Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday - July 2, 2023 - 9:00 am



<u>Meditation Verse</u>: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." – Matthew 10:40

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord, just as you have welcomed us when we were strangers with no home, just as you have taken us in when others said, "No," we ourselves seek to welcome those who have come to worship and praise your holy name. We welcome you this morning in this place to sit down and be present with us. Let us worship God!

People: Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn # 361 – Rock od Ages

Scriptures: Genesis 22:1-14 and Matthew 10:40-42

*Song: No Longer Slaves

Kids Message

Message: "Quenching a Thirst"

Holy Communion and the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Hymn #2268 - As We Gather at Your Table

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

- *Closing Songs:
 - Glorious Day
 - All the People Said Amen

^{*}Blessing

GPS - Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) Grow. As you reflect on Jesus' sending the disciples out to knock on doors and to ask if it would be alright to talk about Jesus, whose door might you knock on?
- 2) Pray. Who might the Spirit be calling you to offer a cup of cold water? Or... who might be seeking to offer you a cup? Pray for your heart to be opened.
- 3) Study. Read Matthew 11:1-6. How are these words of Jesus further instruction to his disciples? How can we, as disciples, be a part of quenching these thirsts?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 24:34+-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17 Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Taking the Yoke" - Next Sunday we hear the call to take upon ourselves Jesus' yoke. Is the yoke a symbol of calling to a life of service? Or perhaps you see the yoke as a symbol of the partnership we have with Christ? On our path of discipleship we are learning to grow in our relationships with Christ and with the community. It begins when we take the yoke. It is a yoke that fits us, that is right for us. In our Genesis text we see the necessary ingredients of a good relationship being worked out. Like with Isaac and Rebekah, every good relationship is about investing time, energy, and attention. From a place of love and being loved, we surrender self and take on Christ's yoke, telling Jesus that we are willing to learn and grow as his disciples.

This Week at Grace

- Wednesday 1:30 PM Midweek Chat Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM Discipleship Small Group
- Thursday 5:30 PM Men's Group Fellowship Hall
- Friday 6:30 AM Women's Study Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

The June Mission of the Month goes to the "Shift Garage". This ministry provides low-cost repairs, education, and cars to those in need in our communities.

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.

Please stay after church today to celebrate Mary Wilson's 90th birthday party. Join her in Fellowship Hall.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!