

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – March 5, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *“Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” – John 3:5*

### Grace United Methodist Church

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John Britt  
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Barb Walker  
Kristin Britt  
Steve Hilton  
Mike Marsland  
Lisa Teachout  
and Julie Marsland

## Order of Worship

\*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**People: We are learning to follow Jesus.**

Leader: When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination,

**People: Show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.**

Leader: When re-birth is the impossible way forward,

**People: Christ, be our midwife as we accept God's call to be reborn.**

Leader: When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we've been and where we're going,

**People: Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.**

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #369 – Blessed Assurance

Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-4a and John 3:1-17

\*Hymn #98 - To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!

Kids Message

Message: "Go from Your Country"

Holy Communion and the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings  
- Song: Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Songs:

- Here I Am to Worship
- Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

\*Blessing

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

**GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. As the Spirit has moved you in the past, how have you responded? How did this impact your faith? Or... how could have it if you responded?
- 2) *Pray*. Where or to whom might God be calling you? Spend some time in prayer seeking courage, strength, guidance, or whatever else you need from God.
- 3) *Study*. Read John 3:22-36. What words of humility do you hear in John the Baptists' voice? How does he witness to Jesus as the Messiah?

**Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

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

**Next Sunday's Message:** "Give Me Water" - We're thirsty this week - thirsting for the living waters that Jesus spoke about to the woman at the well. Water is essential to life itself.

Droughts scare us. The Israelites quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink!" They issued an ultimatum: "Give us water or get out!" But God says to Moses, "I will stand before you." God will provide. In our New Testament passage, Jesus comes across all the barriers. He meets us in a shared need. Jesus never seems to need a lot of response. We don't have to understand completely. We just have to want it. Join us for worship!!

### This Week at Grace:

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM Art with Heart
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Wednesday – 6:00 PM – Lenten Study – Fellowship Hall
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Luke Study – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women’s Study – Fellowship Hall

### **Announcements:**

Our March Mission of the Month is “Shower with Hope” – an outreach to those on the streets in Rapid City.

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!!**