

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – January 29, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” – Matthew 5:12*

### Grace United Methodist Church

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Steve Hilton  
Mike Marsland  
Lisa Teachout  
and Julie Marsland

## Order of Worship

\*Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Happy are we...

**People: When our treasures cannot be quantified.**

Leader: Happy are we...

**People: When our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

Leader: Happy are we...

**People: When our pain is held in the balm of love.**

Leader: Happy are we...

**People: When our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymns #451 – Be Thou My Vision

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

\*Hymn #467 – Trust and Obey

Kids Message

Message: "Blessed Are"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: All Who Are Thirsty

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Songs:

- Open the Eyes of My Heart

- Shout to the North

\*Announcements

\*Blessing

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

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. Thinking about the nine Beatitudes, when have you experienced blessing through mourning or hunger or persecution? Did growth in your faith occur?
- 2) *Pray*. Where might God be calling you to walk alongside someone who is in need of comfort or mercy or is in need of “seeing” God? Cover them in prayer.
- 3) *Study*. Read Luke 6:17-26. How are these verses similar to what we read today? How are they different? What do verses 24-26 add to your understanding of this teaching from Jesus?

### Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 112:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Matthew 5:13-20

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

## **Next Sunday's Message:**

"You Are" - You are... we are... We are the representatives of the church whether we consciously try and claim that role or not. All sorts of people look at us and think, "Oh, that is what it means to be part of a church." Wait – maybe we ought to just keep our heads down. Play it safe. That’s okay until we look into the Gospels, until we delve into this section of the Beatitudes, until we look to Jesus’s words and example. He was a bit of a risk-taker. “Get on out there,” he says, “Be salt and light in the world.” You see, light doesn’t exist for its own sake. The light is there to help folks find their way. And salt, well, for its own sake is not really a good thing. But as an enhancer, as a preservative, it is invaluable. Join us Sunday as we delve into the call to be the manifestation of Christ in the world. Join us Sunday as we grow in our understanding of “blessed are.”

**This Week at Grace:**

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- Sunday – No Youth Group
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – No Art with Heart
- Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM – Grief Support Group Fellowship
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Men’s Study – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women’s Study – Fellowship Hall

**Announcements:**

Our January Mission of the Month is the “Women’s and Children’s Home.

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!!**