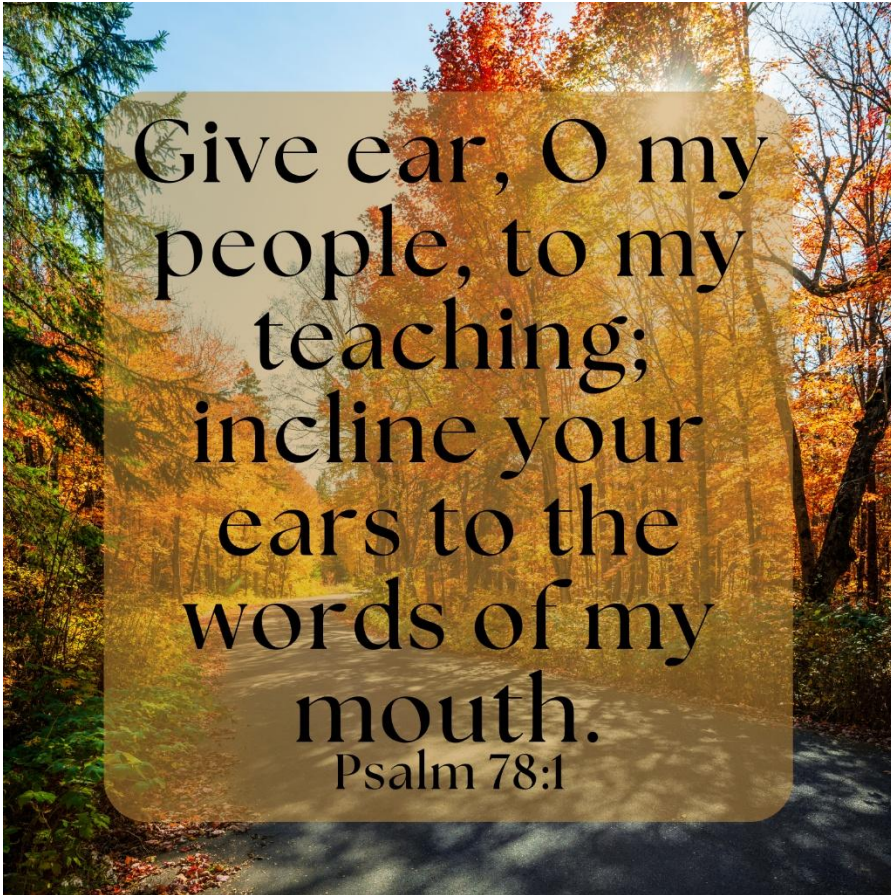


18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026 10:00 am



*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

Mark 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)

Mark Grams

L: We come before God not only with our words, but with our lives.

A: God calls us to a faith that is lived out in action.

L: Jesus said, "Not everyone who says, 'Lord, Lord,' but those who do the will of God."

A: Teach us to hear your call and faithfully respond.

L: God desires mercy, justice, and obedience more than empty offerings.

A: May our actions reflect the faith we profess.

L: Come, let us worship God with open hearts and willing spirits.

A: We come to worship, to listen, and to follow.

***HYMN**

Seek Ye First

#405 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Mark Grams

It is easy to say the right words and make good promises, yet harder to put them into practice. Like the two sons in Jesus' parable, we sometimes resist God's call or fail to follow through on what we say. Yet God gives us the grace to change our minds, turn around, and begin again. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious God, we confess that our words and our actions do not always agree. We speak of love, yet sometimes fail to love. We talk about justice, yet remain silent in the face of injustice. We promise to follow you, yet often choose our own way. Forgive us for the times when our faith has been more words than action. Give us courage to change our minds, humility to learn from our mistakes, and strength to do your will. May our lives demonstrate the faith we profess, and may our actions become an offering pleasing to you. 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 hold us captive to our past failures. The God who welcomed those who changed their hearts also welcomes us with mercy and grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given another opportunity to walk in God's way.

P: Thanks be to God! May our words and our actions together bear witness to God's love. 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 17:1-7

Mark Grams

Page 61, Old Testament in pew Bible

SECOND READING

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Mark Grams

Page 508, Old Testament in pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Pastor Jerry Cho

*HYMN

Lord of the Dance

#261 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

Trust and Obey

#467 UMH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mason Thill

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## SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 9/20:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Family Promise          | \$100.00 |
| Kay Hamann Mem for Door | \$50.00  |
| Craft Booth             | \$33.00  |

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Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

Liturgist	Cupbearers	Coffee Host
9/27 Mark Grams	n/a	Mark & Sandy Grams
10/4 Sandy Grams	Mary Downing	SPRC Committee
10/11 Cathy Guse	n/a	Mary Downing & Pat Craig

****See sign-up on bulletin board***

Usher	A/V
9/27 Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
10/4 Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
10/11 Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech

Calendar Reminders This Week:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Wed 9/30	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 10/1	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC
Sun 10/4	10 am	World Communion Sunday	Sanctuary



Pastor Meetings

Please see the bulletin board to sign up for one of the casual small gatherings to get to know Pastor Jerry and Cindy better.



Current Needs

Clear liquid hand soap refill, 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



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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## **Current Needs**

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

# Halloween Ball



Help the Port Washington Food Pantry scare away hunger!  
Presenting Sponsors: Diane & Dave Hofferbert

Saturday **October 24, 2026**

Drinks & Dancing

Costume Contest

EDISON HALL - PORT WASHINGTON 7 PM - 11 PM

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT: [HTTPS://FPHALLOWEENBALL2026.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://fphalloweenball2026.eventbrite.com)

TICKET COST: \$50 - ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE PORT WASHINGTON FOOD PANTRY

ADULTS ONLY

CALL TOM DIDIER FOR MORE INFORMATION - 414.881.3290





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