Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday - June 18, 2023 - 9:00 am



<u>Meditation Verse</u>: "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." – Genesis 18:14

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome, you who are called as disciples of Christ! Is anything too wonderful for our God?

People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who saves us and calls us!

Leader: We remember the goodness of God who promised Abraham a multitude of descendants and then showed up at Abraham's door to announce that the promise would be fulfilled.

People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who promises and fulfills promises!

Leader: We remember the compassion of Jesus who noticed the distress of his neighbors and acted to bring them healing and wholeness.

People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who heals and restores the distressed!

Leader: We remember the invitation the Spirit extends to us to join in God's work of compassionate community building.

People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who empowers us to transform strangers into community through active love.

Leader: As we worship, may we receive the promise, the compassion, and the invitation to be disciples of Christ who join in God's work of making disciples for the transformation of our households, our community, and our world.

People: Because nothing is too wonderful for our God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #139 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Scriptures: Genesis 18:1-15 and Matthew 9:35-10:8

*Hymn #381 – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Kids Message

Message: "Is Anything Too Wonderful?"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: One Thing Remains

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

- *Closing Songs:
 - Come I Will Follow
 - Open the Eyes of My Heart

GPS - Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) Grow. How is God stirring your heart? Where at work or in your social circles might God be calling you to minister to others? 2) Pray. When have you been blessed to be a part of something wonderful that God did in the world? Give thanks for this encounter with the divine.
- 3) Study. Read Matthew 10:16-23. How are these words both challenging and encouraging as you think about ministering to the world?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 10:24-39 To go a little deeper with these readings each day this week, please go to: pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Tell in the Light" - Our gospel passage begins and ends with the missional call to be like Jesus. In between these calls, Jesus tells us just how difficult it will be to live as faithful disciples in the world. But the faith walk is not about the enemies that lurk – it is about the friend who stands with us. That friend calls us to shout out our faith from the rooftops – to proclaim the good news with shouts given with our whole lives. We are called to shout and tell of the one who loves us with a love beyond description.

^{*}Blessing

This Week at Grace

- Tuesday 6:15 PM Team Meetings
 - 7:00 PM Leadership
- Wednesday 1:30 PM Fellowship Group
 - 5:30 PM Discipleship Small Group
- Thursday 5:30 PM Men's Group Fellowship Hall
- Friday 6:30 AM Women's Study Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

The June Mission of the Month will go to the goes to the "Shift Garage". This ministry provides low-cost repairs, education, and cars to those in need in our communities.

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!!