

Grace United Methodist Church



February 8, 2026 - 10:00 AM

**Order of Worship – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Praise Sunday- Stewardship Sunday-Black History Month**

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

***Please Stand If You Are Able**

Praise Hymns

#507 Through It All composed by Andrae Crouch

#512 Stand By Me composed by Charles Albert Tindley

#474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand composed by Thomas A. Dorsey

Welcome/Greetings

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: On this Black History Sunday God calls us to oneness, unity and love.

All: For we are all children of God in Christ

Leader: There is neither Jew nor Greek,

All: there is neither slave nor free,

Leader: there is neither male nor female,

All: For we are all one in Christ Jesus and made in the image of God.

*** Opening Prayer**

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustice and inequality, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus

Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, during Black History Month, we remember Rosa Parks, born a black woman in the Old South, where it was once both acceptable and legal to discriminate against blacks and women. We thank you for her example of courage and faith. Yet we confess that we have not been so willing to sacrifice. We have preferred comfort and safety over the need to stand up for what we believe or to sit down and refuse to move until justice comes. Change our hearts and help us to respond with similar courage and faith. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

The blood of Christ covers over a multitude of sins. In the name of Jesus and through His sacrifice on the cross, you are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace among ourselves. Peace be with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – 1 Chronicles 29:14-20

¹⁴“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. ¹⁹And give my son Solomon the wholehearted

devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.” ²⁰ Then David said to the whole assembly, “Praise the Lord your God.” So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers; they bowed down, prostrating themselves before the Lord and the king.

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

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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*** Hymn before Sermon #2036 - “Give Thanks” (Sing Twice)**
(The Faith We Sing Hymnal)

Sermon – “Effective Stewardship: Giving All You Can” Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

Lord, we come now to offer our talents, our treasures, our love — our everything. You continue to make a way when there doesn't seem to be one. You ask that we lay everything on the altar and be made whole. Bless, keep, mold, shape, and heal us in every way. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Chancel Choir – "Come Sunday" by Duke Ellington

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

We offer our gifts, given from your abundance that they may be used to proclaim your love and to bring healing and hope to all who are in need. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn #694 - "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"**

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (I'M GONNA LIVE)

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



♥♦†Family of Duncan Pike (Don Pike's brother brother), ♥♦Peggy Robinson, ♥♦Anthony Nicosia (stepson of Debbie Nicosia), ♥♦Lisa Becker, ♥♦Bill Smyth, ♥♦†Family of Andrea Russell (Kennedy Russell's grandmother), ♥Steve Savarese, ♥Ana G (student of Naomi Brown), ♥Chris Ukanwoke, ♥Rhoda Lankins and Roosevelt Lankins, ♥Country and People of Nigeria, ♥Juana Fernandez (mother of Marisa Pershad), ♥Elmer Alfaro and Dion Alfaro (friends of Andrea Owen-Boyd), ♥Family of Jennifer Seymour (friend of Andrea Owen-Boyd), ♥Prayers for everyone in Cuba and Jamaica, ♥Beth Zeller and family (friends of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Rev. Carl Borden, ♥Andrea Russell (family member of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Kalli Medina (student of Naomi Brown), ♥Barbara Woodford, ♥Pat Panzarino, ♥Sonia Elliott, ♥Amanda Brown (Naomi Brown's mother), ♥Diane Rutledge (Naomi Brown's aunt), ♥George and Jeanne Simmons, ♥Maudlyn Scarlett, ♥Marianne and Don Pike, ♥Jerry Noble (Tom Noble's dad), ♥Lionel Brown, ♥Diane Vitacco, ♥Heather Manning (friend of Kim Neri), ♥SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥Edie Zipperlen, ♥Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Debbielee Thomsen, ♥Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥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). † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

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