

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – September 3, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*
– Matthew 16:24

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Reader: We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers —

People: The God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses —

Reader: Who hears the cries of His people and comes to their aid;

People: Who meets us on holy ground and calls us to follow;

Reader: Who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind,

People: To take up our cross and discover what it means to truly live.

Reader: This is our God!

People: Let's worship together.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #347 – Spirit Song

Scriptures: Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Matthew 16:21-28

*Hymn #400 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Kids Message

Message: “Denying Self

Holy Communion and the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Redeemed

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Songs:**

- Humble Thyself/Awesome God
- Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

***Blessing**

(*Please stand if you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. Why is it important to fully understand who and what Christ is to you before witnessing to others about Jesus?

2) *Pray*. First, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that grandparent, friend, coach... who loved you into Christ. Second, ask God whom you're being called to love.

3) *Study*. Read Matthew 25:31-46. How do these words add to or affect the ways you might answer these questions: Who am I to you? Where do I fit into your life? Does our relationship define who you are at your very core?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Next Sunday's Message: "How to Fight Like a Christian" - The church, like every place else, is a place where we can hurt one another. In our lesson, we see that Jesus expected this to happen. Jesus gives us three steps to conflict resolution, forgiveness, and reconciliation. First, go talk to the person who hurt you. If needed, second take along someone who they might listen to – add some perspective other than your own. And, if necessary, bring the matter to the whole faith community. Jesus' main point is this: the church is meant to be mediator in a world of misunderstandings and peacemaker in a world of passive-aggressiveness. To be this to the world, it must begin with Christ in our presence, bringing forgiveness and healing.

This Week at Grace

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

Upcoming Special Events

- September 9 – 10 AM – Food Preservation Workshop
- September 10 – 5 PM – Parking Lot Worship
- September 30 – 10 AM – Imagine Day
- October 27 – 5 PM – Fall Family Festival

Announcements:

September Mission of the Month is called “Month of Hope.” We will gather donations 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.

New Discipleship class beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 9 AM. We will be studying The Jordan River Rules: The Same God Who Led You Out Will Lead You On. In a nutshell, this book is about 10 God-given strategies for moving forward. Learn more about this 10-week study in the September newsletter! Sign up on the bulletin board across from the drinking fountains!

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!