

Grace United Methodist Church



March 23, 2025 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship/3rd Sunday in Lent/Reception of New Members

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 531" by J. S. Bach
Welcome/Greetings
Choral Introit

*Opening Hymn #176 – “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” (Sing Twice) *MAJESTY*

*Call to Worship
L: The table is set. The banquet is laid.
P: **Our souls hunger and thirst for God.**
L: Our gracious host welcomes us here.
P: **God’s steadfast love is better than life.**
L: Sing for joy in the shadow of God’s wings.
P: **We have come to praise the living God.**

*Opening Prayer
Lord of overflowing abundance, we praise you with joyful lips and bless you with uplifted hands. When our souls are parched, you offer us wine and milk without price and satisfy our hunger. Guard us when we stand for what is right, and save us from the time of trial, that we may be worthy disciples of your Son, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, when we suffer thirst, you refresh us with the waters of life. When we set our jaws and lose our cool, you heal our hardness of heart. Help us abide in your steadfast love, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Words of Assurance
God is our help in times of trial and when we lose our way. When we place our trust in Christ, God helps us stand and restores our honor.

Passing of the Peace of Christ
The Lord offers us everything we need without price. In celebration of this great gift, let us share our joy by passing the peace of Christ with one another.

Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Marisa Pershad
Liturgist/Reader: Allison LaVoie	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Music Director: Drew Banzhoff	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **FREE WIFI**

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OUR FREE WIFI IS ONLY AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

🙏♥Amanda Brown and family (mother of Naomi Brown), ♥Lionel Brown, ♥Chris Ukanwoke, ♥Diane Vitacco, ♥SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥Debbielee Thomsen, Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥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), ♥Everon 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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Reception of New Members – Hymnal 38-39

Cherissae A. Brown
Lionel R. Brown
Desrine Edwards
Allison LaVoie
Janet Wilson

Children’s Message

Pastor Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – Isaiah 55:1-9 (New International Version)

55 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9 (New International Version)

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” 6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ 8 “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

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*Hymn before Sermon #2244 – “People Need the Lord” PEOPLE NEED THE LORD
(The Faith We Sing Hymnal – Sing Twice)

Sermon – “Return to the Lord”

Pastor Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

We are called to live in hope and to share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God.

Chancel Choir – "O Magnify The Lord" by Camille Saint-Saëns

*Hymn No. 95 – Presentation of the Offering

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, you have set the table before us and given us every good thing. In gratitude for your kindness and mercy, receive our gifts and our offerings. Accept our hearts into your keeping, that our lives may bear good fruit and that we may enter into your glory. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #469 – “Jesus Is All the World to Me” ELIZABETH

*Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary - "Salzburg/Alle Menschen müssen sterben" by Robert J. Powell