

# Welcome to Grace United Church

October 8, 2017

## Thanksgiving Sunday

**Bold printed text** indicates congregational responses.

VU = Voices United Hymnbook MV = More Voices Hymnbook Today's

Today's Reader: Colleen Price

Today's Ushers: Keith & Wilma Dailey

### CENTRING

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**PRELUDE & INTROIT** "Many Gifts, One Spirit" *Lightfoot*

**SHARING COMMUNITY** *celebrations, sorrows, announcements*

**HYMN** "Let Us Build a House" MV #1

### CENTRING WORDS

We gather this morning to celebrate the Harvest Home!

**We are surrounded by the beauty and bounty of the earth.**

We gather with hearts filled with gratitude as our senses take in all that we've received:

**The warm embrace of our church family;**

**The sights of produce fresh from garden, orchard, and field;**

**The aroma of roast turkey and fresh-baked pumpkin pie;**

**The sound of wild geese overhead,**

**And the crunch of leaves beneath our feet;**

**The expectation of a feast that awaits.**

For the bountiful blessings, in praise and thanksgiving,

**Let us worship God!**

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### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

May the Light of Christ shine brightly in our lives

**In our lives and all around us. Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST & WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

**GIFT OF MUSIC** "Breathe" Youth Choir

### REFLECTING

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#### TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

**HYMN** "I Can Feel You Near Me God" MV #48

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

“Dr. Reinerio Arce Celebrates Decades of Solidarity”

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 65 VU #782  
Genesis 1: 1-5

For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us we say  
thanks be to God.

**SERMON** “An Act of Prayer, Praise and Commitment”

**HYMN** “For the Fruit of All Creation” VU #227

**SHARING**

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**SHARING OUR GIFTS**

**SUNG RESPONSE** “What Can I Do?” MV #191

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Great Creator, in response to the richness of this earth,  
we offer these gifts of our hands and our hearts.  
Bless them and guide their use. Amen.

**PRAYING TOGETHER** *We are invited to share your prayers in  
community aloud or to hold them in the stillness.*

**SCATTERING**

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**HYMN** “Go, Make a Difference” MV #209

**BLESSING & CHORAL BENEDICTION** “Grateful” MV #182

**POSTLUDE**

## GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

### **Monday, October 9**

Thanksgiving

*office closed*

Al-Anon, 8 – 10 pm

### **Tuesday, October 10**

TOPS, 10 – 11 am

Crafts Plus, 10 – 11 am

Light on Main Street Prep, 1 – 4 pm

Bridge Plus, 1:30 – 4 pm

Brownies, Sparks & Guides 6:30 – 8 pm

AA Meeting, 8 – 10 pm

### **Wednesday, October 11**

VON Smart Program, 9 – 10 am

Mental Health Drop-in Clinic, 11 am – 1 pm

Light on Main Street, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Cubs & Scouts, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Church Board Meeting, 7:15 – 9 pm

### **Thursday, October 12**

Hanover Shufflers, 1 – 3 pm

Knitting Circle, 1:30 - 3 pm

Poundwatchers, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Beavers, 6:30 – 8 pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 – 8:30 pm

### **Saturday, October 14**

Irma Eckenswiller Memorial Service, 4 – 5 pm

### **Sunday, October 15**

World Food Sunday

Youth Chat & Pray, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Animate Study, 9 – 10 am

Messy Church, 4:30 – 6:30 pm