

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – July 9, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” – Matthew 11:29*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come on ya'll, let's worship the Lord! Come to Jesus, all you who have suffered a *beat down* this week.

People: Come to Jesus, all you who have experienced family turmoil this week.

Leader: Come to Jesus, all you who are tired of conflict all around, tired of high gas prices, tired of glass ceilings, quotas, minimum wage jobs, and limited family values.

People: Come to Jesus, all you who have a job that is getting on your last nerve.

Leader: Jesus said, "I'll give you rest. I'll bring you relief. I'll provide your deliverance. I'll make a way."

People: And Jesus will give us wonderful rest!

ALL: Come on ya'll, let's worship the Lord!

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn # 526 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scriptures: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
and Matthew 11:16-19, 2530

*Hymn #2158 - Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Kids Message

Message: "Taking the Yoke"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Our God

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Come As You Are
- My Redeemer Lives

*Blessing

(*Please stand if you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. What is Jesus' yoke to you? A call to a life of service? A symbol of partnership with Christ in a life as a disciple? How does His yoke shape the way you live day by day?

2) *Pray*. When was the last time you experienced a true Sabbath of renewal for your faith? When will you seek one again? Pray for this time, and that God will use it to strengthen your bond with Christ and with those around you.

3) *Study*. Read Matthew 12:6-14. How does what is said in verse 7 tie into what Jesus did in verse 13? Is it right for 'doing good' to supersede the law?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Seeds in the Dirt" - We are invited to look at potential, to imagine fruitfulness and then to work for that in our lives and in the church. Jesus calls us dirt in today's parable. We are. In fact, at times we are each kind of dirt – the path, the rocky, the thorny soil, and the good soil. The big question is which kind of dirt are we going to be. We do not have to accept the soil conditions of our soul. Turning to the Genesis text, we can be like Esau – settling for the here and now. Or we can be like Jacob – looking past the immediate, claiming a promise to come. We see a harvest when others only see seeds in the dirt.

This Week at Grace

- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – 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.

Service Saturday – Join us to serve a meal on the street in Rapid City. Meet at our church at 9:30a to prepare the meal or at 10:45a in Rapid City at First United Methodist to serve the meal.

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!!