



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 17, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

“Praise for the Morning”

Memory Bells
Arranged by Michael E. Akers

*Call to Worship (Based on “Never,” by Tasha Layton)

Pastor Tim

Leader: When this broken world is breaking me down, when my tears and knees
both fall to the ground,

**People: When my questions make me doubt You more than ever, You
Remind me that Your answer is always never: Never forgotten! Never
forsaken! Never abandoned! Not for a second!**

Leader: I am safe in Your hands, always and forever! You're never not working!

**People: Let my heart be the proof that there is not a broken, too broken for
You!**

Leader: Will there ever come a day when You are not holding me together?

People: Never, there's never been a promise you didn't keep.

Leader: You don't waste the wounds, you use them for the better!

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*Opening Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

UMH No. 731

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

God of mercy and justice,
Your promises are not empty fluff, nor a fad,
and so we turn to You to set us free and bring justice into our world.
Thank you for being God who knows and loves us,
who is with us and can lead us throughout life.
May we understand that we cannot live life by ourselves,
but instead always rely upon Your grace and mercy.
Transform our thoughts; help us to focus upon You.
Help us to continue to grow and share
in the ways we perceive life to be sacred and precious.
May we not look upon others as strangers who are strange to us,
but as Your beloved children.
Lift our attention to the full horizon of possibilities,
so that we might perceive what threatens to confine and enslave us,
and instead choose what empowers us to live more closely with You
and all that You desire.
Order our steps in Your Word, Lord.
And may we be led to live courageously amazed in the joy of Your heart.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

Scripture Reading	<i>Exodus 14:19-31, 15:1b-6, 20-21 (NRSV)</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"God Will Lead Us Forward"	Pastor Tim
Anthem	"Restoration"	Chancel Choir
		Music by Pavel Chesnokov
		Words and music arranged by Heather Sorenson

Scripture	<i>Psalms 114</i>	Carol McGinley
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God's Wonders at the Exodus

¹ When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, ² Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion. ³ The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. ⁵ Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? ⁶ O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, ⁸ who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Affirmation of Faith: "Romans 8:35, 37-39" Carol McGinley

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Joys and Concerns Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer: Pastor Jim

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Jim

Offertory "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Memory Bells
Comp. Wm. M. Runyan; Arr. Mitchell Eithun

Dedication of the Offering Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymn** "Stand by Me" UMH No. 512

***Benediction** Pastor Tim

*Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.
Please stand as you are able **Bold Print = Say in unison***

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Postlude

Passing the Peace

(Join us for Fellowship in the Lobby.) Please stand as you are able **Bold Print=Say in unison**

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31, 15:1b-6, 20-21

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He clogged [a] their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

The Pursuers Drowned

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus he Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

15:1b-6, 20-21

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. ² The Lord is my strength and my might, [a] and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³ The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea. [b] ⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power— your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

²⁰ Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

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

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Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. 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.

TODAY!!! THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 5-7 P.M. Pastor Tim and Julie are looking forward to hosting the THIRD Ice Cream Social this year. Everyone is invited! Of course, there will be lots of syrup and toppings to help enhance the experience. Last year we offered at least 22 flavors, including dairy and gluten-free, and we look forward to sharing most of them again this year too. Feel free to bring toppings to share! Please remember, it is not just about the ice cream, it is all about the fellowship with many great people. Come, bring friends and neighbors and please join us as you are able, and share your heart with others.

CMO AND PRESCHOOL: Hello! If you or anyone you know is currently looking for a preschool class for this coming year, please check us out! We have six open spots between our two PreK classes (must be 4 by September 1, 2023) as well as 3 spots open in our Three year old room (age 3 by September 1, 2023)! We are also actively looking for a PreK assistant! All the best-Abbie Gruscavage, Director

FALL RUMAGE SALE, Friday, October 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.-Noon. Bring your donations from Sunday, October 1st through Thursday, October 5th. Saturday special: Fill a Bag for only \$5.00!! Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. Our United Methodist Women, who sponsor this sale, fund ministries and missions within the church and throughout community with the proceeds from the Rummage Sale. Thank you!

UMW MEETING AND TEA: All women are invited to join us on **Sunday afternoon, September 24, 2023, at 3:00 pm** for light refreshments. We will meet in the Sanctuary to connect with one another as Women in Christ. It will be a short meeting for you to find out the purpose and mission of the United Methodist Women and how we may grow and work together in fellowship and Christ's love. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cindy Haley or Fran Miller, co-leaders.

"CHRISTIANS WITH KIDS" Want to feel more confident about answering your child's questions about faith and scripture? Feeling pressed to make time for your own spiritual wellbeing and growth? Join us each week (for the next six weeks), as we have an adult discussion about the parable your children are studying that week in Sunday School. Contact Julie Anderman, facilitator, with questions or ideas: jwandering111@gmail.com or 484.720.8626. No Bible knowledge necessary. Come when you can. We'll be looking for you!
You're Invited!

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Family of Murphy
Berkheimer (Kapp-
Benner)

Jim (J. Bischoff)

Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

Joann Coates

Esther Culbertson

Katie Deeter (P. Bryan)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Richard Heacock

Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)

Karen Hruz

Lynn Jackson

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Tom Kuch (Kuchs)

Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)

Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)



Lenny Marten (K.
Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

Peter Mullen

Tim Mullen

Don Nixon (Mullen)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Family of Peg Spahn (RAP)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Harrison Winters (Saller)

Kay Yates



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

Chris Weidman—Idaho
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from September 10, 2023

General Offering: \$4,690.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$50

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 13 11:00: 38 Live Stream: 16

Food Pantry: 117 families on 9/13 & 9/14

Food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30	Steve May (Trainee needed)
Live-Stream & Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Soundbooth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. Timothy C. Anderman Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Peggy Watkins
Moment For All Ages:	Melanie Jones

Today: 09/17/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 09/24/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Maryanne Covington	TBD
Counters:	Len Kuch and Ruth Kuch	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Read 11:00	Carol McGinley	Carol Stuhrke
Ushers: 8:30	Alison Aucott and Gene Aucott	Amy and Mark Simonds
Ushers: 11:00	Tom Adams and Charlotte Adams	Linda and Virgil Brown
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neill	Fred Sullivan
Greeter: 11:00	Nancy Renk Wise and Scott Renk	Fran Miller

Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant? We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact Donna Fackler in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.