession
Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and our understanding. Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal, but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us no matter where we find ourselves. When we have forgotten You,
Lord, have mercy. When we have failed to speak words of love, Lord, have mercy. When we have neglected the need of another, Lord, have mercy. Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Prayer by Thomas Sutcliffe, Church of Scotland, Weekly Worship.

Assurance of Pardon
The Lord hears us. The Lord sees us. The Lord is with us. The Lord reconciles with us. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment (10:30 am)

Special Music | Offered by Itelima Senibo

*** Epistle Lesson** | Acts 4:5-12 (NRSV)

Hymn of Response | "One Bread, One Body" | United Methodist Hymnal #620

Sermon | Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

Moment of Absorption

"The Great Thanksgiving"

The Lord's Prayer

The Giving of the Bread and Cup
"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" | The Faith We Sing #2120
"Great Is the Lord" | The Faith We Sing #2022
"Grace Alone" | The Faith We Sing #2162
"You Alone Are Holy" | The Faith We Sing #2077
Offering
Prayer of Dedication (10:30 am)
All that we are, and all that we have, come from you, O God. Amen.
(Hoyt L. Hickman, 20th C., Alt, adapted)

Morning Prayer

***Closing Hymn** | "How Firm a Foundation" | United Methodist Hymnal #529
Sending Forth
Benediction
Postlude

INTERESTED IN JOINING GRACE?

Wondering what it means to officially become part of the Grace community? Whether you're new to Grace or have been with us for a while, we'd love to welcome you into fellowship and membership. To get started, contact Maria in the church office to schedule a conversation with Pastor Kendrick.

** Please rise if you are able.*

Bold text indicates portions read in unison by the congregation.

We welcome you to sign in using the red binders in your pew.

Thank you for silencing cell phones and electronic devices during worship services.

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace! Whether this is your first Sunday or your church home, we are grateful you are here. May you find peace, hope, and connection in worship today.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Communion: Open to all. Communion is celebrated weekly at 8:00am and on the first Sunday of each month at 10:30 am.

Children in Worship: Children of all ages are welcome. Sunday School for K-5 follow the Children's Moment during the 10:30 am service. Questions? Contact Laura Freeburn at lfreeburn@graceumc.org

Accessibility at Grace: Large-print Orders of Worship, accessible seating, and hearing devices are available. Please speak with a Service Guide for assistance. A stair-free entrance and accessible parking are available through the courtyard entrance.

Prayer & Care: Our Congregational Care Ministers offer spiritual care, connection, and visits to congregants who are hurting, homebound, or hospitalized. For requests dial 301-926-8688, ext 160, or request prayer via the link on our website.

Stay Connected: Learn about ministries, events, and small groups through *Grace Notes*, our biweekly newsletter, and sign up for church communications at graceumc.org. Printed copies are available in the Narthex.

Next Sunday, October 11, 2026 | Rev. Dr. Kendrick Weaver,
Gospel Lesson | Matthew 22:1-14

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