

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 10, 2026



*The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.*

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**\* Where indicated, stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

“Prä ludium”  
*Rinck*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jill Rhinehart

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Prince

Leader: We’ve come to worship God,

**People: who loved us before we were yet born,**

Leader: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

**People: whose presence never leaves us,**

Leader: and whose love for us never ceases.

**People: This is our God. Let’s worship together!**

Leader: Let us pray. God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world. Shape us into the people you have made us to be – poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. **Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reins Above”

MINISTRY MOMENT

Rocky Redd

ANTHEM

“Center of My Joy”

*Gaither*

*Jonas Howard (Vocals) and Diego Vazquez (Piano)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Untitled Hymn”

*Rice*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 66:13  
*OT pg. 697*

MESSAGE	“The Comfort of God”
RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS	Ushers will come forward
OFFERTORY	“Morning” <i>Stickles</i>
*DOXOLOGY	
*CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2056	“God Is So Good”
SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION	
CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY	
POSTLUDE	“Rejoicing” <i>Scarmolin</i>

*Our worship service has ended.  
Now, our worship through service begins.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.\***

The Flowers on the Altar are given by **Pamela Budd** to the Glory of God and in honor of **Laura and Tia Culp**.

**Sunday’s Ushers:** Thank you to our Ushers, **Bob Barcafer, Maro Slaughter, Fred Bailey,** and **John Smith (steward)**! Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Sandra Crouch**!

Our Music Director, **Becky Wilburn**, is in need of small seashells to use for crafts during our upcoming Summer Music Camp. Please bring any donations you have to the church office.

A memorial service for **Win Williamson** will be held on **May 20 at 1pm** here at Groce UMC.

Be sure to follow our **Facebook page** as well as like and share our posts. This helps with our outreach ministry by building community within our Church Family and connecting with our neighbors.

**New Email Address:** Please note that our Church Secretary, **Mariah Wright**, has a new email address. You can now reach her directly at [secretary@groceumc.org](mailto:secretary@groceumc.org).

**Blessing Box Sunday** - Next Sunday is the third Sunday of the month, marking our Blessing Box Sunday once again! Most needed this month: peanut butter, fruit and applesauce cups, and plastic spoons (please no knives or forks). As always, we heartily thank all of you for your time and donations toward this outreach mission!

**Thank you** to everyone who provided perennials for the church garden. Please take a tour of our improved church garden! There are many things blooming now. The new perennials are labeled. From—**Carolyn and Sandra**.

**Altar Flower Calendar** - is posted on the bulletin board in the front hall. We hope you will sign up to provide flowers for worship on the Sunday of your choice!

On **June 13th** from 9am to 2pm at Groce UMC, the **Black Mountain School of Theology & Community** will conduct an initial training on the basic skills for beginning a campaign on prayerful listening across our area. Joining with other interested churches, we’ll learn to begin to form stronger relationships with others, identify mutual concerns and hopes, and connect deeper with our community as we begin to build toward the goal of discerning collaborative action needed to promote the well-being of our community. These practices will help make our congregation stronger, while also allowing us to work with others to amplify our contribution to our community. Coffee, drinks, snacks, and a box lunch will be provided. Spots are limited, so please contact Mariah if you plan to attend (828-298-7647 or [secretary@groceumc.org](mailto:secretary@groceumc.org)).

**Jawing with Jill**—Join Rev. Jill Rhinehart at the parsonage (70 Fairway Dr.) on **May 19th at 5:30pm** for casual discussion and spiritual renewal! Everyone is welcome.

**Summer Music Camp** registrations are now open! Held July 13-17, for children ages 5-12 and cost is \$40 per child, with a discounted rate for more than one child in a household. Scholarships are available! Contact the office or go to [www.groceumc.org/musiccamp](http://www.groceumc.org/musiccamp).

To ensure the continued security of our church home, we are updating the locks and rekeying the building. If your current church role requires building access, please contact **Mariah** at 828-298-7647 or [secretary@groceumc.org](mailto:secretary@groceumc.org). You can pick up your new keys from the church office starting **May 11**. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our sanctuary safe!

**Game Night!** Join us for a family-friendly Game Night this **Saturday** at 7pm in Asbury Hall. Bring a game to share! Everyone is welcome.

## CHURCH CALENDAR: MAY 10–16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9:00:</b> Agape Sunday School Class <b>10:30:</b> Worship Service <b>NO YOUTH</b>	<b>11:00:</b> Prayer Group <b>3:00:</b> Handbells <b>6:00:</b> Girl Scouts <b>6:00:</b> Guitar League	<b>10:30:</b> Crafters <b>1:30:</b> Tai Chi <b>7:00:</b> SMBB <b>7:00:</b> BH Exec. Meeting	<b>9:30:</b> Homebound Mtg. <b>10:00:</b> Balance <b>5:15:</b> UMM @ VRQ <b>5:30:</b> Men’s Chorus <b>6:00:</b> Choir <b>6:00:</b> AA	<b>10:30:</b> Isaac Group <b>1:30:</b> Tai Chi <b>5:00:</b> Welcome Table <b>6:45:</b> Cub Scouts	<b>3:00:</b> Tailgate Market <b>7:00:</b> Game Night!!! 	