

*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*July 24, 2022*



**Excel in giving!**



<b>Solo</b>	In the Garden	Emily Greiner
<b>Scripture</b>	2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (page 1008)	
<b>Sermon</b>	Why Do We Give?	
<b>* Hymn of Response</b>	We Give Thee But Thine Own	#816
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	The Apostles' Creed	
	I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;	
	And 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.	
<b>Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Call for Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	Pastorale on "Dundee"	Krapf
<b>* Doxology</b>		#815
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow.	
	Praise Him, all creatures here below.	
	Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.	
	Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
<b>* Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>* Hymn of Dedication</b>	Here I Am, Lord	#589
<b>* Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>* Congregational Response</b>	Here I Am, Lord (Refrain)	#589
	Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.	
	I will go, Lord, If you lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.	
<b>* Postlude</b>	Prelude in C	Bach

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

**Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.** Deb Roskey will be your greeter today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship Cana Hall after worship today. Margie Bistline and Cindy and John Irvin will be your hosts.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST(s) and/or GREETER(s) are needed for the month of August. Sign-up sheets are located by the bulletin board by the office.

**Guest Soloist: Emily Greiner**

We welcome Emily Greiner as our guest soloist. She was a Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program Liaison with WCSI and worked with K-12 children in schools. Emily's current job is a Counseling Interventionist for Grade Point Resources in the Burrell School District. Emily attends The River in New Kensington and has been singing for the church and in the community since she was 10 years old.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** "In the Garden" is a favorite, but often misunderstood, gospel song. It is more than just a sentimental song with pleasant phrases about gardens, birds, and roses. The reference to a garden becomes much clearer when we learn that C. Austin Miles was writing about the first Easter morning and the garden tomb in which Jesus was buried. As he meditated on the story of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, Miles felt as if he were standing there witnessing that dramatic meeting. Reverently he thought, "This is not an experience limited to a happening almost 2,000 years ago but it is the daily companionship with the Savior that makes up the Christian's daily walk." The words and music he wrote following that experience became one of the most loved Gospel hymns of all time. The song was first published in 1912 and popularized during the Billy Sunday evangelistic campaigns of the early twentieth century.

The hymn tune **Dundee** first appeared in the 1615 edition of the Scottish Psalter published in Edinburgh. *Dundee* was one of that hymnal's twelve "common tunes" - tunes not associated with a specific psalm.

*Dundee* now is most often associated with the hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," by William Cowper (pronounced "Cooper"). Cowper's life seems to have been one long accumulation of pain, especially mental pain. But he trusted by faith—not perfectly, but perseveringly—that in his providence, God was working wonders. The mental pain Cowper struggled with was primarily depression. He had four major battles with it through his life, leading him to attempt suicide on several occasions. He was never successful, however, and God would preserve his life until death by an edema at the age of 69.

Cowper apparently became a believer in 1764 while in residence at St. Albans Insane Asylum. He happened upon a Bible on a bench in the garden, and God used John 11 and Romans 3:25 to open his eyes to the goodness of Jesus and the sufficiency of his atoning work. Throughout the rest of his life he remained convinced of God's sovereignty and goodness, even if at times he had great difficulty believing he himself was a beneficiary of them.

Cowper's hymn writing came as a result of his friendship with John Newton. They became friends in 1767 when Cowper moved to Olney, England to be under Newton's ministry. Newton saw Cowper's inclination to melancholy and reclusiveness and drew him into the ministry of visitation as much as he could. They would take long walks together and talk of God and his purposes for the church.

In 1769, Newton got the idea of collaborating with Cowper on a book of hymns. He thought it would be good for Cowper's poetic mind to be engaged. For this hymnal Cowper wrote 68 hymns. His contributions included "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," "There is a Fountain" and "O for a Closer Walk with God."

The hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" is a combination of assertions about God's goodness, sovereignty and wisdom along with commands to take courage and trust in him. Cowper's use of the metaphors of storms, clouds, deep mines, and flowers illustrate this meaning in a timeless way. It is a beautiful expression of the faith that sustained Cowper through long periods of darkness and despair.

**This Week's Calendar  
July 24 - July 30**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

**Looking Ahead  
July 31 - August 6**

<b>July 31</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>August 4</b>	<b>Ladies Club</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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