Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday - April 2, 2023 - 9:00 am



<u>Meditation Verse</u>: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." – Psalm 118:22-23

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give thanks to God for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

Leader: We give thanks to God who answers us, for God is

our saving help!

People: The stone the builders rejected is now the

cornerstone! Hosanna!

Leader: Our salvation is at hand!

People: It is marvelous to behold! Hosanna!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made! **People: Let us rejoice and be glad! Hosanna!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord!

People: Come save us, Lord! Hosanna!

Leader: Give thanks to God for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

*Palm Parade and Opening Hymns:

- #278 - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- #2109 - Hosanna! Hosanna!

Kids Message

*Passing of the Peace

Message: "This Is the Day"

*Holy Communion and the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Above All

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn: #277 - Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*Blessing (*Please stand if you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) Grow. Palm or Passion Sunday? What are you more drawn to today? How would spending time in the other lead to faith growth?
- Pray. The Spirit continues to turn over the tables of our hearts. What tables are you trying to hold down? Pray for the strength to surrender this to God.
- 3) Study. Read John 12:44-50. This passage leads us into our Maundy Thursday text. How would you interpret and apply verse 50: "And I know that his commandment is eternal life" (NRSV)?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10)11-14 Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 To go a little deeper with these readings each day this week, please go to: pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: On Maundy Thursday we remember how Jesus washed the disciples' feet and then enacted the sacrament of Holy Communion. Then we enter the somber spirit of Good Friday, intertwining the Gospel reading with insights from a fictional Roman centurion. And then we gather on Easter Sunday - we go with Mary and Martha, preparing to weep but hearing the good news that Jesus is alive!!

This Week at Grace:

- Sunday 8:00 AM Adult Sunday School Education Wing
- Sunday 6:00 PM Youth Group
- Monday 3:00 PM After School Program
- Tuesday 3:00 PM Art with Heart
- Tuesday 6:00 PM Grief Support Group
- Thursday 5:30 PM Luke Study Fellowship Hall
- Friday 6:30 AM Women's Study Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Our April Mission of the Month is "Teacher Appreciation" for the teachers, staff, and bus drivers at Piedmont Valley Elementary.

Please consider signing up to serve on a Sunday morning. Simply choose a Sunday that is convenient for you and sign up on the sheets opposite the drinking fountains! Thank you for serving.

If you would be interested in giving a free-will donation for one or more of our wooden pews from in the Chapel area please speak with one of our staff.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!