

*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*June 19, 2022*





**Anthem** Jacob's Ladder (Martin) Women's Chorus

**Scripture** Philippians 1:1-2 (page 1022)

**Sermon** The Apostles' Creed: The Communion of Saints

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; **the communion of saints**; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\* Hymn of Response** In Christ There Is No East or West #428

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Call for Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** We Gather Together Krapf

**\* Doxology** #166

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Hymn of Dedication** For All the Saints (v1-4) #767

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Congregational Response** For All the Saints (v6) #767

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\* Postlude** Fugue in C Handel

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**\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.** The greeter(s) today is Jackie Chickerella. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Your hosts(s) will be Cindy & John Irvin.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BE A COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST(S) AND/OR A GREETER(S) FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:** Sign-up sheets are located by the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.



**DON'T FORGET Pilgrimage Information Meeting next Sunday at 11:30 AM** (after worship) Doug Marshall will be meeting after worship on June 26 with anyone who might be interested in hearing more about the Holy Land Pilgrimage that he will be leading to Israel next spring, April 17-28, 2023.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** At the age of 26, John Fawcett and his new bride, Mary, began their ministry at an impoverished Baptist church in Wainsgate, England. After seven years of devoted service in meager circumstances, they received a call to the large and influential Carter's Lane Baptist Church in London. After the wagons were loaded for the move, the Fawcetts met their tearful parishioners for a final farewell. "We just cannot break the ties of affection that bind us to you dear friends," Mary assured the little congregation. John decided to express his feelings in a poem about the value of Christian fellowship. The following Sunday, John Fawcett preached from Luke 12:15: "A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things he possesses." He closed his sermon by reading his new poem, "Brotherly Love," which we know and sing as "**Blest Be the Tie that Binds.**" Fawcett's reputation as an outstanding evangelical preacher, scholar, and writer continued to grow, but John and Mary Fawcett never left their ministry in the little village of Wainsgate. They served their congregation for a total of 54 years.

"**Jacob's Ladder**" grew out of the American slave culture of about two centuries ago. Songs with the "ladder" theme have been traced back as far as 1824. It pictures an upward struggle to reach a better place and a better life. No specific creator of either the words or the tune is known. Since songs were passed on orally, and not written down, it's not surprising that many variations developed.

The origin of the imagery in the song is found in the book of Genesis. There we are told how scheming Jacob cheated his brother Esau, not once but twice! When Esau spoke of murdering Jacob, the latter fled, planning to live for a time with his uncle Laban. All alone in the wilderness, he lay down to sleep with a stone for his pillow, and in the night God gave him a dream.

*"He dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: 'I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac...'" (Gen. 28:12-13)*

**This Week's Calendar  
June 19 - June 25**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
	<b>Father's Day</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mission Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Garden Club</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July/August CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Thursday, June 16 <a href="mailto:secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org">secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org</a></b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
	<b>Stamp &amp; Coin Club</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

**Looking Ahead  
June 26 - July 2**

<b>June 26</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Information Meeting on Pilgrimage</b>	<b>11:30am (after worship)</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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