

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – July 23, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom.” – Matthew 13:37-38*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams.

People: Praise God for hope-filled dreams.

Leader: Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today!

People: Praise God for new dreams for our generation.

Leader: Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.

People: Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.

Leader: Will we stop building a better future because of evil?

People: No! Our God will deliver us from evil!

Leader: Will we concede our neighborhoods because evil walks the streets?

People: No! God will judge all evildoers!

ALL: Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #2214 – Guide Me, Lead Me

Church Birthday Celebration

Scriptures: Genesis 28:10-19a, and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Hymn #528 – Nearer, My God, to Thee

Kids Message

Message: "Shine Like the Sun"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Today Is the Day
- Shout to the North

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. How has your ability to see 'weeds' in your own life grown as you have walked longer with Christ? What advice could you give to others about this?

2) *Pray*. Where might God be having a Jacob moment with you – one where God's presence is making you aware of a needed change in your life? Pray, pray!

3) *Study*. Read Luke 17:22-37. What similarities do you see here with the parable of the wheat and weeds? What does the Luke reading add to your understanding?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Hidden and Mixed In" - We prefer the obvious. We like to be sure. Yet faith is something else. Our gospel text is about what is hidden in plain sight – like those car keys you can't find even though you've walked past them a half dozen times. Using a series of short parables, Jesus invites us to see the ordinary and the spectacular all together. The invitation is to stretch and reach and to get outside of ourselves so that we can see the wonder of the universe in a tiny seed. In Jacob's story we find our usual human struggles. And in the midst of these we are reminded that God brings hope even to these struggles, into that which is hidden and mixed into the ordinary stuff of life.

This Week at Grace

- Mon-Tue-Wed – 5:00 to 7:00 PM – VBS – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Thursday - 5:30 PM – Men’s Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday - 6:30 AM – Women’s Study – Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

The July Mission of the Month goes to the “Clothe-A-Kid”. This ministry provides students, K-8, with clothes and other necessary school items. Shopping day is August 19 from 8:00 -10:00 AM. Volunteers are needed.

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!!