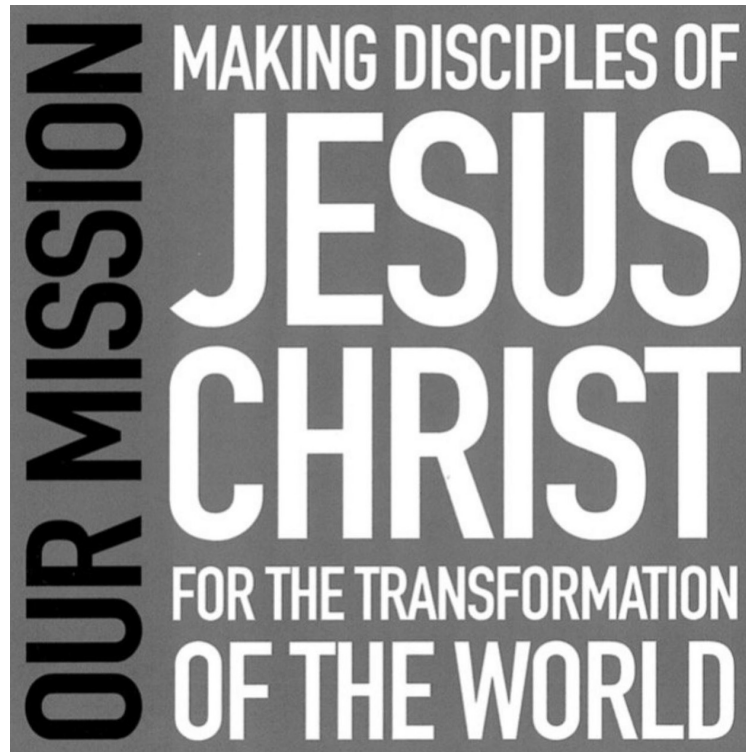


Grace United Methodist Church

October 16, 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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Order of Worship

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The doors to the church swing wide open.

People: All are welcome! All are invited!

Leader: Confident, bold and brave, we enter the sanctuary.

People: Like thousands of Sundays past, we follow thousands of faithful who have gathered here. And here again, we open our hearts to goodness and grace. And here again, God greets us.

All: We have come to worship!

***Opening Hymn** "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

- UMH 383 (v. 1-4)

Opening Prayer

Holy God, can we be honest this morning?

There is a lot on our minds. The world seems pretty chaotic. Our church is changing. People we love are facing challenges.

There is a lot to worry about. Often worry fills our minds and leaves little room for faith. And yet here we are, gathered as the church, singing and praying together, listening to ancient words, the story of someone else who lived in a chaotic world and carried his own worries. The constant in all this? You. Your love and grace. Your presence gives us courage. In this hour, renew our spirits. Strengthen us to live as your people in a world in need of love. In the name of the one who was all love, Amen.

Choral Response "Change My Heart, O God" -

TFWS 2152

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34 (NRSV Updated)

Sermon "Written on Our Hearts" - Rev. Cindy Hickman

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory "Hear My Prayer, O Lord" - Antonin Dvorak, Cheryl Fraracci, soloist

Doxology "All Creatures of Our God and King" - UMH 62

Offertory Prayer - Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Amen.

Closing Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" - UMH 451

Benediction

Postlude "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - arr.

Stephen Burtonwood

Music Note

Hear My Prayer, O Lord" - Antonin Dvorak

(This song, from the collection, *Biblical Songs, on texts from the Book of Psalms*, was written in March 1894, during Dvorak's stay in the United States, which included time in Spillville, Iowa.)

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. Cindy Hickman, guest preacher; ; Ann Gerdorn, Director of Music and Organist; Michael Gookin, Chancel Choir Director; Jane Emry Becker, liturgist.** In hymns, prayers, and liturgies, feel free to use language that makes worship meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Silas Nelson, son of Colin and Kelsey Nelson, who had surgery this week. The surgery went smoothly and Silas is continuing to recover.

Sherry Swinton as she continues to recover from a broken hip.

If you would like to have a prayer added to this list, contact the church office at info@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.

GIVE TO GRACE

You can give to Grace by placing your offering in one of the baskets by the sanctuary doors, online at www.gracedesmoines.org or mail your offering to Grace at 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, IA, 50311.

ATTENDANCE and GIVING

Sunday, October 9

Attendance -

In Person - not available

Online - 77

Total Giving* - \$23,502.81

General Budget - \$20,870.00

Other - \$2,632.81

*not including EFTs

Final Listening Session Next Sunday

Church and Society will be hosting their final listening session next Sunday. Please plan to join us if you would like to provide input into actions that GUMC can take to advance our advocacy and support in the area of **Social Justice/Racial Inequality**. We will meet on Sunday, October 23, from Noon – 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Binnie LeHew at lehew27@msn.com.

Support and Advocacy for Immigrants

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, a group of Grace members met to explore how Grace could provide more support and advocacy for immigrants and to develop concrete steps the Grace community can take.

A core group is forming to move ahead with some of the suggestions. One action step to come out of the discussion is to collaborate with other churches and organizations to keep the Grace community informed about how to advocate for policy changes. **Mary Ellen Barber** has been in communication with Plymouth Congregational Church about a visit to the border with Mexico on January 12-14 that Plymouth is organizing. The link for more information is <https://commongroundontheborder.wordpress.com>. Mary Ellen is planning to represent Grace at that trip and invites others with a similar interest to contact her (515.681.4720 or 3m.ebarber@gmail.com) for more information.

Altar Flower Reservations

I/We will provide altar flowers on:

☐ Nov 20 ☐ Dec 4 ☐ Dec 11

Cost is \$40 per week. Please submit payment with your request.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dedication: _____

Please print clearly. This form may be placed in the offering plate, turned in at the church office, or you can send an email to betsypokorny60@qwestoffice.net.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 16

9 am Sunday School for Children and Adults

11:30 am Hospitality Time

5 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 17

1:30 pm Mary Circle @ Jan Mechem's Place

4 pm Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice

6:30 pm The Bible Year

Tuesday, October 18

5 pm Grace Free Medical Clinic and Meal

5 pm Low Cost Mental Health Clinic

Wednesday, October 19

9 am Grace Quilters

1 pm Suzannah Circle

5:30 pm Trustees

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 20

7 am The Bible Year

6 pm The Open Table @ Greenwood Park

7 pm Anna Circle

Friday, October 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JONI YEATES!!

7:30 pm New Beginnings (NA)

Sunday, October 23

9 am Sunday School for Children and Adults

11:30 am Hospitality Time

Noon Church & Society Listening Session on Social Justice and Racial Inequality

5 pm Youth Group

FAITH FORMATION

All classes begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning.

PreK - 2nd Grade Room 204

3rd - 5th Room 303

Sunday Morning Youth Room 208

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Carpenters Room 206

Ikono Odyssey Room 306

Winsome Neighbors Room A2

Volunteers Needed After Worship Today

We could use about 15 or so people for a quick project involving hymnals at the end of today's service. Look for Coreen Witke after the service for instructions.

Volunteer Interest Form

One outcome of the **Congregational Coffee** sessions was the creation of the **My Volunteer Interests 2022** form. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office at your convenience. Forms are available in the church entryway and on our website.

My Volunteer Interests 2022

Name _____

Phone _____

Something(s) I can do that I'm willing to share with the church:

(This could be anything from teaching kids to gardening to office work to mission projects, to cooking, singing, a book study, driving, etc....)

Some skills, hobbies, professional interests or talents:

(These can vary in range. Who knows? Maybe there will be ways these things could be utilized.)

If I was going to help with a "committee" or "team" it might be related to:

I'd be interested in:

Return to:

Grace UMC 3700 Cottage Grove Ave., Des Moines IA 50311



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith (UWF) will meet **November 3 at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. We will have a memorial service for our departed sisters. Please bring gift cards for Bidwell Riverside and make sure the amount is on the card. Looking forward to seeing you!



Boys Coats Needed

A family, who attends the Free Clinic Meal frequently, is in need of **winter coats** and **light jackets** for their three boys who are 5 to 10 years old. Take a look in your closets and let us know if you have any coats to donate. Mittens, gloves, and hats would also be appreciated. Whatever is donated will be given to those in need.



Order Your Wreath

The Youth Group is selling Christmas greenery. There are new options this year. Pick up an order form in the entryway today!