

**WELCOME to Worship at Grove Church**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 27, 2026**  
**Compassionate Communities**



**Assisting in Worship**

**Liturgist** – Betty Traver

**Greeter** – Dawn Wagoner and Sandra Harrelson

**Ushers** – Brad Hanford, Jim Schmidt

**Grove Stream Team**

**Coffee Fellowship** – Jenna and Chris Gatchel

**Grove Kids**

Kids of all ages are welcome in worship!

We welcome families with children to use our **Grace Space** in front of the sanctuary. This purposely designed area allows space for children to fully participate in worship without being confined to a pew. There is ample seating for parents to be nearby to connect with their children as needed.

We also have a Nursery available for infants and toddlers.

# **GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

"Prelude"

Samuel Wesley

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING SONG** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" Lloyd Larson  
Tabernacle Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Word calls us into community with God and with each other,

**People: And calls us into discipleship and compassion to carry  
on Christ's work in our world**

Liturgist: So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:

**All: To worship God, to love each other, and to go serve the world.**

**OPENING SONG**

"Your Grace is Enough"

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

# **SEEK**

**A MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN**

(Children of all ages are invited to come to the front)

**YOUTH CHOIR**

"O For 1000 Tongues"

Mark Miller

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 10: 25-37

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1-3

Deacon: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPOND**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH #581

**MORNING PRAYER with THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**

**MINISTRY MOMENT** Little Pantry Lilian Rubin

**OFFERING** "We Need People"

**DOXOLOGY** “New Doxology” Gateway Worship

**SEND**

**\*CLOSING SONG** “We are Called” TFWS #2172

**\* DEACONS CHARGE/ BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG** “They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love/By Our Love”

**POSTLUDE** “Marche” Louis-James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

\*-please stand in body or in spirit

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Worship Series Inspired by *Never Alone* by Michael Beck

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from Anton K Jacobs, in *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, Ruth C Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds, (Cleveland, The Pilgrim Press, 2012), p. 190

*If you have been moved by your experience in worship today and would like to learn more about faith in Christ or get connected at Grove, our Pastors would love to talk with you. Please call the church office to schedule a meeting or email [PastorStacy@GroveChurch.org](mailto:PastorStacy@GroveChurch.org).*



Scan the QR Code to go to our [Grove Connect Page](#). Here you can fill out a connect form, *give online*, and see all of the events and activities coming up here at Grove Church!



## Grove's Fall Clothing Ministry!

Shopping is Open to the Public:

Monday, September 28: 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Tuesday, September 29: 3:00pm-7:30pm

Cash or Check Only  
\$10 per provided bag  
Limit 3 bags

**\*\*Tuesday Only ~ High School & College Students with School ID Receive ½ off!**

### Donations Accepted ~ Asbury Hall

- Monday 9/21-Thursday 9/24 (6pm-8pm)
- Saturday 9/26 & Sunday 9/27 (9am-4pm)

Donations of gently used clothing & shoes are appreciated.  
(from babies to grandparents, all shapes and sizes)  
We are not in need of hangers, thank you.

Questions? Contact:

[ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org](mailto:ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org)



### Volunteer Opportunities



### PLEASE JOIN US OR DONATE!

Grove's Our Journey of Hope (OJOH)  
Relay for Life team

**Help us support our local cancer community  
through the American Cancer Society**

Relay Event:  
Saturday, 10/3/26  
2:30pm - 8:30pm  
in Exton

Questions?  
[ourjourneyofhope@grovechurch.org](mailto:ourjourneyofhope@grovechurch.org)  
or speak with Kristin Mattie  
[secure.acsevents.org/goto/OJOH](https://secure.acsevents.org/goto/OJOH)



**A United Methodist Congregation**  
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*The Rev. Stacy Gonzalez, Lead Pastor  
Lenae Baldwin, Assoc. Pastor of Children, Families and Intergenerational Ministry  
Rodrigo Becerril, Director of Communications  
Bob Higgins, Building Maintenance Coordinator  
Robert W. Johns, Organist Emeritus  
Brenda Lewis, Church Administrator  
Layne Martin, Nursery Attendant  
Chris Yarnall, Director of Rooted Worship*

*The Rev. Marilyn Schneider, Deacon  
Mike Hardie, Director of Youth Ministries  
Pam Humphreys, Director of Grove Preschool  
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