

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026 10:00 am

**O give thanks
to the Lord;
call on his
name; make
known his
deeds among
the peoples.**

Psalm 105:1



*By the grace of God, we seek to love God
and to serve humanity as Christ did.*

The People of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

Welcome to GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Jerry Cho

Prayer Request Cards are available in each pew. An usher will collect the cards during the service. Pastor will include your prayer request during the Sharing of Concerns and Joys.

Yellow Welcome Cards are available in each pew for our guests to fill out.

Hymns and Songs are in the red United Methodist Hymnal (**UMH**) and the black song book The Faith We Sing (**TFWS**) located in the pew racks. **Indicates those who are able may stand.*

Entrance and Praise

PRELUDE

Mason Thill

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ardelle Dionne

To our guests, we extend our warm greetings.
To the friends we know, let us renew our welcome.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (L-Leader, A-All)

Ardelle Dionne

L: Come, people of God, for God's grace is generous and abundant.

A: We come to receive a love that cannot be measured.

L: God welcomes the first and the last, the strong and the weary.

A: God's compassion reaches beyond what we think is fair.

L: Let us open our hearts to a grace greater than our calculations.

A: Let us worship the God of generosity, mercy, and love.

***HYMN**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

#128 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Ardelle Dionne

We often measure life by what seems fair—who has earned more, who deserves less, and whether we have received our proper share. Yet Jesus invites us into a different way of seeing: a world shaped not merely by fairness, but by generosity and compassion. Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us confess where our hearts have become narrow and ask God to enlarge them.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious God, we confess that we often compare ourselves with others. We measure what we have given and what we believe we deserve. We become resentful when others receive generosity that we think they have not earned. Forgive us when our desire for fairness makes us less compassionate. Free us from envy and resentment, and teach us to rejoice in the good given to others. Give us generous hearts that reflect your abundant grace, so that we may treat others not merely as they deserve, but with mercy, kindness, and love. Amen.

Now let us take a moment of quiet reflection to bring our sins individually before our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (L-Leader, P-People)

L: Hear the good news: God does not measure us by our achievements or compare us with one another. God meets us with abundant mercy and welcomes us with generous grace.

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to live with that same generosity toward one another.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Forgiven and restored to right union with God let us offer each other the sign of His peace. This is a symbol of our commitment to love our neighbor.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

Ardelle Dionne

Page 60, Old Testament in pew Bible

SECOND READING

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Ardelle Dionne

Page 525, Old Testament in pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor Jerry Cho

Page 20, New Testament in pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Compassion Goes Beyond Fairness Pastor Jerry Cho

***HYMN** Spirit of the Living God #393 UMH

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Collectively we bring our petitions to the Lord with the prayer He has given us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AFTER LORD'S PRAYER Amen #898 UMH

Sending Forth

***HYMN** O Jesus, I Have Promised #396 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Mason Thill

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## **Current Needs**

Canned meats, canned beans, canned fruits and vegetables, large soups, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, and condiments.

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 9/13:

Family Promise	\$200.00
Family Promise Gas Cards	\$50.00
Handicap Door	\$50.00
Facility Use	\$170.00
Kay Hamann Mem for Door	\$1,185.00
Coffee Hour	\$2.00
Craft Booth	\$157.00

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**Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!**

| <b>Liturgist</b>                             | <b>Cupbearers</b>     | <b>Coffee Host</b>    |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 9/20 Ardelle Dionne                          | n/a                   | Ardelle Dionne        |
| 9/27 Mark Grams                              | n/a                   | Mark & Sandy Grams    |
| 10/4 Sandy Grams                             | <b><i>Needed*</i></b> | <b><i>Needed*</i></b> |
| <b><i>*See sign-up on bulletin board</i></b> |                       |                       |
| <b>Usher</b>                                 | <b>A/V</b>            |                       |
| 9/20 Larry Maechtle                          | Scott Penkivech       |                       |
| 9/27 Larry Maechtle                          | Scott Penkivech       |                       |
| 10/4 Larry Maechtle                          | Scott Penkivech       |                       |

**Calendar Reminders This Week:**

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Time</b>                    | <b>Event</b>           | <b>Location</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Mon – Fri       | 10:30am-12:30pm                | ADRC Meal Distribution | Kitchen         |
| Wed 9/23        | 8 pm                           | AA Mtg                 | FAC             |
| Thu 9/24        | 5:30 pm                        | Private Group          | FAC             |
| <b>Thu 9/24</b> | <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> |                        |                 |



# Pastor Meetings

We are looking for individuals to host casual get-togethers in their homes over the coming months. These small gatherings are a wonderful chance to share a snack, say hello, and get to know Pastor Jerry and Cindy on a personal level.

If you are able to host, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Sandy Grams at [sgrams@wi.rr.com](mailto:sgrams@wi.rr.com) or call/text 262-490-4856 with the date and time you would like to host. We would love to get these started soon, so hope to hear from you shortly.

Blessings, Sandy

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🌸 Watering Volunteers Needed! 🌸

We need of a few more volunteers to sign up for the next four weeks to water the outdoor plants along the front and side of the church.

If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Together, we can keep our church looking as warm and welcoming on the outside as it is on the inside!



Current Needs

Clear liquid hand soap refill, women's 3 blade disposable razors, disposable exam gloves – size large, box fan, dryer sheets, laundry detergent pods, toilet bowl cleaner, foaming bath cleaner, and earplugs.

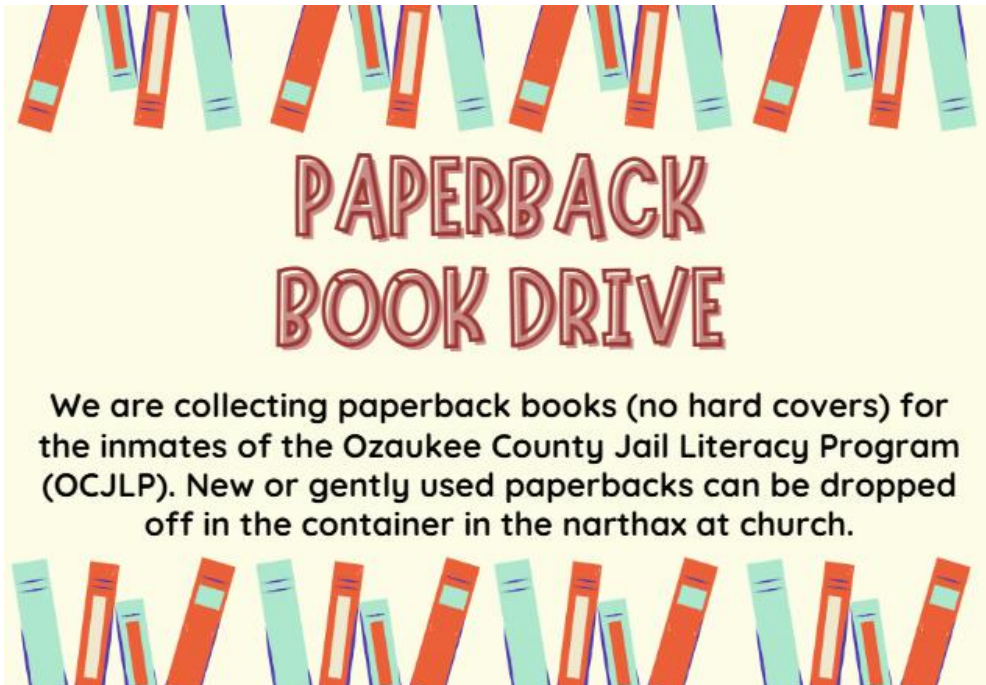


Giving Tree



It's not too early to start thinking of our winter season ahead. Please start bringing hats, mittens, scarfs and gloves to church to help our neighbors in need. Place them on the Christmas tree in the narthex. In early November, we will divide them between Family Promise and the Ozaukee Foster Care program.

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## **GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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