

# Grace United Methodist Church

June 12, 2022



## OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status.

We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

We are all invited to bless this church with our love, our presence, and our participation.



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## WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship. Together, we will join in liturgy, hymns, prayers, and a message to connect with God and one another. Our service today is led by Rev. Nate Nims; Jenna Pokorny, Liturgist; Ann Gerdorn, Music Director and Organist; and Michael Gookin, Choir Director. In hymns, prayers, and liturgies, feel free to use language that makes worship meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Hymn UMH 505 "When Our Confidence Is Shaken"  
Opening Prayer  
Reading - 1 John 2:18-23  
Sermon  
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Anthem  
\*Closing Hymn UMH 707 "Hymn of Promise"  
\*Benediction  
Postlude  
\* please rise in body or in spirit.  
All music used under OneLicense A-727197

The altar flowers are given by Bob and Carole Turnquist in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Carlos Jayne**, in hospice care at home.  
**Alan Turnquist**, as he recovers from a car accident.  
**Colleen Needham Daly**, Kelly Donnelly's mother, who is in the hospital.

If you would like to have a prayer added to this list, contact Charlene in the church office at [charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org](mailto:charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org) or call 515-255-2131.

**NURSERY CARE** is available during the service for children 3 and under. Children are always welcome in the service, too! Activity bags for kids are available in the hallway just outside the sanctuary.

## GET INVOLVED

**Free Clinic** - The Grace Free Clinic takes place on Tuesday evening with registration from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Patients are seen from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. No appointments are needed, and all services are free. If you want to volunteer to help with the clinic, send an email to [gracefreeclinic@gmail.com](mailto:gracefreeclinic@gmail.com).

**Tuesday Meals** - During the clinic, a free meal is provided that can be enjoyed at the church or to-go. Don't feel like cooking on a Tuesday? Come to Grace! You can volunteer to help with the free meal by contacting Mary Paulson at [paulsondanmary@msn.com](mailto:paulsondanmary@msn.com).

**Monthly Shelter Meal** - On the first day of every month, Grace provides a dinner for residents of the Central Iowa Shelter and Services. Volunteer by contacting Lisa Blair at [lb29mholding@yahoo.com](mailto:lb29mholding@yahoo.com).

**Join the Choir** - The Grace Chancel choir rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 during the regular program year. Contact director Michael Gookin ([michaeldgookin@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldgookin@gmail.com)) if you'd like to get involved.

**Ushers, Greeters, and Liturgists** - If you'd like to volunteer as an usher, greeter, or liturgist at Grace, get in touch with Pastor Nate ([natenims@gracedesmoines.org](mailto:natenims@gracedesmoines.org)).

## Attendance and Giving

**Sunday, June 5**

Attendance - 148  
In Person - 76  
Online - 72

Total Giving - \$8,646  
Pledged - \$3,175  
Unpledged - \$1,370  
Other - \$4,101

# CAPITAL CITY PRIDE

Walnut Hills UMC has invited Grace and other Reconciling Congregations in the metro to join them in the Capital City Pride Parade today, June 12, at noon. Grace’s Church and Society Committee is supporting their request and Jon Coon is organizing Grace’s contingent. Please contact him at jpayton316@gmail.com if you want to march with other members of Reconciling Congregations. Learn more about pride at [www.capitalcitypride.org/about-us](http://www.capitalcitypride.org/about-us).

## In Loving Memory - Upcoming Services

**Ione Shadduck** - A Celebration of Life service for Ione Shaduck will be held at Grace on Friday, June 17 at 2 pm. A reception with light refreshments will follow the service.

**Mary Ann Martin** - Services will be held for Mary Ann Martin on Saturday, June 18 at First United Methodist Church (1001 Pleasant St, Des Moines). Visitation begins at 9 am. The memorial service is at 11 am, with a light lunch following. The family asks that those in attendance wear face masks. The service will be live-streamed on the church’s website - <https://dmfirstchurch.org>.

## FOOD TRUCK PARTY - SUMMER 2022

You are invited to join us for The Food Truck Vacation Bible School this summer at Grace UMC! We will gather on July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3 (all Wednesday evenings) as we learn how God provides for us and loves us. Each evening we will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner before learning our Bible and then exploring crafts, science, mission, and music! Contact Coreen Witke for more information or to register. Phone is 515.255.6400 ext. 230 and email is [coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org](mailto:coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org).



## THIS WEEK

### Monday, June 13

6:30 pm The Bible Year

### Tuesday, June 14

5 pm Tuesday Evening Meal

5:30 pm Free Medical Clinic

### Wednesday, June 15

9 am Quilters

### Thursday, June 16

7 am The Bible Year

6 pm The Open Table

### Friday, June 17

2 pm Ione Shadduck Celebration of Life

### Sunday, June 19

10:15 am Worship

## GIVE TO GRACE

Your support makes everything we do possible. You can give to Grace by placing your offering in one of the baskets by the sanctuary doors, online at [www.gracedesmoines.org](http://www.gracedesmoines.org), or mail your offering to Grace at 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, IA, 50311.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER AND STUDY

### Monday, June 13

**Read** - Revelation 1:1-8

**Notice** - John introduced his final book as “a revelation of Jesus Christ.” Revelation focused on both a revelation from Jesus, and a revelation of truths about Jesus. John’s introduction did not suggest fear or foreboding (qualities some people think define Revelation). The introduction is similar to greetings that Paul used in his letters. The letter’s final verse says, “The grace of the Lord Jesus but with all” (Revelation 22:21) Have you ever thought about Revelation as a letter written to help you have a better sense of Jesus’ grace and peace? Can you be open to that in this week’s guide to prayer and study?

**Pray** - Jesus, guide me this week as I focus on the parts of Revelation that revealed (and still reveal) you as the one who loves us and freed us. Amen.

### Tuesday, June 14

**Read** - Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-29, 3:5-6, 12-13, 21-22

**Notice** - The “letters to the seven churches” in Revelation 2 and 3 either praised or rebuked specific attitudes or behaviors in those churches. We can learn valuable lessons from those warnings and praises. But we too often overlook or brush past the promises made to “those who emerge victorious” in every one of the seven churches. . Revelation 2:17’s promise of giving those who emerge victorious “a white stone with a new name written on it” echoed God’s pledge in Isaiah 56:5 and 62:2-4 to move abandoned, deserted people to being those in whom God delights. In what ways is God already giving you a new, more hope-filled identity?

**Pray** - Jesus, thank you for the assurance that I can emerge victorious, not in my strength but in yours. I’m grateful that, thanks to you, I can depend on having my name on “the scroll of life.” Amen.

### Wednesday, June 15

**Read** - Revelation 4:1-6, 5:1-14

**Notice** - Calling Jesus “the lion of the tribe of Judah” drew from Genesis 49:9-10, Isaiah 11:1-10, Jeremiah 33:15. (David was from the tribe of Judah). But this strong “lion” also looked like a lamb that was sacrificed (cf. Exodus 12:3-13, Isaiah 53:7, 1 Corinthians 5:7). How could lion-like power reside in such a “lamb”? How does God’s power differ from the human kinds of power we most often see?

**Pray** - Jesus, you did what only you could do—you took the worst that hatred and evil could do, absorbed it in yourself and robbed it of the power to ultimately hurt your children. I praise you as the Lion and the Lamb who saved me. Amen.

### Thursday, June 16

**Read** - Revelation 7:1-17

**Notice** - Will God literally only redeem 144,000 people? No, this number is symbolic and not literal. 144,000 means too many to count and is also symbolic as 12 multiplied by 12 multiple by 1,000. 12 symbolizes the apostles as well as the tribes of Israel. John is writing that all of God’s people will be redeemed. What spiritual triumphs, personally and in the communities you belong to, do you look forward to as a member of God’s family?

**Pray** - God, when so many parts of life feel hard, I can hardly wait for the promised day when you “will wipe away every tear from [my] eyes.” Until then, give me patience and hope. Amen.

### Friday, June 17

**Read** - Revelation 18:1-4, 11-17, 19:1-9

**Notice** - In 586 B.C., Babylon’s army destroyed Solomon’s Temple and took God’s people into exile. But the prophets said Babylon would also face a day of judgment (Isaiah 21:8-9, Jeremiah 50:38-39, 51:8-9), and it did. In Revelation, “Babylon” symbolized the Roman Empire, which exiled Revelation’s writer and persecuted Christians (see Revelation 1:9, 17:5-9). With Babylon symbolizing all forces that oppose God, and Jerusalem symbolizing God’s faithful people, what does it mean for you to be a loyal citizen of “Jerusalem,” called to “come out of” (Revelation 18:4) a world that often has many of the qualities of “Babylon”?

**Pray** - Jesus, the greatest compliment I could ever receive is your invitation to your wedding banquet. Teach me, day by day, how to live a life that shows how much I value being your guest eternally. Amen.

### Saturday, June 18

**Read** - Revelation 21:1-7, 21:22 - 22:5, 22:16-17

**Notice** - Revelation ended with a glowing, symbol-laden, description of the glory that awaits God’s people when God makes our world new. This expanded on Jesus’ teaching that, for God’s people, the end of the world is about redemption, not fear. John’s Revelation put this hope into powerful, mind-stretching images. The exiled seer made it plain that anyone who wishes can choose to be part of that ultimate, life-transforming hope. “Let the one who is thirsty come! Let the one who wishes receive life-giving water as a gift” (22:17). Have you said yes to that invitation? How can you live every day in the light of that hope?

**Pray** - Jesus, if I wasn’t thirsty for your glorious eternal kingdom before, this crisis has left me yearning for the world you will make new. I open my heart and ask you to help me start living now with you as my God. Amen.