

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – September 10, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* – Matthew 18:20

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Reader: Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,

People: We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.

Reader: When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,

People: We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.

Reader: When cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,

People: We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.

Reader: When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,

People: We remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.

Reader: Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,

People: Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #557 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Scriptures: Matthew 18:15-20

*Hymn #408 - The Gift of Love

Kids Message

Message: "How to Fight Like a Christian"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Arms Open Wide

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
- I Give You My Heart

*Blessing

(*Please stand if you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. Think about times that you've worked through conflict. What did you learn about yourself? Where did you struggle? How did you grow as a result?
- 2) *Pray*. Is there a place or person of conflict or hurt in your life right now? Seek God's guidance and direction to bring resolution and reconciliation.
- 3) *Study*. Read Luke 17:1-4. How do verses 1-2 add to what Jesus says in verses 3-4? Which echoes what we heard from Jesus in Matthew 18:15-20?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Next Sunday's Message: "The Math of Forgiveness" - Right after learning about forgiveness and reconciliation – right after – Peter wants to know how many times he has to forgive someone. Like us, he wants clarity. The problem is this: when we count how many times we've forgiven someone, we are not practicing grace. We are just extending our patience.

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Forgiveness brings us back to where the relationship was. It opens us up to being hurt again. As Christians we must take this risk because that is the risk that God takes with us. Therefore we cannot wait until that person earns our forgiveness. True repentance is all that should be needed. This is the measure of our assurance of salvation: do we live out the kind of unfair grace that God so willingly offers us through Christ?

This Week at Grace:

- Wednesday – 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday – 9 AM – Discipleship Small Group
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Chapel

Upcoming Special Events:

- September 10 – 5 PM – Parking Lot Worship
- September 16 – 9 AM – Service Saturday (*garden area*)
- September 30 – 10 AM – Imagine Day
- October 27 – 5 PM – Fall Family Festival

Announcements:

September Mission of the Month is for the Hope Center 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.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!