



**GRACE CHURCH**  
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

**September 17, 2023**

**WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

110 W. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001

[www.GraceUMChurch.org](http://www.GraceUMChurch.org)

# 9:00AM WORSHIP

## GREETING

## OPENING SONGS

Open Up the Heavens  
Awesome God (Your Voice)  
Good in Every Way

## MISSION MOMENT

## RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERING SONG

Give Thanks

## SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

## MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

## PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SONG RESPONSE

I Give You My Heart

## MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION SONG

My Peace

# 10:30AM WORSHIP

## OPENING VOLUNTARY AND PROCESSION

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (2 settings) J. G. Walther

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISSION MOMENT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Good friends, rejoice. God is with you.

**P: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.**

L: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

**P: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.**

L: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

**All: Praise be to God for such wondrous love. Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103

### \*MORNING PRAYER

**God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

## ANTHEM

Christ Is the World's True Light

W. K. Stanton

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH 463

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Braulio

**PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

A Future with Hope

Mark Burrows

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

UMH 160

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN RESPONSE**

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

UMH 668

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Whoever Lets Only God Reign

J. S. Bach

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Braulio Torres

Only Grace Praise Band

Praise Team Director: Nan Woppert

Music Director: Dennis Stewart

Sanctuary Choir

Liturgist: Elizabeth Wilcoxon

Ushers: (9:00) Megan Naia, Jackie Dennis

(10:30) Jerry Phillips, Janet Bristow

**ONLINE  
GIVING**





# STAYING CONNECTED

September 17, 2023

**Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Braulio Torres

**Church Administrator**

Dennis Stewart

**Communications Director**

Anne Payne

**Music Director**

Dennis Stewart

**Praise Team Director**

Nancy Woppert

**Church Treasurer**

Bruce Appell

**Custodian**

Daniel Lopez

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ron Stahl's Birthday by Mike Stahl and family.

**FOOD PANTRY** - The Grace Food Pantry continues to serve many people from the community each week. We are now in need of the following items: **Pancake Mix, Dry Cereal, Canned Fruit.** We thank all who donate food and/or funds to support this outreach ministry.

**CHILDCARE MINISTRY** - During our 9:00am worship service, we invite all children ages infant through 5th Grade to our Childcare Ministry. Need help finding the classroom? Ask an usher!

**YOG KICKOFF** - We are kicking off the new season of the Youth of Grace (YOG) today at 6 pm in the Grace Youth Room (2nd Floor). All Youth in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join an informal gathering to discuss faith and life. Pizza will be provided.

**PRIDE FESTIVAL** - Grace Church will be at the Upper Chesapeake Bay Pride Festival happening at the Concord Point Lighthouse Park in Havre de Grace on Saturday, October 7th from 2-6pm! We will be giving away water bottles and ice pops as we spread God's love to all people! If you'd like to volunteer at our table, please reach out to Rick Woppert, chair of our RM Core Team. Otherwise, mark the date on your calendar and stop by and say hi!

**HYGIENE KITS** - Our United Women in Faith group is hosting a drive to collect items which will be assembled into hygiene kits. These kits will be distributed by Church World Service to people in crisis around the world. You can help by shopping from the Amazon wish list of items at <https://rb.gy/a5axr> or by contributing money marked for Hygiene Kits to cover shipping costs and additional items. All donations or online shopping should be done by Friday, September 29th.



**SHARING TABLE** - It's our turn to feed the hungry at the Sharing Table in Edgewood, MD on Saturday, September 30th! We will need to bring 35 casseroles in order to serve the 350 people who will attend! If you can help by making a casserole (or two!) or by serving at lunchtime on the 30th, please reach out to Joy Payne, chair of our Ministries & Missions Team, at [churchmissions@graceumchurch.org](mailto:churchmissions@graceumchurch.org).

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Today** - 6:00 p.m. - YOG Fall Kickoff Meeting - Youth Room
- Mon. 9/18** - 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 9/20** - 5:00 p.m. - Food Pantry
- 6:30 p.m. - Worship Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Only Grace Band Rehearsal
- Thurs. 9/21** - 6:30 p.m. - Carillons Bell Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 9/23** - *First Day of Autumn*
- Sun. 9/24** - 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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Online

**We are very glad you are here for worship today. We ask that you please sign-in on the pads at the end of each pew so we may record the presence of all who are here to worship God.**