

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – August 27, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" – Matthew 16:13*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Reader: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

People: The Maker of heaven and earth,

Reader: Who comes to our aid in times of need,

People: Who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,

Reader: Who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us

People: Who invites us to confess him alone as Savior and Lord.

Reader: This is our God!

People: Let's worship together.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #368 – My Hope Is Built

Scriptures: Isaiah 51:1-6 and Matthew 16:13-20

*Hymn #529 - How Firm a Foundation

Kids Message

Message: "The Deliverance of God"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Lord, I Need You

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Take My Life

- Forever

*Blessing

(*Please stand if you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. Why is it important to fully understand who and what Christ is to you before witnessing to others about Jesus?

2) *Pray*. First, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that grandparent, friend, coach... who loved you into Christ. Second, ask God whom you're being called to love.

3) *Study*. Read Matthew 25:31-46. How do these words add to or affect the ways you might answer these questions: Who am I to you? Where do I fit into your life? Does our relationship define who you are at your very core?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Denying Self" - In Jeremiah's life we see struggles that many of us have. One is the battle between human desires and God's will. Another is the battle between divine justice and divine mercy. Jeremiah lives with an inner turmoil, caught like God, between loving people and hating their sin. God calls the prophet to a renewed focus on God's mission for the world, promising a deeper knowledge of God as savior, redeemer, and deliverer. In the gospel text, Jesus adds clarity to these struggles. He defines the kind of kingdom that he came to build. It is one of cross-bearing, of denying self, of practicing compassion towards others. In doing so, one gains not only a meaningful life but also catches a glimpse of God's eternal realm.

This Week at Grace

- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday - 5:30 PM – Discipleship Small Group
- Thursday - 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday - 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Special Events

- September 9 – 9 AM – Food Preservation Workshop
- September 10 – 5 PM – Parking Lot Worship
- September 20 – 6 PM – Youth Group Kick-Off
- September 30 – 10 AM – Imagine Day
- October 27 – 5 PM – Fall Family Festival

Announcements:

Our August Mission of the Month is for UMCOR kits.

September's Mission of the Month will be "Month of Hope," where we will focus on specific needs for the HOPE Center in Rapid City.

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!!