

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 2026 10:00 am



*“Come, let us worship
the One who welcomes,
the One who remembers,
the One who feeds the
whole world with hope.”*

*~From the World Communion Sunday Call to Worship
by Rev. Nathan Arledge*

 **SPECIAL SUNDAY**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



*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. Please let the usher know if you are unable to walk up for communion and we can bring it to you.*

Entrance and Praise

PRELUDE

Mason Thill

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Grams

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)

Sandy Grams

L: The earth belongs to God, and all people are invited into God's vineyard.

A: We come from many places, cultures, and traditions, yet we are one in God's love.

L: Christ is the cornerstone upon whom we build our lives and our community.

A: We come to bear the fruits of justice, compassion, and peace.

L: Around the world, followers of Christ gather at one table today.

A: With our sisters and brothers everywhere, we worship the God who makes us one.

L: Come, let us worship God and celebrate the gift of our shared humanity and faith.

A: Let us worship together in gratitude and hope.

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

#546 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Sandy Grams

God has entrusted us with a vineyard—a world filled with people to love, neighbors to serve, and gifts to share. Yet too often we forget that what has been entrusted to us is not ours alone. We build walls where God calls us to build bridges, and we divide where Christ calls us to communion. On this World Communion Sunday, let us come honestly before God, trusting in the mercy that restores us and makes us one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious God, you have entrusted us with your beautiful vineyard, yet we have not always cared for it faithfully. We confess that we have sometimes placed our own interests above the needs of others. We have allowed differences of race, nationality, culture, class, and belief to divide us. We have failed to recognize your image in those who are different from us. Forgive us, O God. Teach us to become faithful stewards of your love. Help us to bear the fruits of compassion, justice, generosity, and peace. As we gather around one table with people throughout the world, remind us that we belong to one human family and that your love knows no boundaries. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (L-Leader, **A-All**)

L: Hear the good news: the stone that was rejected has become the cornerstone. God does not abandon the vineyard or give up on God's people. In Christ, we are offered grace, renewal, and a new beginning. On this World Communion Sunday, receive this grace and share it freely.

A: We are forgiven, we are reconciled, and we are called again to bear the fruits of God's love. 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 MESSAGE

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20	Sandy Grams Page 63, Old Testament in pew Bible
SECOND READING	Psalm 19	Sandy Grams Page 472, New Testament in pew Bible
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 21:33-46	Pastor Jerry Cho Page 22, New Testament in pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON	One Earth, One Family	Pastor Jerry Cho
*HYMN	One Bread, One Body	#620 UMH

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Holy Communion

RECEIVING COMMUNION MESSAGE	Pastor Jerry Cho
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE	Page 12 UMH
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	Page 13 UMH

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
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COMMUNION HYMN Come, Share the Lord #2269 TFWS
Remain seated while singing BEFORE coming up for communion.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP (dipping bread into the cup)

DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95 UMH

Sending Forth

***HYMN** We've a Story to Tell to the Nations #569 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Mason Thill

Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

Liturgist		Cupbearers	Coffee Host
10/4	Sandy Grams	Mary Downing	SPRC Committee
10/11	Cathy Guse	n/a	Mary Downing & Pat Craig
10/18	Mary Downing	n/a	Cindy Cho
<i>*See sign-up on bulletin board</i>			
Usher		A/V	
10/4	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech	
10/11	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech	
10/18	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech	

Calendar Reminders This Week:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Wed 10/7	9:30 am	Community Prayer Group	Christ the King
	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 10/8	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC
	7 pm	Admin Council	Zoom



Current Needs

Canned meats, canned beans, condiments, large soups, peanut butter, jelly, assorted pasta, and salad dressing.



Current Needs

Clear liquid hand soap refill, hand soap pumps, 13-gallon garbage bags, women's 3 blade disposable razors, disposable exam gloves – size large, dryer sheets, laundry detergent pods, toilet bowl cleaner, foaming bath cleaner, and earplugs.



Giving Tree

Please bring 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.

Today is World Communion Sunday

Today we join Christians of different traditions to recognize our ecumenical oneness in Christ. Congregations throughout our denomination join together for a special offering to support young scholars and seminarians. You can make a special offering today or next Sunday by indicating **“World Communion Sunday”** in the memo line.



Your support funds several significant educational initiatives

- 50%** of your donation funds scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students of color pursuing ministry
- 35%** of your donation funds training grants for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity and access
- 15%** of your donation funds leadership development grants in partner churches

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

 Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

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**SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 9/27:**

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| Back door replacement | \$350.00 |
| Family Promise        | \$100.00 |
| Coffee hour donation  | \$2.00   |

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