



First United Methodist Church Graham, NC

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Generosity Sunday

October 11, 2026



**ROOTED IN GRACE
GROWING IN GENEROSITY**

Our Mission

To make disciples for Jesus Christ through love and service

Our Vision

A loving and diverse community meeting the real needs of our neighbors through spirit-filled worship, intergenerational discipleship, and caring service

Come, Let Us Worship the Lord

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Gathering

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Sikes

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place, with these people, we come to worship the living God.

In you, O God, we live and hope.

Here in this sacred space, Christ meets us.

In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice.

Here on this day of gentleness and beauty, we are filled with the peace of God.

In you, O Spirit, we find our comfort and our courage.

†OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

(UMH #102)*

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God

the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

†SHARING THE PEACE

Please greet your neighbor and pass the Connect pads to register your attendance.

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God of peace, illumine our hearts and minds. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance the word which brings us together will always be that: Shalom. Peace. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23](#)

Susan Barnes

106 ¹Praise the Lord!

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,
because his faithful love endures forever.

² Who could possibly repeat all of the Lord's mighty acts
or publicly recount all his praise?

³ The people who uphold justice,
who always do what is right, are truly happy!

⁴ Remember me, Lord, with the favor you show your people.
Visit me with your saving help

⁵ so I can experience the good things your chosen ones experience,
so I can rejoice in the joy of your nation,
so I can praise along with your possession.

⁶ We have sinned—right along with our ancestors.
We've done what is wrong.
We've acted wickedly.

¹⁹ They made a calf at Horeb,
bowing down to a metal idol.

²⁰ They traded their glorious God
for an image of a bull that eats grass.

²¹ They forgot the God who saved them—
the one who had done great things in Egypt,

²² wondrous works in the land of Ham,
awesome deeds at the Reed Sea.

²³ So God determined that he would destroy them—

except for the fact that Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the way, right in front of him,
and turned God's destructive anger away.

SHARING FAITH WITH ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Chris Fulkerson

Childcare is available for children up to age 5 in Room 121. Red drawstring "Worship Kids Kits" with children's bulletins are available in the entrance area each week for children to use throughout worship.

ANTHEM

Give Me a Grateful Heart

Martin

Give me a Grateful heart that moves in humble praise.
Lord, give a heart that beats Your goodness and Your grace. Lord, let
me show Your love and
faithfulness each day.
Give me a Grateful heart, give me a Grateful heart,
give me a Grateful heart, O God.

In the time of storm, in the shadows of the night,
there flows a perfect peace sent from Your throne above.
When the morning breaks, when Your blessing I can see,
in a never-ending stream, more than I could ever dream,
I find the fullness of Your perfect love.
Yet, I ask for one thing more, give me a grateful heart,
give me a grateful heart.

Give me a grateful heart that moves in humble praise.
Lord, give a heart that beats Your goodness and Your grace. Lord, let
me show Your love and faithfulness each day. Give me a grateful
heart, give me a grateful heart,
give me a grateful heart, O God. Give me a grateful heart,
give me a grateful heart, give me a grateful heart,
O God (a grateful heart, O God).

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 12:41-44](#)

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

SERMON

"A Mite-y Faith"

Pastor Duane

Response

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(UMH #895)*

**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.**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(UMH #881)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†GLORIA PATRI

(UMH #71)*

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Sending Forth

RESPOND TO THE WORD

If you are ready to indicate your financial support of our 2027 ministry budget, you are invited to place your card in the offering plate/basket at the front of the chancel rail.

†CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

(UMH #399)*

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

†THE BLESSING

†CHORAL RESPONSE (Choir and Congregation)

(UMH #898)*

Amen, amen, amen.

†CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

†POSTLUDE

Praise Ye the Father

Gounod

†Please stand if you are able.
*Songbooks are located in pew rack.