

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – May 7, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

– 1st Peter 2:5

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out,

People: Who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love.

Leader: You are our God; our lives are in your hands.

People: Let's worship God together! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Song: Here I Am to Worship

Scriptures: Psalm 31:1-5 and 15-16 and 1st Peter 2:1-12

*Hymn #558 - We Are the Church

Kids Message

Message: "Like Living Stones"

Holy Communion and the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Down to the River to Pray

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Cornerstone

- That's Why We Praise Him

*Blessing

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. In the big scope of your faith journey, when has God most been your rock, fortress, and/or refuge? How did these times deepen your faith and trust?
- 2) *Pray*. Where do you need God to extend you mercy right now in your life? Offer a prayer of repentance and seek God's grace and mercy. God loves you.
- 3) *Study*. Read 1st Peter 3:8-12. Looking back over your last week, which part of these words speaks most loudly to you? What is your response?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

To go a little deeper
with these readings
each day this week,
please go to:
pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Always Be Ready" - Peter begins by encouraging us to do good, even when we may suffer. In this pursuit we are called to be an "overt Christian" – one lives our faith out loud. The Psalm offers a slight twist on the theme: we are being refined and tested to get to the point of having a story to share with the world. We witness to our faith not to win believers. Our measuring rod is faithfulness to the call of God – our "audience of one." God takes care of the responses to our story. Our task is to always be ready to tell of the hope that we have in Christ.

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
- Wednesday - 5:30 PM - A Living Hope Study - Fellowship Hall
- Thursday – 6:00 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

The May Mission of the Month will go to the Bishops Miracle Offering, for “Road of Hope”, which is through the Helpline of South Dakota and FirstLink of North Dakota. It is in response to the increasing number of suicide attempts and deaths, as well as the mental crisis in our nation.

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.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!