

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Welcome and Announcements (Birthdays and Anniversaries)

Leader: Come, people of God, and bring your whole selves before the Lord.

People: We come with faith and questions, hope and weariness, joy and concern.

Leader: The field of this world is mixed with wheat and weeds, but it still belongs to God.

People: God sees clearly, loves deeply, and works patiently.

Leader: Christ has planted good seed, and His grace is still growing among us.

People: We will trust the Lord of the harvest.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose patience is mercy and whose justice is sure.

People: We come to worship God, who is faithful from seedtime to harvest.

***Gathering Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 62

We believe in God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who made the world good and has not abandoned His creation.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, who came among us with grace and truth. He proclaimed the kingdom of heaven, welcomed sinners, healed the broken, confronted evil, and offered Himself for the salvation of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who works in us and among us, growing faith, hope, love, patience, mercy, and holiness.

We believe that God's patience is not weakness. It is mercy, giving time for repentance, growth, and grace.

We believe that evil will not have the last word. Christ will come again in glory, justice will be fulfilled, and God's people will shine in the kingdom of their Father.

Until that day, we will grow where Christ has planted us, bear fruit that reflects His love, and trust the Lord of the harvest. Amen.

Merciful God, we confess that we often want You to work on our timetable. We see the weeds in the world, in others, and sometimes in ourselves, and we become impatient, angry, or afraid.

Forgive us for the times we have judged too quickly. Forgive us for labeling people without seeing them through Your mercy. Forgive us for confusing our opinions with Your wisdom and our impatience with righteousness.

Lord, we confess that there are places in us where resentment, pride, fear, and bitterness have taken root. We need Your grace to pull up what harms us and grow what looks like Christ.

Thank You for being patient with us. Thank You for seeing the wheat even when our lives are tangled. Teach us to resist evil without becoming harsh, to practice mercy without excusing sin, and to trust You with the harvest. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hear the good news: God's mercy is greater than our sin, and His grace is still at work. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and invited to grow in new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

(All) Glory to God. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri** No. 70

Prayer Concerns, Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *I Need Thee Every Hour* No. 197

Children's Sermon

Sharing the Word Wheat, Weeds, & Patient Grace
Matt.13: 24-30; 18-23

***Sending Hymn** *Nothing but the Blood* No. 362

*Benediction

Announcements

Our choir is on a well-deserved summer break during the month of July. We thank them for their commitment and look forward to their return in August.

Volunteers and food donations are needed for the Hospitality Table for upcoming weeks. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

Volunteers are needed to provide meals for our youth on Sunday evenings. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

The July 2026 newsletter is available at
<https://graceumciuka.org/events/newsletters>

The Helpful Samaritan Food Pantry items are Peanut Butter and Jelly.

Prayer Concerns

The Family of Debbie Tidwell, Tammy Corbett, Barbara Anglin, Marcell Bethany, David Beard, Ricky Brown and Sons, Dale Tapp, Erin Hathcock, Sandra Skinner, Donnie Butler, Denny McGuff and his family, James Nabors, Mary Ray, J.P. Wilemon, and Gus Martin

Assisted Living: Judy Hawkins

Choir Rehearsal—none during summer months

Bible Study—meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

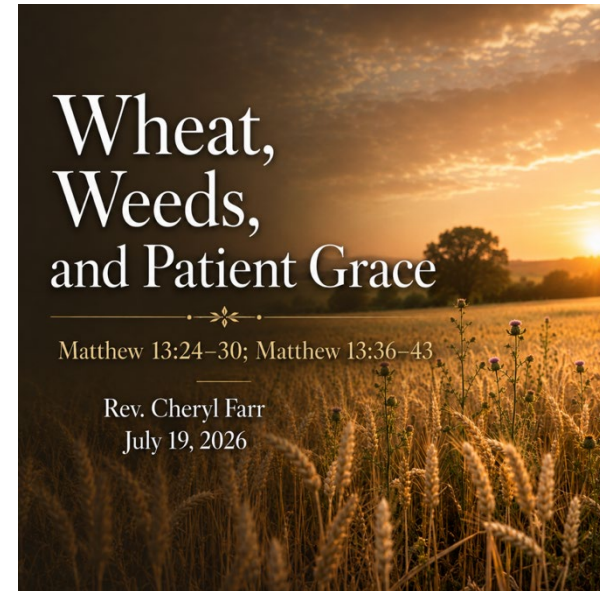
Youth Group—meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm

AA groups meet here on Monday and Friday nights at 7:00 pm.

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The Mission of Grace United Methodist Church is to
Magnify God through
Love, Acceptance,
Discipleship and Service