

PP Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – October 1, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *"But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" – Exodus 17:3*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship God who loves us.

Leader: When the Israelites grumbled and quarreled when there was no water to drink, God miraculously produced water to show them God's faithfulness and love.

People: When we question and accuse God, God responds by showing us love.

Leader: When the chief priests and elders questioned Jesus' authority, Jesus answered them with a story about the righteousness of doing God's will instead of paying lip service to God's will.

People: When we test and interrogate God, God responds by pointing us back to love.

Leader: By answering our quarrelling and questioning with love, God teaches us how to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

People: When we love as God loves, we respond to testing and accusing by living the faith and sharing God's love.

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**People: We come to worship God who loves always.
Amen!**

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #467 – Trust and Obey

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-13

*Song: Holy Is the Lord

Kids Message

Message: "Nostalgia"

Holy Communion and the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
- Hymn #92: For the Beauty of the Earth

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- All of Creation
- In the Secret

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. As you consider your past, what do you long for or wish was still here? How does this keep you from moving forward in a positive direction?

2) *Pray*. Who do you know that is struggling because they are stuck in the past. Spend some time in prayer for this person or group this week.

3) *Study*. Read Luke 12:22-34. What worries do you carry? How do these words of Jesus help you to maybe lay down some of these worries?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Worry" - Writing from a place that would drive most of us to worry, Paul says to rejoice. The ability to rid ourselves of worry lies in our ability to trust in the Lord. Instead we build our joy on the sand of this world. And then we're surprised when the storm rolls in and takes it away.

Paul reminds us that God's peace passes all understanding – it makes no sense, it isn't something logical. It is something we simply trust in. In the end, letting go of worry isn't about ignoring what's wrong. It is about standing firm upon the good news of Jesus Christ.

This Week at Grace

- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM – Discipleship Small Group
- Wednesday – 6:00 PM – Youth Group
- Thursday - 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday - 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Chapel

Upcoming Special Events

- October 27 - 5PM – Fall Family Festival

Announcements:

October Mission of the Month is Socktober (hats, gloves, socks)

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!!