

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – April 30, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps."* – 1st Peter 2:21

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: The great Father above a Shepherd Chief is.

People: I am His and with Him I want not.

Leader: He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love, and he draws me to where the grass is green

People: And the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.

Leader: Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but, he lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

People: His name is WONDERFUL.

Leader: Some time, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time. He will draw me into a valley.

People: It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through life will be satisfied.

Leader: Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip,

People: But afterwards, He gives a staff to lean upon.

Leader: He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.

People: He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.

Leader: My cup he fills till it runs over.

People: What I tell is true. I lie not.

Leader: These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after;

**People: And afterwards, I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.
Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymns #140 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scriptures: Psalm 23 and 1st Peter 2:19-25

*Hymn #474- Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Kids Message

Message: " Guardian of the Soul"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: I Stand Amazed

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song:

- Jesus Messiah

- This Is Amazing Grace

*Blessing

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. In times of suffering or trial, what parts of Psalm 23 have you personally experienced? How did these experiences affect your faith?
- 2) *Pray*. Are you or is someone you know suffering unjustly? How can this situation be addressed or relieved? Being by praying for God's direction.
- 3) *Study*. Read 1st Peter 2:13-18. After reading this passage, what words or behaviors might need to change for you to better reflect Christ to the world?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Living Like Stones" - Life is not easy – there are rocks in the road, stones on the path. We trip and we stumble, and we fall. Maybe that is why Peter starts with milk and infancy. We must grow in our faith. So we are invited to come to the living stone, to be a stone, to live a life of worship. In the Psalm we are reminded that the stone is our refuge and our rock, our fortress too. It is where we are secure. This living stone, this Jesus, invites us into a partnership, into allowing ourselves to be built into something greater than ourselves, into something that we probably cannot even see right now.

This Week at Grace

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- Sunday – 6:00 PM – Youth Group
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart
- Wednesday - 5:30 PM - A Living Hope Study - Fellowship Hall
- Thursday – 6:00 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Our April Mission has been "Teacher Appreciation." Thank you to everyone who took a card and wrote a thank you note to a teacher or staff at our local school as well as your financial support to buy gift cards.. Your gesture of appreciation is always well received. Our May Mission of the month goes to the Bishops Special Offering.

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!!