

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – May 14, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.” and “Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.” – Psalm 66:16 and 1st Peter 3:15b*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

People: Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.

Leader: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

People: Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.

Leader: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

People: Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. Glory and honor, power and dominion belong to God alone. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #393 – Spirit of the Living God

Scriptures: Psalm 66:8-16,19-20 and 1st Peter 3:3-16

*Hymn #377 – It Is well with My Soul

Kids Message

Message: "Always Be Ready"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: All Who Are Thirsty

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Sweetly Broken

- Blessed Be Your Name

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. In your faith life, who has poured into you, intentionally or just by their natural way of living their faith? How can you do this for others?
- 2) *Pray*. As you reflect on the call to always be ready to bear witness to your faith, how ready are you? Offer supplication to God to make you fully ready.
- 3) *Study*. Read 1st Peter 3:4-6. Do you still struggle with anything listed in verse 3? How might 1st Peter 3:15 help you in this battle?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10,32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11
John 17:1-11

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Casting Your Cares" - The call is to cast all of our anxiety on Jesus. Why? Because he cares for us. The real question is: Can we? This naturally leads to: How? The psalmist advises us to start with joy. We find joy by remembering what God has done and is doing – both in history and in our lives. Returning to 1st Peter, we get advice too: humble ourselves, focus on our spiritual disciplines, and resist the devil. When we make efforts to live in right relationship with God, then we experience the promise: God will restore, support, strengthen, and establish us.

This Week at Grace

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – No Adult Sunday School
- Sunday – 6:00 PM – Youth Group (last day)
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program (last day)
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart (last day)
- Wednesday - 5:30 PM - A Living Hope Study - Fellowship Hall
- Thursday – 6:00 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

The May Mission of the Month will go to the Bishops Miracle Offering, for "Road of Hope." Funds will go to Helpline of South Dakota and FirstLink of North Dakota. Both offer help to people with rent, food, and so forth. Both also offer mental health crisis hotlines. This offering is in response to the increasing number of suicide attempts and deaths, as well as the mental crisis in our nation.

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!!