

Grace United Methodist Church



February 22, 2026 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship – 1st Sunday in Lent and 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

Opening Voluntary - "My Lord, What a Morning" (BURLEIGH, arr. William Farley Smith)

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

* **Opening Hymn #451** - "Be Thou My Vision"

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* **Call to Worship**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Leader: When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Leader: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

*** Opening Prayer**

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus. We seek to know more fully your great love. Turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our lives and live out these days, we may become examples of your abundant love for all people. May your Divine Spirit tend us as angels attended Jesus in the wilderness, and may we feel revived and sustained to follow Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness, we too struggle with desires for power, glory, or riches. Teach us to turn from these temptations and to turn toward the power of scripture and prayer. Center us in our faith. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the grace, the steadfast love, and the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please offer one another a sign of Christ's love and peace.

Black History Moment

Children's Message

Rev. Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." ³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals

the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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*** Hymn before Sermon #3134 - “Still” (Worship and Song Hymnal)**

Sermon – “Overcoming Temptation”

Rev. Eumin Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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 – "Here I Am to Worship" arr. Dennis Allen

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

We offer ourselves to you, Lord Jesus, emptying ourselves to become your vessels of love and grace and hope to all we encounter. May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn #338** – "Where He Leads Me"

NORRIS

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - "Do Lord, Remember Me" (DITMUS, arr. William Farley Smith)

Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Everett Fitch, Mike Provenzano
Music Director: Drew Banzhoff	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Liturgist/Reader: Bob DiSalvo	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



♥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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