

# Grace United Methodist Church



**March 16, 2025 - 10:00AM**

## **Order of Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**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 – “Prelude in C Major, BWV 846” by J. S. Bach**

**Welcome/Greetings**

**Choral Introit**

**\*Opening Hymn #361 – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

*TOPLADY*

**\*Call to Worship**

**L: God, our light and our salvation, calls us to worship.**

**P: We gather in faith, confidence, and praise.**

**L: Come; seek the face of God.**

**P: God's face shines upon us with grace and love.**

**L: Be strong, my friends, for God is here.**

**P: Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Mighty God, we come into your presence from many different places and situations. Light our way in this time of worship. Calm our hearts, focus our thoughts, and strengthen our faith, as we pray and praise this day. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Mothering God, we often feel scattered and lost, separated from you and from one another. Gather us in. Comfort us in our loneliness. Dispel our fears. Correct our wayward feet and strengthen our faith, that we might hear your voice, trust your promises, and stand firm in your ways. In your light and love, we pray. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Be strong and take heart. God is with us here and now. Christ's love is saving us, now and always.

## **Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Sisters and brothers, we are light for one another, even as Christ is light for each of us. Let's share signs of Christ's light and love, as we pass the peace with one another.

**Westminster Ringers** - "Reflections on Forest Green," arr. by Barbara Semmann

## **Children's Message**

Pastor Eumin Kim

## **Scriptures**

**Old Testament** – Psalm 27 (New International Version)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. <sup>4</sup> One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup> Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. <sup>8</sup> My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. <sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. <sup>10</sup> Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. <sup>11</sup> Teach me your

way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. <sup>12</sup> Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. <sup>13</sup> I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

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

### **Gospel Reading** – Luke 13:31-35 (New International Version)

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’” <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! <sup>34</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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**\*Hymn before Sermon #2204** – “Light of the World” *LIGHT OF THE WORLD*

**Sermon** – “Our Shelter Through the Storms” *Pastor Eumin Kim*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response**

#### **Invitation to Tithes and Offering**

As the ancients brought goats and doves to honor and bless God, we are invited to bring our gifts of earthly treasure to honor and bless God. Whether we offer coins or dollars, checks or electronic donations, all gifts honor and bless God. Knowing this, may we share our treasure as generously with God as God has shared earthly treasure with us.

**Chancel Choir – “I will lift up mine eyes” by Mark Dickey**

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

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Mighty God, bless these gifts, that they might bring strength to our faith, love to your world, and comfort to the forsaken. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**\* Closing Hymn #397- “I Need Thee Every Hour”**

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**\* Dismissal with Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary - “The Solid Rock” arranged by Larry Shackley**

<b>Pastor:</b> Pastor Eumin Kim	<b>Counting Team:</b> Debbie Nicosia
<b>Liturgist/Reader:</b> Andrea Owen-Boyd	<b>Ushers:</b> Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
<b>Music Director:</b> Drew Banzhoff	<b>Audio-Tech:</b> Brandon Gauntlett



♥Chris Ukanwoke, ♥†Family of 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, ♥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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