

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
August 28, 2022

Feeding of the 5,000



MATTHEW 14:13-21

* 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.	
Solo	Cry No More	Wendy Aurednik
Scripture	Matthew 14:13-21 (page 848)	
Sermon	Calling Home	
* Hymn of Response	More Love To Thee	#634
*Affirmation of Faith	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 Ghost, 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer		
Call for Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	Simple Gifts	Sewell
* Doxology		#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.	
* Prayer of Dedication		
* Hymn of Dedication	Be Thou My Vision (v1-3)	#562
* Charge and Benediction		
* Congregational Response	Be Thou My Vision (v4)	#562
	High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.	
* Postlude	Improvisation on "Cwm Rhondda"	Manz

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***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. Bob & Cathy Brady and Terri Ludwig will be your greeters today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Kitty Berkey will be your host.

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).

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST(S) AND GREETERS NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER: Don't forget to sign up to volunteer to be a coffee fellowship host and/or a greeter. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.



The Treasurer's Office needs counters to help count the Sunday offering after service. If interested, please contact Ray Zerjav, Church Treasurer or John Napierski, Finance Committee Chairperson @ 724-339-9661.



Do you have items gathering dust and don't want the hassle of disposing them or setting up a garage sale? Bring them to us and the youth group will happily sell the items.
Rummage Sale will be Saturday, September 24.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The hymn **“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”** (today’s prelude), traces its origin back to the 4th century Latin hymn *Te Deum Laudamus* (We praise you, O God). A German version appeared anonymously in the *Katholisches Gesangbuch* around 1774. An English translation by Clarence Walmouth was published in 1853. Hymn #2 in our hymnal contains the text.

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” is a hymn that is used far less than it should be. Though many hymn books only use the first three or four stanzas, the original had eight. Hymns of the early centuries of Christianity were always about God or Christ, not human experience. This hymn is no different. It begins by ascribing praise to the Almighty sovereign Lord. It continues with angelic choirs praising God “in unceasing chorus.” We are reminded that in our praise of God we are part of a long procession that includes prophets and apostles. It even involves white-robed martyrs, because we must not forget the “whole family [of God] in heaven and earth” Verse 4 (our verse 3) contains a strong Trinitarian statement, followed by two stanzas expressing a strong Christology. He is both “King of glory” and “Son of God, yet born of Mary,” the “first to break the bars of death.” The closing verse dramatically changes from “we” to “I” – “Lo, I put my trust in Thee; Never, Lord, abandon me.” - providing an earnest prayer for daily help from the Lord,

“Cry No More” is a contemplative hymn of reassurance by Johanna Anderson. “Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last” resonates with quiet strength throughout.

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home, Where the sighs are deep and doubtful And our aspirations groan, All is not in vain, Beloved, Our travail is not unknown.

Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last; Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near, Deep, abiding rays of mercy Cast their light on only fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, Our redeeming Lord is here.

*Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past.*

Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend, Gift of glory, Hope of heaven call us now to faith again! Alleluia! Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end!

*Christ within us, Christ among us Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past.*

**This Week's Calendar
August 28 - September 3**

Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Fellowship & Nurture Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Thursday	Ladies Club	6:30pm

**Looking Ahead
September 4 - 10**

September 4	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Communion	
September 5	Labor Day - Office Closed	
September 6	Bible Study	1:00pm
September 7	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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