

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – March 19, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *"Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."*

— 1st Samuel 16:7

## Grace United Methodist Church

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Cindy Puckett

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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: The way is long, and we are thirsty.

**People: We seek the living waters of Jesus.**

Leader: We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

**People: We need the living waters of Jesus.**

Leader: We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here* and *now*.

**People: As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.**

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

\*Hymns #361 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7 & John 1-16, 24-28, and 35-41

\*Hymn #2071 - Jesus, Name Above All Names

Kids Message

Message: "In the Presence"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Hymn #2244 - People Need the Lord

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Announcements

- \*Closing Songs:
- You Never Let Go
  - Love the Lord

\*Blessing

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

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. What or to whom might God be inviting you to this week?
- 2) *Pray*. Where are you struggling with the eye of judgment? Pray that you can better see with God's eyes of grace.
- 3) *Study*. Read John 10:11-18. How does knowing the voice of the Good Shepherd help us to see as God sees us?

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Exodus 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

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

**Next Sunday's Message:** "In the Presence" - On the surface, the healing of a blind man seems just like any of the other healing stories in the gospels. But it is so much more. It is an invitation to look at the world through God's eyes – to see what God sees. Jesus says that this man and this moment is given to show the presence and power of God. It shows God's power even more wonderfully when the simple, the plain, the everyday is used to bring God glory. God had a tendency to do this sort of thing all the time. David was chosen when he was but a boy. Over and over, God has given this message. When we live on the surface, then we miss what is really going on. We have to learn "faith vision."

### 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
- Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- 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.

If you would be interested in giving a free-will donation for one or more of our wooden pews from in the Chapel area please speak with one of our staff.

Avin & JoAnne Martin are celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this week. Let’s shower them with cards at: P.O Box 107, Piedmont, SD 57769-0107

**May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!**