

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – March 26, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” – John 11:25-26*

### Grace United Methodist Church

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## Order of Worship

\*Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**People: We are learning to follow Jesus.**

Leader: The journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.

**People: Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.**

Leader: All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.

**People: Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.**

Leader: Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?

**People: Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life, reviving us again to worship and follow God's way.**

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymns #393 - Spirit of the Living God

Scriptures: John 11:1-6, 11-27, and 38-45

\*Hymn #2215 - Cares Chorus

Kids Message

Message: "Who Could Stand"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings  
- Song: Come Alive (Dry Bones)

## Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

#### \*Closing Songs:

- Great Are You Lord
- Days of Elijah

#### \*Blessing

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

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. As you prepare your heart for Holy Week, where is (or are) your growing edge(s) of faith?
- 2) *Pray*. Where is your faith dry? How and why does our faith become dry? The remedy? Prayer!!
- 3) *Study*. Read John 12:1-11. As Jesus prepares for his triumphal entry, this scene unfolds. When have you received a gift as you headed into a difficult task? How did it affect your journey?

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

Exodus 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

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

**Next Sunday's Message:** "This Is the Day" - Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday? Both? Yes, both! This is a listening day, a day to experience the dichotomy of the parade. The crowd that shouts "Hosanna" and waves branches is the crowd that shouts "Crucify" and shakes fists later this week. Jesus enters the city triumphally and the parade winds through Jerusalem, up to the temple. There, Jesus dismounts and turns over tables. There he strikes a blow against what religion had become. This machine will strike back. It will silence this voice that asks us again and again: Where do you stand? Do you have it in you to shout "Hosanna" day after day, to declare every day that this is the day that the Lord has made?

### This Week at Grace:

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- Sunday – 6:00 PM – Youth Group
- Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM Art with Heart
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Luke Study – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

### **Announcements:**

Our March Mission of the Month is “Shower with Hope” – an outreach to those on the streets 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.

If you would be interested in giving a free-will donation for one or more of our wooden pews from in the Chapel area please speak with one of our staff.

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