

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – October 8, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7*

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

People: We will sing a song to the One who fills our lives with joy.

Leader: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

People: We will sing a song to the One who hears our words and silence.

Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

People: We will sing a song to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #395 – Take Time to Be Holy

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

*Hymn #2218 – You Are Mine

Kids Message

Message: "Worry"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song – I Will Rise

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Songs:**

- I've Got Peace Like a River
- Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

***Blessing**

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow.* As worry creeps up on you, what faith practices have you found helpful in combating worry? What other practices might you try in the future?
- 2) *Pray.* Who do you know that seems consumed or otherwise affected by worry? How can you help them? In what ways can you pray for or with them?
- 3) *Study.* Read Matthew 19:16-30. What kept the young man from meeting Jesus' expectations? How does that contrast to the disciples' commitment?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6 and 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Entitlement" - The scene is a wedding banquet – of the king's son, no less. This parable about heaven has a twist. The invited guests do not come. Worse yet, they abuse the messengers sent to invite them. So the king welcomes the un-welcomeable. Yet today, the good news is still meant for the hungry. We can forget that. When we lose sight of the radical grace inherent in the invitation to Christ, we have forgotten both who we are and how we got here. There we can get caught up in what we deserve. And there we are incapable of seeing God's blessing and of expressing our gratitude. The proper response to the king's invitation is this: to drop everything and run breathless to the banquet, wondering how we ever were invited in the first place.

This Week at Grace

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

Upcoming Special Events

- October 17 – 6:15 PM – Team/Leadership Meetings
- October 17 – 7 PM – Annual Charge Conference
- October 20-21 – Confirmation Retreat – SMC
- October 20-22 – Women's Retreat - SMC
- October 27 – 5:30 PM – Fall Family Festival
- October 28 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – Grace UMC

Announcements:

October Mission of the Month is Socktober! Please bring hats, gloves, and socks for those in need. Thanks!

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.

The Fall Family Festival is this month! If you can bring some candy, please place it in the "trunk" by the entrance to the Sanctuary. OR... if you can help with the food or games or if you can decorate a trunk – PLEASE sign up on the clipboards next to the "trunk!" Thanks!!!

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!