

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – April 23, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *“Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.” – 1st Peter 1:22*

### **Grace United Methodist Church**

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## **Order of Worship**

\*Welcome and Opening Prayer

### **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Come! Lift your voices to the Lord who always hears us.

**People:** Listen, Lord. Hear our voices sing your praises.

**Leader:** Call on the Lord who bends low to hear us.

**People:** Listen, Lord. We lift our voices to you in praise.

**Leader:** Call on the name of the Lord, all people.

**People:** Listen, Lord. We call on your wonderful name.

**For you saved us, you raised us and turned our lives around. Let your name be praised in this congregation.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymns #369 - Blessed Assurance

Scriptures: Psalm 116:12-19 and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:17-23

\*Hymn #707- Hymn of Promise

Kids Message

Message: "Loosening the Bonds"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings  
- Special Music: Hold Together

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Song: I'll Fly Away

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

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow.* Look again at Psalm 116, verses 9, 13, 14, and 17.  
In which of these four behaviors have you grown most this last year? What should be your focus next?
- 2) *Pray.* As you consider the challenge to love those who are bound up, who comes to your mind or heart? Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you reach out to them.
- 3) *Study.* Read 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:11-12. How does this passage connect the idea of being set free from the bonds of sin to the practice of loving others deeply?

## **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Acts 2-42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

To go a little deeper  
with these readings  
each day this week,  
please go to:  
[pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday's Message:** "Guardian of the Soul" - Peter begins by talking about suffering. It is real; it shapes who we are and how we respond to the world. But we do not suffer alone. Jesus is familiar with our suffering. He understands because he has been where we are. Walking with us daily, Jesus guards our souls. We draw upon the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, words that speak deep into our souls. It speaks of a day when our deepest longings and our strongest wants are satisfied through our relationship with Christ. In the end we no longer want because we are filled to overflowing by the guardian of our souls.

## **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:**

Our April Mission of the Month is "Teacher Appreciation."  
Please grab a card and write a quick note. Also, thank you for your financial support (to buy gift cards.)

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

We welcome Ed Egbert toady as he shares the ministry of the Gideons. If you'd like to become involved or have any questions, please see Ed after the service.

**May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!**