

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – March 29, 2026 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”*
-Matthew 21:9

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, a demonstration of Jesus' saving power.

People: We come to praise Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: The crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the backs of a donkey and a colt.

People: We come to call Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

People: We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kingdom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

People: We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29

Homily: Marching Orders - Part 1

Kids Message

Palm Parade and Opening Hymn
#278 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #277 – Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

Message "Marching Orders"- Part 2

*Song of Response – Lead Me to the Cross

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song – Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. Which of these faith “pitfalls” do you struggle with the most: doing the “wrong” things, doing “good” things for the wrong reasons, or relying too much on your own efforts to be good enough for God?
- 2) *Pray*. When have you experienced God’s power in your life of faith – in a moment, at an event, in worship? Pray for your heart to be more open to these experiences.
- 3) *Study*. Read Matthew 21:12-17. Why do you think Jesus would act in a way that was so different from the palm parade? What is he showing? Revealing? Trying to accomplish?

This Week’s Scripture Readings:

March 30 – Isaiah 42:1-9

March 31 – Psalm 36:5-11

April 1 – Hebrews 12:1-3

April 2 – John 13:1-117,
31b-35 (MT)

April 3 – John 18:1-9 (GF)

April 4 – Matthew 27:57-66

April 5 – Matthew 28:1-10

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

Next Sunday's Message: "A New Start" – The angel is straight-forward the Mary's: Jesus isn't here. He is risen; he is alive. They seek the living among the dead. This is what Jesus invites us to as well: to be the living amongst the death and brokenness of the world, to be love and life - abundant. Full, empowered. Living this new life, we serve with grateful hearts, filled with joy and hope.

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. - 6 PM – Maundy Thursday Worship - Sanctuary
- Fri. - 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study - Chapel
- Fri. - 6 PM – Good Friday Worship - Sanctuary

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- April 5 – 6:30 AM – Easter Sunrise Worship - Chapel
- April 5 – 9 AM – Easter Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

Announcements:

The Mission of the month for March is for an AED – a portable, life-saving device.
April is Teacher Appreciation (for PVE this year).

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!!