

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – July 19, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *“We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free.”*
- Romans 8:23

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #333 – I'm Gonna Sing When
the Spirit Says Sing

Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather to join our voices with winds and seas,
sunshine and rain, mountains and grassy plains to
Worship God, our Creator.

**People: We gather as children of God, stewards of
God's creation.**

Leader: We gather to join our hearts with creatures who
creep and crawl, slither and squirm, swim and soar, to
worship God, our Creator.

**People: We gather as children of God, stewards of
God's creation.**

Leader: We gather as witnesses of the harm that has been
done to God's creation, to the groanings of the earth and
all the earth's inhabitants who long for peace and
flourishing.

**People: We gather as children of God, stewards of
God's creation.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who strengthens and
equips us, guiding us to live out our faith as good
stewards of God's good creation.

**People: Come, let us worship God who inspires and
empowers us to be stewards of hope and
redemption in a wounded and hurting World! Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #533 – We Shall Overcome

Scripture: Romans 8:12-25

Kids Message

Message: "Wait with Eager Longing"

*Song of Response: Holy Ground

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song: Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) Grow. Obligation, suffering, groaning – not exactly positive words. Yet, how have these experiences led to growth in your faith? Why does faith often work in this way?
- 2) Pray. Fear often leads us to do or say things in order to preserve self or to feel secure. What fears do you have that inhibit your trust and faith in God? Turn these over to God in prayer, seeking to give control over to the Lord.
- 3) Study. Read 1st Peter 1:3-9. How does Peter echo Paul's words about hope and trust? What does this passage add to your faith and trust in the Lord?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

July 20 – Genesis 29:15-28

July 21 – Psalm 105:7-11, 45b

July 22 – Psalm 105:1-6, 45b

July 23 – Romans 8:26-30

July 24 – Romans 8:31-39

July 25 – Matthew 13:31-33

July 26 – Matthew 13:44-52

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

Next Sunday's Message: "More Than Conquerors" – For the ninth Sunday of Pentecost, Romans 8 invites the church to wrestle honestly with suffering, hope, and God's grace. It reframes being "more than conquerors" not as power or triumph, but as redemption through Christ and deep belonging in community, where the Spirit intercedes, sustains, and draws us closer to God and one another. Faith, at its core, is a corporate experience. It is not that we benefit from being a part of a community; we require it. Our call is to faithful and loving community, empowered and sustained by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Wed. – 6 PM – Church Garden Volunteering
- Thurs. – 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – SS Room
- Sat. – 9 AM – Church Garden Volunteering

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- July 24-25 – Annual Rummage Sale
- Aug. 2 – 5 PM – Hoses & Hallelujah 3 – City Park
- Aug. 9-11 – 5 PM – VBS

Announcements:

The Mission of the Month for July is Love INC's Clothe-A-Kid Program.

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.

If there is a Hymn/Song that you'd like to sing during worship on Sunday's, please leave a note with song and # in the donation box.

May God Bless You throughout the coming week!