

Next Sunday: August 4, 2024
 Liturgist: Mae Brandon 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory and honor of God, by Ron & Bonnie Clark, in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Gift Card Orders: Next Sunday is Gift Card Sunday. You will find an order form in your bulletin today to give you time to fill it out and turn in with payment by next Sunday. Remember, gift cards are not only for gifting, but also for your regular shopping. There is no carrying charge on gift cards purchased from us.

The Do-Able Committee wants to extend a big "Thank-You" to Abundant Grace for filling up the totes for the 20 children from ANEW. We have a few plates left, and we plan on delivering all the items on this **Wednesday, July 31st**. Your committee thanks you, ANEW thanks you, the children thank you, and we thank God for allowing us to help these children.

DATE CHANGE! Please note, the date for the All-Committee Meeting has been changed. The new date is this **Wednesday, July 31st at 10:00 am**. We will meet in the Gathering Room, and all ministry chairs, and committee chairs are asked to attend. We will also discuss plans for the community picnic, which is scheduled for **Saturday, August 31st at 12 noon**. If you are interested in helping to plan the picnic, we ask that you attend the All-Committee Meeting.

Special Prayer Requests: In upholding our commitment as members and friends to one another, we ask you to keep the following member families and friends in your prayers this week:

Linda Lulewicz	Sam & Lois Moore	Ella Mae Morgan
John Motyka & Tina Tong	Enid Norton	Vernon & Angela Olson
Paul & Debbie Page	Cindy Thomas	

<i>June 28, 2024-August 4, 2024</i>			
Today	Worship Service	9:30 am	Sunday Communion Sunday
Tuesday	Bible Study	10:00 am	Gift Cards
	Pastor/Chair/Vice-Chair Meeting	12:00 pm	Worship Service 9:30 am
Wednesday	Ministries & Committee Chairs	10:00 am	Blood Pressure
			Checks 10:30 am

Abundant Grace UCC

July 28, 2024
 9:30 am Worship Service
 18200 Dixie Hwy, Homewood IL, 60430



Pastor.....	Rev. Keitric L. Emory
Music Director.....	Ronisha Penner
Organist/Pianist.....	Leon Dubose Sr.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE
RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *"Near The Cross"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Judy McGee

+CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Friends, we're here because God already knows us.

A: God knows our coming in and our going out.

L: God's presence is in all places.

A: So, we gather, grateful God knows us, and still eagerly leads us to abundant and eternal life.

L: Here in our music, our praying, our thinking, and our sharing.

A: In this very place, God holds each of us and all of us by God's own hand.

A: Together, we come to worship the Lord our God! In Jesus name let the church say, AMEN.

+HYMN #94 *"Shout to the Lord"* Zschech

+PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in unison)

Merciful God, we hear the story of David and his abuse of his power---serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power---serving, healing, and nurturing others. Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus. We confess that the way of the world does reflect more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and speak. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

+PASSING OF PEACE

Greet one another with Christ's peace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 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!

WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERING

OFFERING SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Melodies From Heaven"*

+DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Eternal loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, and ask for your blessing, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. We offer this prayer in the holy and righteous name of Jesus Christ. AMEN, AMEN, AND AMEN!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (p.221)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Wants It All"

Ensemble: Voices Of Grace

SERMON

"See Sin, Desire Sin, Acquire Sin"

Rev. Keitric L. Emory

INVITATION

+CLOSING HYMN #566 *"Your Servant Comes This Hour"* Walter

+THE COMMISSION

Go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; help the afflicted; honor all. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

+CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #716 *"God Be with You"*

"God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, up-hold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again"

POSTLUDE

"He Lives"

+Those who are able, please stand.

There are Hearing Assistance devices on the back table of the Sanctuary if you have trouble hearing the service. Please return them before you leave for future uses.