

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – September 6, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven."*
- Matthew 18:18

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #558 – We Are the Church

Call to Worship:

Leader: Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division,

People: God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

Leader: We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

People: God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

Leader: We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

People: God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

Leader: We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

People: Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace - What does the term "church clothes" mean to you? Is it about more than just the physical clothes? Explain!

*Hymn #2270 – He Has Made Me Glad

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20 and Exodus 12:1-14

Kids Message

Message: "Conflict"

*Holy Communion

- Songs of Response:

#2226 – Bind us Together
All Who Are Thirsty

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song – Take My Life

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. Do you have a conflict that needs resolved? Have the courage and trust in God to follow the conflict resolution steps that Jesus gives in Matthew 16!
- 2) *Pray*. Do you struggle to trust in God's power and not your own? Center on an area or situation where this struggle is real. Spend some time in prayer this week!
- 3) *Study*. Read Romans 13:8-14. How might these words of Paul help us battle our tendency to compartmentalize our faith?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Sept. 7 – Exodus 14:19-21

Sept. 8 – Exodus 14:22-31

Sept. 9 – Psalm 114:1-4

Sept. 10 – Psalm 114:5-8

Sept. 11 – Romans 14:1-6

Sept. 12 – Romans 14:7-12

Sept. 13 – Matthew 18:21-35

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Grace" – Wrapping up our series on leadership, we focus on the transformative power of leading with grace and the ongoing work of reconciliation. We will explore how true grace isn't about avoiding conflict or by being overly permissive but rather acting as a conduit for God's abundant forgiveness while maintaining healthy boundaries. Through communal reflection, confession, and specific rituals of reconciliation, we will seek to provide a safe space to lament our hurts, extend forgiveness, and discern our next right steps together.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 8 AM – Adult Sunday School (Starts Sept. 13)
- Sun. – 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. – 9:30 AM – Message/Lectionary Study
(Starts Sept. 14)
- Mon. – 3 PM – Grace Kids (Starts Sept. 14)
- Tues. – 3 PM – Art with Heart (Starts Sept. 15)
- Wed. – 7:30 AM – Young Ladies Bible Study
(Starts Sept. 16)
- Wed. – 3:30 PM – Grief Support (Starts Sept. 16)
- Wed. – 5:30 PM – Youth Group (Starts Sept. 16)
- Wed. – 6 PM – Church Garden Volunteering
- Thurs. – 5:30 PM – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – SS Room
- Sat. – 9 AM – Church Garden Volunteering

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Sept. 19 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – Meet@Church
- Sept. 20 – 10:30 AM – Confirmation Meeting
(Parents too!)
- Oct. 6 – Parent-Teacher Feed – Stagebarn M.S.

Announcements:

The Mission of the Month for September is the Food Bank.

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), Please scan the QR code.
Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please check the sign-up sheets across from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

If there is a Hymn/Song that you'd like to sing during worship on Sunday's, please place a note with song and # in the donation box.

May God Bless You throughout the coming week!