

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – August 30, 2026 – 10:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"Who am I to go to Pharaoh
and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*
- Exodus 3:11

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- *Opening Hymn #576 – Rise Up O Men of God
#578 – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

People: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Leader: Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

People: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Leader: Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

People: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Leader: Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

People: God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to so as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

- *Passing of the Peace – When have you been accepted into a new group or environment that you worried about fitting into? What did you learn from this?

- *Hymn #2137 - Would I Have Answered When You Called
- Sanctuary

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15 and Matthew 16:21-28

Blessing of the Backpacks and Prayer Cards

Kids Message

- *Song: My Lighthouse

Message: "Acceptance"

*Song of Response: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Awesome God
- How Great Is Our God
- Build Your Kingdom Here

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) Grow. When has rebuke or conviction in your walk of faith led to growth and maturity in your faith (as it did eventually for Peter)? How is this a lesson to share with others?
- 2) Pray. Who or what group of people are you hesitant to accept as they are? How might spending time in prayer (please do) change how you perceive this person or group?
- 3) Study. Read Exodus 4:10-17. When or how have you recently tried to deny or refuse God's call on your life? What "signs" has God provided that helped you step up?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Aug. 31 – Exodus 12:1-10

Sept. 1 – Exodus 12:1-14

Sept. 2 – Psalm 149

Sept. 3 – Romans 13:8-10

Sept. 4 – Romans 13:11-14

Sept. 5 – Matthew 18:15-17

Sept. 6 – Matthew 18:18-20

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Conflict" – During worship we will address the uncomfortable but avoidable reality of conflict, looking to Jesus' clear roadmap in Matthew 18 for faithful reconciliation. Rather than airing grievances, we will use this time to practice empathy, praying for those we experience friction with and recognizing them as fellow image-bearers of God. Ultimately, we will be reminded that we do not navigate these difficult challenges alone, finding our refuge and strength together in God's protective presence.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 8 AM – Adult Sunday School (Starts Sept. 13)
- Sun. – 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. – 9:30 AM – Message/Lectionary Study
(Starts Sept. 14)
- Mon. – 3 PM – Grace Kids (Starts Sept. 14)
- Tues. – 3 PM – Art with Heart (Starts Sept. 15)
- Wed. – 7:30 AM – Young Ladies Bible Study
(Starts Sept. 16)
- Wed. – 3:30 PM – Grief Support (Starts Sept. 16)
- Wed. – 5:30 PM – Youth Group (Starts Sept. 16)
- Wed. – 6 PM – Church Garden Volunteering
- Thurs. – 5:30 PM – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – SS Room
- Sat. – 9 AM – Church Garden Volunteering

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Sept. 19 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – TBA
- Sept. 20 – 10:30 AM – Confirmation Meeting
(Parents too!)
- Oct. 6 - Parent Teacher Feed – Stagebarn M.S.

Announcements:

The Mission of the Month for September is the Food Bank.

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), Please scan the QR code.
Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please check the sign-up sheets across from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

May God Bless You throughout the coming week!