

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN – June 14, 2026
3rd Sunday After Pentecost



The Sacred Slowdown: Summer invites us to slow down, breathe deeply, and notice God's presence in ordinary life. In a season shaped by vacations, neighborhood gatherings, longer evenings, walking, rest, and reconnection, this series explores how God continues to speak—not always through noise or urgency, but through presence, attentiveness, community, and grace.

Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Sandy Garcia. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**. *Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Garcia – Lay Leader: Stacey Monnier – Ushers: Nancy Current, Rachel Lilly, & Bill Werling – Tech: Kevin Mahoney & Bill Werling – Counters: Tyler Bowers & Pam Callahan – Pianist: Sue Creager – Choir Director: Tom Callahan.

Prelude — *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. by Raney

Welcome

*Call to Worship —

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre.

God still meets us in unexpected places.

Jesus went among the towns and villages, teaching, healing, and welcoming.

Christ still invites us to make room for love.

Open your hearts.

Open your homes.

Open your eyes to the stranger, the neighbor, and the friend.

For hospitality is holy, and God's welcome changes us all. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn — #749 “Come! Live in the Light”

*Call to Confession —

Friends, Scripture reminds us that Abraham and Sarah welcomed strangers and discovered they had entertained the very presence of God. Yet how often do we rush through our days with little room for interruption? How often do fear, busyness, exhaustion, or distraction keep us from noticing the people God places before us? The good news is that God's grace is always greater than our shortcomings. In Christ, we are welcomed exactly as we are and invited into new life. So let us slow down, open our hearts, and honestly confess our sin before God and one another. *Let us pray...*

*Prayer of Confession —

Gracious God, You welcome us with compassion, yet we confess that we often live with closed hearts and hurried spirits. We are busy and distracted. We overlook those who are lonely. We hesitate to share our time, our tables, and our attention. Forgive us when fear keeps us from hospitality, when convenience replaces compassion, and when we fail to recognize Christ in those around us. Slow us down.

Open our eyes. Teach us again that every person bears your image and every act of kindness can become holy ground. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Time for silent confession

***Assurance of Pardon —**

Hear the good news: God welcomed Abraham and Sarah in their uncertainty. Jesus welcomed the overlooked and the weary. The mercy of God is wider than our fear and deeper than our failures. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to extend that same grace to others.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Song of Assurance #583 “Glory to Gof”

***Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

God of surprising grace, As Abraham and Sarah welcomed strangers, and as Jesus sent disciples into the harvest, open our hearts to your Word. Slow our minds from distraction. Quiet our anxious thoughts. Help us hear your invitation to notice, receive, and offer holy hospitality. By your Spirit, transform our listening into faith and our faith into love. Amen.

Gospel Reading — Gen. 18: 1-15

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The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. 2 Abraham looked up

and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

3 He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. 4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

7 Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. 8 He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

9 “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

10 Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. 11 Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

15 Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”

But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hebrew Bible Reading: Matt. 9: 35-38

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35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Hospitality is Holy

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle’s 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 into 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.

***Hymn of Response — #757 “Today We All are Called to be Disciples”**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(Ask for prayers to be lifted up)

God of every table and every doorstep, we thank you for the gift of welcome.

We pray for those who feel alone, for those who long for belonging, and for those searching for a place to call home.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who travel this summer, for families gathering and reconnecting, for neighbors sharing conversations on porches and sidewalks, and for opportunities to extend kindness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, grieving, anxious, or overwhelmed.

Draw near to them through your comforting presence and through the compassion of your people.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for Grace Presbyterian Church. Make us a community marked not by busyness, but by attentiveness; not by fear, but by welcome; not by scarcity, but by generosity. Show us whom you are calling us to notice this week.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomed children, ate with sinners, healed the suffering, and taught us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Hospitality is not only about opening our homes; It is offering our whole lives to God. The gifts we bring today become meals shared, ministries sustained, neighbors welcomed, and hope extended. Let us give generously, trusting that God multiplies every act of love.

Offertory — *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* by Gaither

*Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray: Generous God, You have welcomed us into your family and entrusted us with gifts to share. Bless these offerings. Use them to feed the hungry, encourage the weary, welcome the stranger, and proclaim the good news of Christ. May all that we have and all that we are reflect your abundant love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

*Closing Hymn — #837 “What a Fellowship. What a Joy Divine”

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude — *Salvation unto Us Has Come* arr. by Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NHNA Garage Sale Thanks & Report: Thank you to all who took part in our sale, either by working, donating, or doing any of the heavy lifting. There will be a report of what we raised shared soon.

Pace of Grace Running & Walking Club: Sundays, 4:00 PM (new start time), here

at Grace. The club is open to the community. The run/walk starts at door #5.

Associated Churches 5K Run/Walk: Attention all walkers and runners! The Associated Churches are hosting their Annual Father's Day 5K on June 20th. Run time is set at 8:30 AM, with a Free Kids Fun Run starting at 8:15AM. Grace has been set up to get a discounted price (\$20 donation) to participate. You can sign up through their homepage or the link that was included in our weekly email. For more information, you can also corner Sandy.

Spanish Club on Vacation for the Summer:

Grace Office Hours June 22nd: The office hours on June 22nd will be adjusted so Justin can assist our friends at The Welcome Table.

Prayer Requests

- Healing for JoAnn as she recovers from her procedure.
- Prayers for Jenny, JoAnn's niece, with her cancer treatments.
- Prayers of peace and comfort for Butch, as he deals with his cancer.
- Prayers for our country and the world during these troubling times.

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

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Worship Volunteers for June 21, 2026

Lay Leader – Volunteer

Ushers – Nancy Current, Rachel Lilly, & Bill Werling

Technology – Kevin Mahoney & Bill Werling

Counters – Tyler Bowers & Pam Callahan

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis-cord
 store an earth where con-flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac-cord to God who



poor and home-less first, our ease and com-fort last.
 spreads a dead-ly cloud that threat-ens all of life.
 was cre-at-ed for a har-mo-ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis-ci-ples of the Lord.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing
 on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1807
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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 10.9.10.9 with refrain