

Grace United Methodist Church



March 9, 2025 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship
1st Sunday in Lent / Scout Sunday

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith
striving to share God's love with all.**

***Please Stand If You Are Able**

Opening Voluntary

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

*** Opening Hymn #269 – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”**
LAND OF REST

*** Call to Worship**

L: Welcome home, beloved children of God!

P: Gathered in God's arms, we come to worship.

L: Sheltered in God's love, we come to grow in love.

P: Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

L: Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

P: we trust that God is with us, guiding and protecting our days.

*** Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, your ways lead to life; your light shines in our darkness. The promises you made to our ancestors continue to this day. We too share the bounty of your blessings, and the grace of eternal life in your name. May we be worthy of our calling and help others find their way. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward, when we are tired beyond words. Pour your grace into our souls, when we give in to temptation and stray where we were never meant to go. Shepherding God, guide us back to you and show us the path home. In hope and gratitude, we pray.

Words of Assurance

All who call on God's name are saved. We can rest assured in this promise. Amen and Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

As we share the peace of Christ with one another, may the light of Christ shine in you always. And also in you.

Scout Troop 109

Children's Message

Pastor Eumin Kim

Scriptures

New Testament/Epistle – Romans 10:8b-13 (New International Version)

⁸“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13 (New International Version)

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” ⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” ⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If

you worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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***Hymn before Sermon #2112** – “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”
LONESOME VALLELY (The Faith We Sing Hymnal)

Sermon – “Lent: Journeying Toward Salvation”

Pastor Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

As the ancient Hebrews were called to offer the first fruit of the harvest, so we are called to offer our gifts of gratitude to God. May God move in our hearts and minds, as we give generously, gratefully, and joyfully.

Chancel Choir – “A Lenton Prayer” by Lloyd Larson

***Hymn No. 95** – Presentation of the Offering

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of abundance, we offer these gifts, along with our praise and thanksgiving. You generously pour out your love and the gifts of this good earth to us, each and every day. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may bring abundant love and sustenance to many in need of your blessing. With grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #533** – “We Shall Overcome”

MARTIN

*Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary

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| Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim | Counting Team: Everett Fitch |
| Liturgist/Reader: Coleen Murray | Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano |
| Guest Organist: Jane Leslie | Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett |



♥♦Chris Ukanwoke, ♥†♦Francis Paul D'Elia (father of Janice Biegler), ♥Diane Vitacco, ♥Jerry Noble (father of Thomas Noble), ♥SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥Families dealing with the California Wild Fires, ♥Edie Zipperlen, ♥Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥Priscilla Caparelli (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Cecil and Carol Walker (friends of Barbara Woodford), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske, ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske). **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

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