



Grace United Methodist Church
Health and Wholeness
Sunday, January 14, 2018 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Caring for Others

*=Please stand as you are able

Please sign and date the Welcome Book and pass it along to your neighbor.

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

THE LITURGY OF LIFE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

Thanks be to God!

Let us now prepare ourselves for worship with a time of centering.

MUSIC FOR CENTERING

WE RECOGNIZE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORSHIP

MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

by Katherine Hawker

The spirit of God calls us from many places;
some of us come from busy homes with many people,
some of us live alone.

We are part of the family.

This week has been different for each of us;
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate,
some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

We are members of God's family.

Yet we all come to this same place;
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives,
all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

Together we become God's family.

***OPENING HYMN UMH 117 (Red Hymnal) "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

WE HEAR WORD OF GOD'S PRESENCE

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH

CHILDREN'S SONG UMH 601 (Red Hymnal) "Thy Word is a Lamp"
(refrain and vs. 1)

Refrain: **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

Verse 1: **When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear
as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN UMH 534 (Red Hymnal) "Be Still, My Soul"

GOSPEL READING Mark 2:1-12

MESSAGE "Holding Up Your Corner" Pastor Gary Nims
Minister of Congregational Care

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Musical Invitation to Prayer TFWS 2215 (Black Hymnal) "Cares Chorus"

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Jesus Taught Us

Our Father (Mother, Creator)✦, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Congregational Prayer Response TFWS 2215 "Cares Chorus"

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and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Offertory "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson
Chancel Choir (10:15 only)

*DOXOLOGY TFWS 2008 (Black Hymnal) "Let All Things Now Living"
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving (vs. 1a)
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORWARD WITH GOD

*HYMN OF GRATITUDE TFWS 2197 (Black Hymnal) "Lord of All
Hopefulness"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE W&S 3158 (Green Hymnal) "Go to the World" (vs. 3)

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray:
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ’s own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders: Pastor Gary Nims; Brett Gregory, Director of Music; Ann Gerdorn, pianist (8:00) and organist (10:15); Kristen Erickson, Muriel Pemble, and Jim Pemble, worship readers.

✦(In hymns and prayers, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.)

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing; W&S = Worship & Song.
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