

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – March 15, 2026 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth.”*

- Ephesians 5:9

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## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn #174 – His Name is Wonderful

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

**People: We gather to worship God, our Shepard, who guides us on the journey.**

Leader: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

**People: We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.**

Leader: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

**People: We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

**People: Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #2236 – Gather Us In

Scriptures: Psalm 23 and Ephesians 5:8-14

Kids Message

Message "Journeying in Grace"

\*Song of Response – Once Again

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Song – Love the Lord

\*Blessing

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

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. What have been the most difficult “wilderness” moments of your life (trial, temptation, suffering)? Looking back, how did your faith deepen and/or grow?
- 2) *Pray*. Sometimes it is hard to determine what is pleasing to God. What is one area that you are struggling with discernment in? Spend some time seeking the Spirit’s wisdom.
- 3) *Study*. Read Ephesians 5:15-21. What additional ideas or practices does Paul offer in terms of living as the light? How can you put some of these into practice?

### **This Week’s Scripture Readings:**

Mar. 16 – Psalm 130:1-6  
Mar. 17 – John 11:1-16  
Mar. 18 – Ezekiel 37:1-6  
Mar. 19 – Ezekiel 37:7-14  
Mar. 20 – John 11:17-45  
Mar. 21 – Romans 8:6-11  
**Mar. 22 – Psalm 130:7-8**

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to [pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday’s Message:** “Redemption Road” – Ezekiel is brought to a place of death and dryness. He is brought there so that he can be the one who holds hope and declares resurrection. Jesus came to a place of death, called the Lazarus’ sisters. Carrying the weight of many things, Jesus first weeps. He then directs those gathered and us today to ‘Take away the stone.’ Doing so, we find life.

### This Week at Grace

- Sun. - 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun. - 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. - 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. - 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. - 7:45 AM – Women’s Small Group – SS Room
- Wed. - 1 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wed. - 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Thur. - 5:30 PM – Men’s Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. - 6:30 AM – Ladies’ Bible Study - Chapel

### Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- **TODAY** – 10:30 AM - Chili Contest and Sweet Eats & Treats – Sign up on table in fellowship Hall
- March 21 – 9 AM - Service Saturday @ Church
- March 29 – 9 AM - Palm Sunday
- April 12 – 6 PM - Second Sunday – Pie and Puzzles

### Announcements:

The Mission of the month for March is for an AED – a portable, life-saving device.

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 the hall 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!!**