

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – April 16, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."* – 1st Peter 1:8-9

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

People: Let us say to God, “You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you.”

Leader: Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshipping the idols all around us.

People: God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.

Leader: We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.

People: We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God’s ways.

Leader: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure,

People: Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.

Leader: God shows us the path of life,

People: And in God’s presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.

Leader: And so, we say to God,

People: “You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you.” Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymns #304 - Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Scriptures: Psalm 16 and 1st Peter 1:3-9

*Hymn #2151 - I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Kids Message

Message: "Fullness of Joy"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Living Hope

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- In the Secret

- My Lighthouse

*Blessing

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. In what trials and sufferings have you experienced new growth or a strengthening of your faith? How could you share this to encourage others?
- 2) *Pray*. As you consider your life, where might you be tempted to hide or “go underground” with your faith? Pray for Holy Spirit power to stand firm.
- 3) *Study*. Read 1st Peter 1:13-16. How do you prepare and discipline yourself so that you are ready to live a holy life always?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2-14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Loosening the Bonds" - The psalmist tells us that our bonds have been loosed. Peter says that we were ransomed from the futile ways of our ancestors. Salvation is a given. The question is: what is our response? The response begins with remembering who we were and where we've been. Then it turns to praise, both public and private. And next we move to telling all that Jesus has done for us. Lastly, we respond by loving in return – extravagantly, deeply, in service to God and others.

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
- Wednesday – 5:30 PM – A Living Hope Study – Fell. Hall
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart
- 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.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!