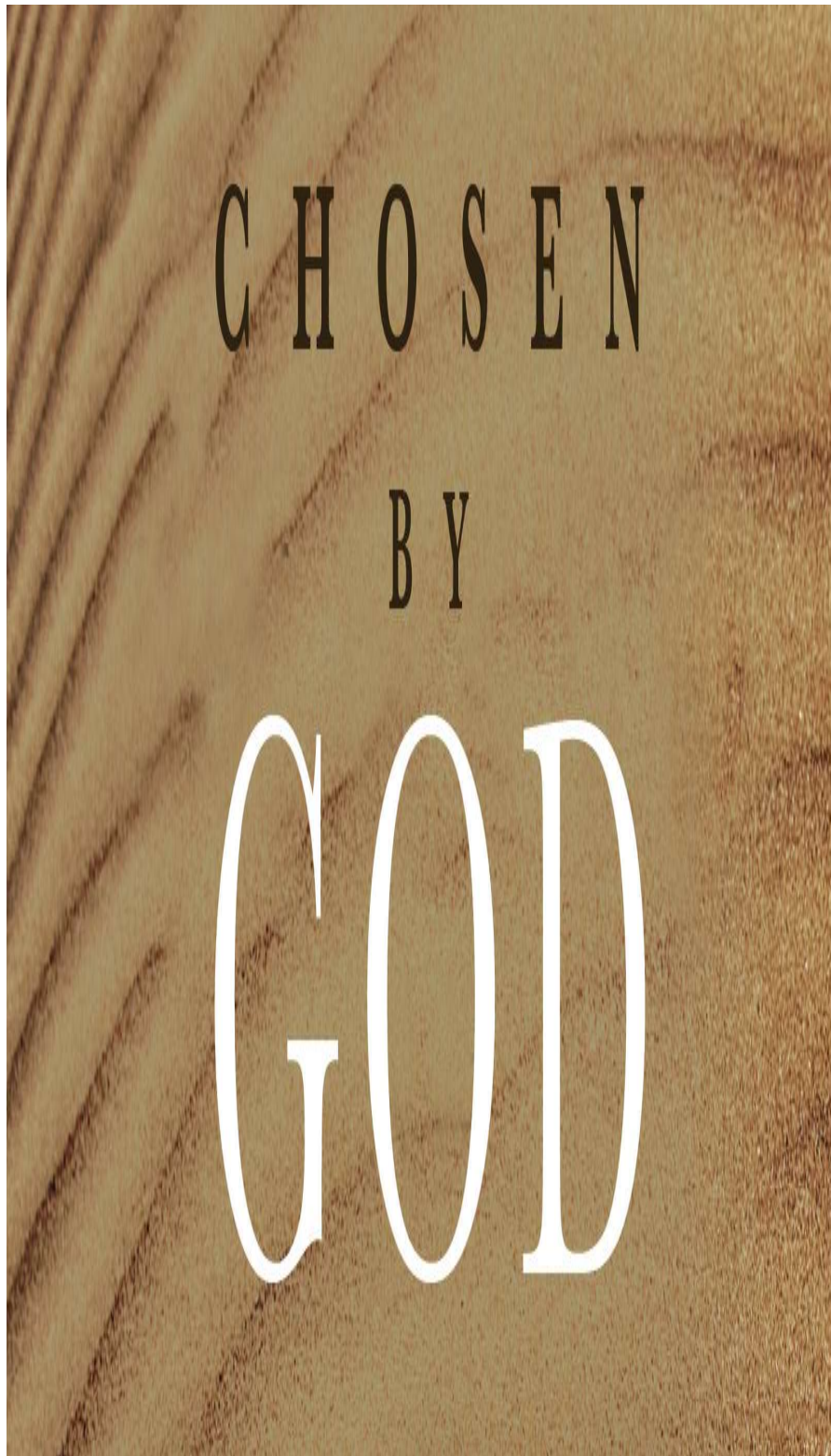


*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*August 14, 2022*



CHOSEN

BY

GOD

## Thought for Meditation:

The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God. *Henri Nouwen*

**Prelude** The King of Love My Shepherd Is Martin/Haan

**Welcome and Announcements** Terri Ludwig

## Call To Worship Psalm 24

L: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

**P: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

L: He will receive blessings from the Lord and vindication from God his savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

**P: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**P: Who is he this King of glory? The Lord Almighty-he is the King of glory.**

\* **Hymn of Praise** O Worship the King (v1-3, 5) #104

## Prayer of Confession

You know us, God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. We give thanks for Christ's intercession for us. We rejoice as the Spirit gives voice to all we cannot express. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

## Assurance of Forgiveness Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. This old life has gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

## \* Passing of the Peace

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.*

\* **Glory Be To The Father** #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

**Children's Time** Michael Cochenour

<b>First Scripture</b>	Mark 6: 6b-13 (Page 872)	
<b>Second Scripture</b>	Ephesians 1:3-14 (page 1017)	
	L: This is the word of the Lord.	
	<b>P: Thanks be to God!</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	“You’re It – Chosen of God”	
<b>* Hymn of Response</b>	Jesus Calls Us	#592
<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>	Larghetto	Peeters
<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>	We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations	#446
<b>* Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>* Congregational Response</b>		#446
	For the darkness shall turn to dawning ,	
	And the dawning to noonday bright,	
	And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth –	
	The Kingdom of love and light.	
<b>* Postlude</b>	Fugue in D	Bach

\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

**Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.** Chick & Jackie Chickerella will be your greeters today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Jodi Johnson & James Drane will be your hosts.



Interim Pastor Doug Marshall is on vacation from Thursday, August 4 – Wednesday, August 17. He will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, August 21

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox item of the month is SCHOOL SUPPLIES. Please keep an eye out for deals on notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, colored pencils, glue sticks, and other necessities (please no glue, as OCC does not accept liquids). All items are in need as we prepare for our packing party in November.

Also, we will be having a Silent Auction at October's Spaghetti Dinner. If you have new items to donate for silent auction baskets, or you have completed baskets, we are accepting them in the "OCC basket room" downstairs (look for signs on the door).

### **REMINDER - Special Congregational Meeting**

Next Sunday, August 21 @ 11:15 (after worship) the session has called a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee PNC. The following people have been nominated, by the Congregational Nominating Committee, to serve on the PNC: Cathy Brady, Doug Custer, Linda Johnson, Steve Lester, Kellie Newcomb, LaVonne Pelisari, Jack Trinclisti.

**Guest Preacher:** Linda Gossar-Loesch BS, ADC, PAPA Board Member has worked in activities for over 25 years and is retired. She has worked at all levels of care: skilled nursing, personal care, subacute hospital unit, psychiatric unit, and in community setting. She has a Community Ministries BS degree from Geneva College and is an Authorized Lay Pastor for Redstone Presbytery. She has become a Stephen Minister six years ago and is also a Stephen Leader. She loves to quilt, sew, read, crochet and camp.

**This Week's Calendar**  
**August 14 - 20 - August**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ladies Club</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>

**Looking Ahead**  
**August 21 - 27**

<b>August 21</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>11:00ish</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>CE Committee Meeting</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>September CrossCurrents will be mailed out</b> <b>If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an</b> <b>email to the office by Monday, August 22.</b>	
<b>August 25</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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Cathy Christoforetti  
Ben Edwards  
David Highfield  
Dan Howard  
Henry Kedzierski  
Val Lester  
John Napierski  
Sharon Rupert  
Stephanie Tutka  
Cathy Vitari (clerk)

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Judy Barbiaux  
Elsie Deem  
Margie Bistline  
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Cindy Irvin\*  
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