



**Grace United Methodist Church  
Saturday, June 16, 2018 5:00 p.m.  
Creation Sings Forth: Fire**

*When Christ was in pain, we were in pain. All creatures of God's creation that can suffer pain suffered with him. The sky and the earth failed at the time of Christ's dying because he, too, was part of nature." –Julian of Norwich*

\*=Please stand as you are able

***Please sign and date the Welcome Book and pass it along to your neighbor.***

**WE GATHER**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING**

**THE LITURGY OF LIFE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**Thanks be to God!**

Let us take a moment to center our hearts on God.

**MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD**

**WE WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PASTORAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMN UMH 126 (Red Hymnal)**

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN W&S 3029 (Green Hymnal)**

*"In the Desert, On God's Mountain"*

**UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Creator God, You who spun the galaxies and breathed into us the breath of life, open us to an awareness of the life coursing through us that is connected to all creation so that we might become more tuned in to your life force, feeling more vitality in our lives, and more loving towards all. We praise you as the One in whom we have life and being. And all God's people say Amen.

## THE WORD OF LIFE

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-10

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:11-18

THE MESSAGE "Keep the Fire Burning" Pastor Gary Nims

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Prayer Jesus Taught Us

Our Father (Creator, Mother), 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 trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE W&S 3022 (Green Hymnal) "Peace of Our Praying"  
Tune: MORNING HAS BROKEN

Peace of our praying, song of our singing,  
truth of our telling, love of all loves,  
health of our healing, gift of our giving,  
life of our living, light of all lights.

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Offertory

\*DOXOLOGY TFWS 2008 (Black Hymnal) "Let All Things Now Living"

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

Prayer of Dedication

## WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

\*HYMN OF GOING INTO THE WORLD UMH 585 (Red Hymnal)  
"This Little Light of Mine"

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG RESPONSE W&S 3158 (Green Hymnal) "Go to the World" (vs. 1)  
Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders: Pastor Gary Nims; Jamie Poulsen, pianist.

✦(In hymns and prayers, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.)

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