

**Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!**  
Sunday – May 17, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *“Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one.”*  
- John 17:11

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## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn #519 – Lift Every Voice and Sing

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

**People: Through Christ, we are made one with God.**

Leader: In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

**People: Through Christ, we are made one on God.**

Leader: Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

**People: Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.**

Leader: So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #512 – Stand by Me

Scripture: John 17:1-11 and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Kids Message

Message: “So That They May Be One”

Recording Our Stories of Faith

\*Song of Response: How He Loves

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Song: How Great Is Our God

\*Blessing

\*(Please stand as you are able.)

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. Practicing reconciliation is not easy but it rebuilds community. With whom could you practice the art of reconciliation this week? What is your first step?
- 2) *Pray*. Walking the road of unity takes great effort. What is your greatest struggle when thinking about unity in the body of Christ? Spend some time in prayer!
- 3) *Study*. Read John 17:12-23. What echoes of our 1<sup>st</sup> Peter readings do you hear in these words of Jesus? When have you experienced the things that Jesus prays for here?

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

- May 18 – Acts 2:1-12
- May 19 – Acts 2:13-21
- May 20 – Psalm 104:24-34
- May 21 – Psalm 104:35
- May 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:3-6
- May 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:7-13
- May 24 – John 7:37-39**

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to [pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday's Message:** “Spirit Unbounded” – Pentecost Sunday celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all believers, empowering the church for the mission and proclaiming that God’s Spirit is unbound and available to all. Numbers 11 looks forward to this day. Acts 2 tells the story.

## This Week at Grace

- Sun. - 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun. - 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Wed. - 7:45 AM – Women’s Small Group – SS Room
- Wed. - 1 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Thurs. 5:30 PM – Men’s Group
- Fri. - 6:30 AM – Ladies’ Bible Study - Chapel

## Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Tues. May 19 – 6:15/7PM – TEAMS/Leadership Meeting

## Announcements:

The Mission of the month for May is the Bishop’s Offering.

# Mission of the Month



# Bishop's Offering at Annual Conference

For May we will be supporting the Bishop's Miracle Offering. This year's offering will be split between the "Endowment for Theological Education in Asia, Africa and the Philippines" AND education and training for laity across the Dakotas.

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), please scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please check the sign-up sheets across from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

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