

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – February 19, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.” – Matthew 17:2*

### Grace United Methodist Church

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Mike Marsland

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and Julie Marsland

## Order of Worship

\*Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship:

Leader: God, we come to the mountaintop –

**People: To be covered in your presence.**

Leader: We are comforted by your holiness and your glow;

**People: We are comforted by the hope of the mountain top, where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory**

Leader: The mountain top reminds us why we worship you.

**People: We witness your bright power, and your plan for the nations of the earth.**

Leader: As we prepare for worship,

**People: God bring us to the mountain top;**

Leader: Bring us to the mountain top –

**People: So that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymns #349 – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

\*Hymn #2272 – Holy Ground

Kids Message

Message: "Super Sunday"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: He Is Exalted

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Songs:

- Give Us Clean Hands

- All of Creation

\*Announcements

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

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. When was your last divine encounter? How did that change how you saw and worshipped God? What is a way to share this with others?
- 2) *Pray*. What distracts you from truly being in God's presence on a typical Sunday morning? Seek Holy Spirit power to remove these distractions.
- 3) *Study*. Read Matthew 19:16-30. How does this passage tie together our call to be salt and light while also pointing others to the glory that is found in Christ?

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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

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

**Next Sunday's Message:** "If You Fall Down" -We're on a journey in the season of Lent. It is a time of consideration, self-reflection, and introspection. Movement is also built into the pattern of the season. We are on a path; we are moving toward the cross. We fall down a lot. That's kind of our story. We might think: "Why bother? If the journey is too great, why take it?" Who seeks that strenuous, wrestling with self that leads to surrender and sacrifice and then transformation? Jesus! The painful realization for us is that our journey is not just the forty days of Lent, but the whole of our lives. We stand in the arms of the one who stood for us. We stand and we walk with him all the way to the cross. It's a long painful journey, but one worth taking. Walk with us, worship with us.

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us on Wednesday, February 22, at 7 pm as we begin to walk together in Lent. Lent begins with a very personal or even individual discipline – fasting – turned around to becoming an act of charity, an outward act. Learning to live inside out, we lean into the connections between our life of faith and our impact on the world around us. Ash Wednesday is an inside-out act of worship. We come and confess, and we are given a visible mark

in the imposition of ashes. Such a symbol is a welcome sign, a sign of acceptance and hospitality. We examine the state of our souls so that we understand and enhance the state of our relationships in the world. There is a plea.. there is a hope.. there is a remembrance of wholeness and joy. So, the psalmist seeks it, even as we seek it. You are invited to come and worship, to worship with joy.

### **This Week at Grace:**

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- Sunday – 10:30 AM Chili Cook-Off / Sweet Eats & Treat
- Sunday – No Youth Group
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM Art with Heart
- Tuesday – 6:15 PM – Teams / 7:00 PM Leadership Meeting
- Wednesday –1:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Men’s Study – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women’s Study – Fellowship Hall

### **Announcements:**

Our February Mission of the Month is Camps/Mission.

Be sure stay and join us for our annual Chili Cook-Off contest and the Sweet Eats and Treats Auction in the Fellowship Hall immediately after today’s service.

The Girl Scouts will have Cookies available to purchase on Sunday, February 26. Let’s support our Scouts!

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!!**