

02/19/2023

Order of Service for
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

All classes begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday

CHILDREN & YOUTH

PreK - 2nd Grade Room 204

3rd - 5th Room 303

Sunday Morning Youth Room 208

ADULTS

Carpenters Room 206

Ikono Odyssey Room 306

Winsome Neighbors Room A2

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

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.

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.



PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on 2nd Corinthians, chapter 4)

(Leader / **People**)

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" / **made his light shine in our hearts**
to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God / **in the face of Christ.**

But we have this treasure in jars of clay /

to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

We are hard pressed on every side / **but not crushed;**

perplexed / **but not in despair;**

persecuted / **but not abandoned;**

struck down / **but not destroyed.**

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away /
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

For our light and momentary troubles /

are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, / **but on what is unseen.**

For what is seen is temporary / **but what is unseen is eternal.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH #173

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets.

By his transfiguration enlighten our path, that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

"This is Where Children Belong" TFWA #2233
Children are invited to come forward as we sing.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24 12-18

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

"In a Whole New Light"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”
TFWS #2103

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Our (Creator, Father, Mother), 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING: Our Offerings of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness (There are baskets by each sanctuary door for financial contributions today. Giving is also received through the church website. Thank you)

ANTHEM “My Lord, What a Morning by Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94

***CLOSING HYMN**

“This Little Light of Mine” UMH #585

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Bob Dean Guest Preacher; Ann Gerdom, Director of Music and Organist; Cheryl Fraracci, soloist; Director of Chancel Choir, and XXXX, Liturgist.

MAKING A-MENDS

Have you lost a button? Is your hem coming loose? Do your pants need a patch? Does your zipper no longer zip? On Saturday, February 25, members of the Central Iowa Sewing Guild will be in the Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to do minor mending for the Grace community. The service is free and most materials will be provided. All we ask is that your garments are clean when you bring them. As a bonus, they’ll be conducting mending pop-up sessions on hand-sewing. You won’t have to staple closed your next split seam—you can sew it like a pro!

For more information or to schedule a time with your personal sewist, contact Jil Severson at jseverson@mac.com by February 21.

SPECIAL UPDATES

- ♦ The annual Camp Campaign has begun in Iowa! The mission of Iowa Methodist Camps is to allow our youth to explore Christ's love in a safe and welcoming environment. Our annual campaign has become vital to the sustainability of our outdoor Christian faith experience for both our youth and adults. There are numerous ways to support this campaign. You are encouraged to visit www.iaumc.org and read the article about the campaign under Iowa News. Information is also available on the table in the entryway or you can contact campaign team leader, Coreen Witke, here at Grace. Call her at 515.255.2131 ext. 230 or email her at coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org. Help the Iowa UMC make sure every person who wants to attend camp is able to attend camp!
- ♦ Everyone is invited to help Gladys Bloodworth celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, February 26, 1:00-2:30 in the Chamberlin Mansion at Wesley Acres. Please no hits! If you are unable to attend, Gladys would enjoy receiving a card: 3520 Grand Avenue, C102, Des Moines 50312.
- ♦ Dinner Drama will take place March 24 and 25! Included in this bulletin are Dinner Drama ticket forms! Please fill them out if interested, and return to the office by March 19, 2023.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, February 19

9 am Sunday School for Children and Adults

10:15 am Worship

5 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 20

1:30 pm Mary Circle

6 pm Diversity Chorus

Tuesday, February 21

1:30 pm Bible Year Class

5 pm Free Clinic and Free Meal

5 pm Low Cost Mental Health Clinic

6:30 pm Des Moines Community Orchestra Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 22

9 am Grace Quilters

12 pm Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7 pm
Ash Wednesday
Service

Thursday,
February 23

6 pm The
Open Table

Friday,
February, 24

7:30 pm New
Beginnings
(NA)

Saturday,
February 25
Alterations
Day



ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 12

Attendance - 280

In Person - 92

Online - 188

Total Giving* - \$4813

General Budget - \$4500

Other - \$763

**not including EFTs*

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