



GRACE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

April 28, 2024

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

110 W. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001

www.GraceUMChurch.org

9:00AM WORSHIP

GREETING

SONGS OF PRAISE

I Saw the Light
The River Is Here
All the People said Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:18-25

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

Mighty to Save

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

SONG RESPONSE

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

WORDS OF BLESSING



10:30AM WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY AND PROCESSION

O God, Thou Faithful God

Johannes Brahms

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls us to pay attention:

P: the earth groans, the seas rage, the birds cry out.

L: Creation bears witness! Humanity has not cared for our home as God intended.

P: Creation, God hears your cries.

L: We gather, and God calls us to accountability.

All: Lord of all, open our hearts, that we may hear the sermon creation is preaching.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

UMH 315

*MORNING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, we hear the cry of your world and the brokenness of humanity. The needs are great, and the burdens seem heavy. Grant us hope for the work of healing. Help us to listen for how we can be a part of your change and restoration in creation. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

ANTHEM

Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light

Mark Schweizer

*SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:18-25

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Song of Earth

INSERT

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

John Dixon

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*CLOSING HYMN

For the Healing fo the Nations

UMH 428

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN RESPONSE

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

UMH 668

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sortie on *St. Kevin*

Lani Smith

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Braulio Torres

Only Grace Praise Band

Praise Team Director: Nan Woppert

Digital Greeter: Lois Wenzel

Music Director: Dennis Stewart

Sanctuary Choir

Liturgist: Ryan McGowan

Ushers: (9:00) Bill & Shirley Rouse

(10:30) Jerry Phillips, Tabita Torres

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GIVING





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STAYING CONNECTED

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ALTAR FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Christiana Robey on her 26th Birthday, given by her loving parents.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY - During our 9:00am worship service, we invite all children ages infant through 5th Grade to our Childcare Ministry. After our opening songs, caregivers will lead the kids to the Sanctuary Classroom. After worship, guardians can sign out their kid(s) from the classroom.

BLANKET DRIVE - Today we continue the annual Blanket Drive for Church World Service today. There are two inserts in the bulletin today showing how your contributions are used to help people in need around the world. Members of the United Women in Faith will be available by the Friendship Room following each service to receive donations. All donation forms must be in to the church office by Tuesday, May 7 to be listed on Mother's Day.

SPRING FLOWER PICK-UP - If you placed an order for Spring Flowers, please remember to pick up your order on Saturday, May 4. They will be available in Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. If you cannot come during that time, please contact Karen Fox-Talbot to make other arrangements to get your plants.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Today** - 6:00 p.m. - Youth of Grace (YOG) Meeting
- Tues. 4/23** - 6:30 p.m. - Men's Softball Game vs Janes Church - North Deen Park, Aberdeen
- 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship & Hospitality Team Meeting - Friendship Room
- Wed. 4/24** - 5:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Only Grace Band Rehearsal
- Sat. 5/4** - 8:00 a.m. - Flower Pick-up - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. - Grace Needle Guild - Office Extension
- 12:00 p.m. - Card-making Guild - Office Extension
- Sun. 5/5** - **The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**
- 9:00 a.m. - Worship with Livestream & Communion
- 9:00 a.m. - Childcare Available
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship with Livestream & Communion
- 6:00 p.m. - YOG Meeting

We are very glad you are here for worship today. We ask that you please sign-in on the pads at the end of each pew so we may record the presence of all who are here to worship God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION - SONG OF EARTH

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared. Alleluia!
When a word from God was heard. Alleluia!
Let the Earth arise and be. Alleluia!
Filled with living mystery. Alleluia!

2. Hail the rainbow flying high. Alleluia!
Spun by God across the sky. Alleluia!
Giving Earth a solemn word. Alleluia!
Never to unleash a flood. Alleluia!

3. Hail the planet blue and green. Alleluia!
Where the face of God is seen. Alleluia!
Glory filling all the Earth. Alleluia!
Celebrating every birth. Alleluia!

4. Hail our body made with clay. Alleluia!
Given breath to praise and pray. Alleluia!
Clay God honored by God's birth. Alleluia!
As a human life on Earth. Alleluia!

5. Hail the groans of Earth in pain. Alleluia!
From the weight of human sin. Alleluia!
Longing for the Christ who died. Alleluia!
All creation to revive. Alleluia!

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Music: Easter Hymn

2024 Church World Service Blanket Drive
Sponsored by the Grace United Women in Faith

Almost everyone is familiar with Batman, Superman and other popular superheroes. But not all superheroes wear capes... . “My grandma teaches me to love all people. She helps with the blanket program at our church,” shared a nine-year-old superhero in the making, Spiderman. After many years of hosting a Blanket Sunday, Spiderman’s church requested blankets to share with the hundreds of people in their community who are in need. “I like helping out at our church. It’s fun and important.” He said. “This year, I get to help her pass out the blankets to other people!” Some of those people are children, like Spiderman. “I just want to make sure the other kids have everything they need.” As they share love they are also restoring hope—just like a superhero. You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors around the world by making a donation of \$10 per blanket. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to see and feel God's love in their lives. You may make your contribution **in honor of** or **in memory of** a loved one or someone special in your life. Members of the United Women in Faith will be available today by the Friendship Room to take your blanket donations following each worship service. All blanket donations are due in the church office by **Tuesday, May 7**. We will list the contributors on Mother’s Day, May 12. Please make checks payable to **Grace United Methodist Church**.

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Total No. of Blankets _____ **X \$10.00 each = TOTAL \$** _____

(Please write additional donations on the back of this sheet)