




# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor  
300 North Guernsey Road  
West Grove, PA 19390



***You shall also love the stranger,  
for you were strangers  
in the land of Egypt.***

**Deuteronomy 10:19**

***Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Fifth Sunday Coin Collection  
Sunday, April 29, 2018***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

**Prelude**

*"Come Thou Almighty King"*

AGIS Flute Ensemble

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities**

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.*

*First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

**\*Processional Hymn**

*"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"*

UMH No. 75

**\*Call to Worship (Responsive)**

(Inspired by Psalm 22:25-31)

Dave Talley

One: Praise in the gathered body! Sing to the Lord! All shall be satiated and filled! Let our hearts be full!

**Many: Let every heart find and filled with God. Let us care for the needs of those around us.**

One: All the earth, everyone within, shall be feed, clothed, housed, and welcomed, within.

**Many: All shall proclaim: God and God's people have done it! They have welcomed and cared for me!**

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Dave Talley

**Equipping God, you provide us with what we need  
and resource us to be the source for others.**

**Remind us that we are the welcome, and the love,  
the grace, and the generosity for our brothers and our sisters.  
Call us to remember when others have been extravagant with us  
especially when we feel short with others.**

**May we, like your disciples, be ever seeking more of your way.  
In the pattern of Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Dave Talley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

**Moment for All Ages**

Pastor Monica

**Joyful Noise 5th Sunday Coin Collection**

Pastor Monica

Benefiting Sponsored Children

<b>Old Testament Lesson</b>	<i>Deuteronomy 10:17-19</i>	Dave Talley
<b>*Gospel Lesson</b>	<i>Mark 3:28-35</i>	Dave Talley
<b>*Response to the Lesson</b>		Dave Talley
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.		
<b>Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>		

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>"The Hand Of Our God"</i>	Chancel Choir
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Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"DO Welcome Strangers"</i>	Pastor Monica
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## SERVE

<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>"How Can We Name A Love"</i>	UMH No. 111
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<b>Offering</b>	<i>"The Conquering Hero"</i>	AGIS Flute Ensemble
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<b>*Offertory Response</b>	<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH No. 95
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**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.**

<b>*Offertory Prayer</b>	Pastor Monica
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**Welcoming and Including God, bring us together as we offer our gifts this morning. May each of the gifts offered this morning be extended in the spirit of generosity and hospitality. Bless and increase the works of our hands, we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

<b>Gathered Prayers</b>	Pastor Monica
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<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	Pastor Monica
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<b>*Hymn of Sending Forth</b>	<i>"Christ For The World We Sing"</i>	UMH No. 568
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<b>*Benediction</b>	Pastor Monica
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<b>*Choral Benediction</b>	<i>"Lead Me Lord"</i>	Chancel Choir
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**\*Postlude**

\* = Please stand as you are able    **Bold Print = Say in unison**

## Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:17-19

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

## Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:28-35

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*Please take a moment to thank the Flute Ensemble from the Avon Grove Intermediate School and their Instructor, Mr. Ron Evans, for their wonderful performance today. They have truly enhanced our worship experience.*

**Flute Ensemble Members**  
**Ronald S. Evans, Director**

Bridget Lange  
Abigail MacDonald  
Catie Weingarten  
Jaime Van Duser  
Grace Brown  
Marely Galarza  
Sarah Jones  
Angela Cornette



## JOYFUL NOISE 5TH SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION

Through our mission team, we sponsor two children, Danead in Cartgena, Columbia and Efra, Lewa, Indonesia. Danead lives with her family and attends school. She enjoys drawing. Efra is 10 years old, attending school and enjoys playing marbles. We give thanks to God that through the generosity of this congregation that we can support these children. Your giving makes a difference at West Grove.

# OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.*

Welcome, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit. We would like for you to hear!



**HANDBELL CONCERT:** Avondale Presbyterian Church hosts the 10th Annual Community Handbell Concert on Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 pm in the Great Hall (420 Pennsylvania Avenue, Avondale, PA). Local handbell choirs and fellow musicians will be sharing their gifts of music and song. A free will offering will be received and is being dedicated to Disaster Relief. Among those benefiting from your donation is the Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Houston who suffered significant hurricane damage. The concert is open to the public and parking is free. The church is fully accessible. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and there is limited seating.

**CMO ART AUCTION:** Thank you to everyone who came to the CMO Art Auction this past week. It was a big success! We had over 200 people in attendance and raised over \$700 for our new playground!

**PBJ CLUB is NEXT SUNDAY!** Please join the Youth and Pastor Kevin after the 11 a.m. service on May 6 as they make loads of PB&J sandwiches for the hungry.

**TWIN PINES:** On Sunday, May 6, we will join our friends at Twin Pines Nursing Home for a service at 2:00 p.m. filled with song and prayer. Pastor Shirley will be offering our message with Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us!

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:** We've all prayed for God to hear our prayers, whatever they might be. So we have created a jar for "Answered Prayers". It is located on the Information Desk in the lobby. Please leave a note and place it in the jar so people can see that God does answer prayers.

**R.A.P. (Retired Active People):** Our next gathering is Friday, May 11 at noon. Please join us for a covered dish luncheon to celebrate the end of this year's meetings and activities. Our program will be music presented by Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass. We look forward to great music and fellowship.

**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** Our pantry continues to need your donations! We have given away 102 bags of food so far this year. **An updated Shopping List** is out on the shopping cart in the lobby. We are especially in need of laundry detergent and cleaning products.

**FAITH CIRCLE:** Faith Circle meets to make quilts for area shelters and Family Promise. We will be emerging from our winter break and will meet for lunch on Friday May 18 (location TBD). Enjoy good company and learn about current and future projects. If you are interested in learning more please contact Chris Curtiss. (Sewing skills not essential.)

**THIS WEEK: APRIL 29 through MAY 5, 2018**

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter &amp; Fifth Sunday Coin Collection Sunday</b> <b>Avon Grove Intermediate Flute Students Perform at 11:00 Service</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Family Promise Hosting ends</b> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with <b>AGIS Flute Ensemble</b> 12:00 p.m. Counters (#1) <b>2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Girl Scout Mother Daughter Cook-Off (Sanc, #8, 10, 12, Kit.)</b> 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Planning Meeting (#1) 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. SPRC Meeting (#1)
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. KnitWits (#1) 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5) 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts #447 (#8, 10) 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts #41377 (#8, 10) 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Visitation Meeting (#3) 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (#1)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Ministerium 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-Up</b> 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Music Practice (#6) 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts #4567 (#8, 10) 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #461 (#11) 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6) 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#5, 8, 9,10,11,12,13) 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) <b>9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Rummage Sale</b> 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts #4070 (#8, 10)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Rummage Sale</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Communion Sunday &amp; Emergency Aid Sunday</b> <b>All Day District Conferences</b> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship <b>12:00 p.m. Youth Group PB&amp;J Club (Kit.)</b> 12:00 p.m. Counters (#1) 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Twin Pines Worship



# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

## ***Community Prayer Focus for April: The Trustees*** ***Mission Prayer Focus for April: Family Promise***

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Roger Bates  
Fran Bryan  
Family of Ann Cantrell (Mullen)  
Helen Carlin  
Dee Crawford  
Family of Colin Delaney  
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
Lena Douglas  
Ed Farrell (Babcock)  
Odella Farrell (Babcock)  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Family of Ruth Harvey (Kilmartin)  
Muff Hurst  
Peg Kent  
William Kirwin  
Rosemary MacCoun  
Townsend MacCoun  
Dave McClain



Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Pastor Monica  
Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Roann Schneider  
Family of Richard "Butch" Shaub  
Linda Shiplet  
Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Family of Gary Taylor (Dist. Super.)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)  
Ron and Marliss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)  
Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell,  
Chesapeake, VA  
(The Rambergers)  
Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ  
(Lynne Strawhecker)  
Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)  
Ed Tolmie

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

	<b><u>This Sunday, April 29</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday, May 6</u></b>
<b>Ushers—8:30</b>	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Greeters—8:30</b>	OPEN	John & Carol McGinley
<b>Ushers—11:00</b>	Tom & Charlotte Adams	OPEN
<b>Greeters—11:00</b>	Esther Culbertson	OPEN
<b>Acolyte 8:30/11</b>	Anna Castaldi/Clarissa Robinson	OPEN/OPEN
<b>Nursery 8:30/9:45/11</b>	K. Hendrickson/E. Mullen/J. Leaman	C. Bruno/K. Hruz /K. Rinehimer
<b>C. Worship—8:30/11</b>	Jessi Timm / Amy Simonds	Kristin Boyd / Joan Leaman
<b>Lay Reader—8:30</b>	Mission Possible	Fred Sullivan
<b>Liturgist—11:00</b>	Dave Talley	Susan Paisley
<b>Moment All Ages</b>	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica
<b>Prayer Room 8:30/11</b>	J. Kilmartin/J. Saller	OPEN/OPEN
<b>Roamers</b>	Fran Miller	Amy Castaldi
<b>Hospitality 8:30/11</b>	John Gambill/Don Hurst	OPEN/The Stuhrkes
<b>Counters</b>	Michaels/Ramberger	Anderson/Shaub
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

## PRAYER BEAD GARDEN PAVERS

The Prayer Bead Garden team is offering an opportunity to purchase a *Bead* (paver) in Honor or Memory of a loved one. The names of those Honored or Memorialized will be listed in a laminated book and displayed. A full Bead (paver) is \$100.00 or a quarter Bead for \$25.00. Checks may be made out to West Grove United Methodist Church with Prayer Bead Garden in the memo. An envelope is provided.

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Full Bead Paver—\$100.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Quarter Bead Paver—\$25.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Totals:</b>	_____	\$ _____

Please designate below how you wish to offer these Pavers, so it can be recognized in the Dedication Book. Please contact Pastor Monica, Susan Paisley, or the Prayer Bead Garden Team with questions or concerns .

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Pancake  
Breakfast



### Pancake Breakfast at West Grove UMC Saturday, June 9th 7 a.m.-10.a.m.

Tickets for the All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast are now on sale! **Tickets are \$6 each.** Children under the age of 3 are invited to eat for free! See Kim Smith or Linda Shiplet to get your tickets. Pick up packs of tickets to sell to your friends and family! Contact the church at 610-869-9334 if you have any questions or need more information.

### Report April 22, 2018

#### **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

*It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts  
that impact and change lives for Christ!*

General Offering: \$4,285.13  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$820.00  
Combined Attendance: 138  
Emergency Groceries YTD: 102 bags  
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$100.00  
Total amount received: \$11,652.91  
Goal-\$13,000  
UMCOR Sunday to-date: \$1,201.00



**BIKE SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2017 8 A.M.**  
**300 N. Guernsey Rd.**  
**West Grove, PA 19390**

Please join us for the second annual Bike Southern Chester County to benefit **Family Promise**. The ride starts at West Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 7:30 AM and rides start at 8 AM.

**NEW for 2018 – A 8 mile ride for the whole family to enjoy!**

**Register** online at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-southern-chester-county-tickets-32002680880](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-southern-chester-county-tickets-32002680880) ; or mail a check made out to West Grove United Methodist Church, 300 N. Guernsey Rd, West Grove, PA 19390.

**Cost:** \$40 until April 30<sup>th</sup>; \$50 the day of event. 8, 35 or 50 Mile routes available through beautiful Southern Chester County – see lovely farmland, scenic woods with rushing creeks and rolling hills. (Rain or shine, no refunds.)

**RIDE INCLUDES:** Two rest stops with food and drink (35 and 50 mile only), Lunch for all riders, SAG support vehicles, well-marked routes as well as cue sheets. Helmets required!

**For more information and route maps:**  
**<http://westgroveumc.org/bike-southern-chester-county/>**



**We will need baked goods, bottles of water and sodas donated for the event. If you are able to help with this, please have them delivered to the church by Friday, May 11. Thank you!**



## **Annual Spring Rummage Sale**

**Set-Up on Thursday, May 3, 9 a.m.**

**Sale, Friday, May 4: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Sale, Saturday, May 5: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for \$2.00

### **How can you help?**

This is a biannual event pioneered by the United Methodist Women. It offers gently used clothing and household items to the community at record low prices. Many families in our community attend this event and the bargains are very helpful to them in these hard economic times. In order for the event to be held, many hands are needed for the physical labor of setting up the sanctuary and putting the items out on tables on the Thursday before the Friday sale. Then the reverse must happen on Saturday to get the sanctuary set up for Sunday worship. It is also helpful to have a half dozen people available during the busiest sale hours to help with check out on Friday and Saturday morning. Please consider lending an hour or two. The United Methodist Women use the proceeds of this event for various missions or additions to our church.

**Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the lobby.**

**We will be setting up on Thursday, May 3 at 9 a.m.**

Also needed, of course, are donations of gently used clothing and household items. These can be brought to the church during office hours the week before the sale.

**Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning Sunday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 2. The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

**So, start cleaning and sorting and we will see you at the sale!**

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, April 29 ~ Saturday, May 5



**Sunday:** *“For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe” Deuteronomy 10: 17.* Consider the character of our God who is God of us all.

**Monday:** *“Who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing.” Deuteronomy 10: 18.* Pray for those who are waiting for justice.

**Tuesday:** *“You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” Deuteronomy 10:19.* God’s people have been exiled from the land and been in positions of power. We are called to extend welcome. How will you use your power to extend welcome?

**Wednesday:** *“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’” Mark 3: 28- 30.* Pray for all those in need of forgiveness in blame where we have not welcomed one another.

**Thursday:** *“Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.” Mark 3: 31.* Families can be complex. Pause today to be in prayer for the families of your friends.

**Friday:** *“A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’” Mark 3: 32-33.* Consider how God is stretching your understanding of the family of God.

**Saturday:** *“And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’” Mark 3: 34- 35.* Where is God calling you to do God’s way in welcoming those you might have called strangers?

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** *"Today Is The Day"* PraiseWorks Band

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**\*Celebration Set** *"Sisters And Brothers"* PraiseWorks Band  
*"We All Bow Down"*

**\*Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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## SERVE

**Offering** *"For Everyone Born"* PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Gathered Prayers** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** *"Big House"* PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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