

04/09/2023

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 - 5th Grade Room 204

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 the prayer list, contact the church office at **info@gracedesmoines.org** or call 515-255-2131.



ORDER OF WORSHIP APRIL 9, 2023 (EASTER SUNDAY)

PRELUDE "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" arr. J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

All: Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

All: Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God's love.

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

All: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!

CHORAL INTROIT "Christ the Lord is Risen" Paul Fetler

***OPENING HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH 302

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, as the day begins to brighten, shine your light into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility. Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries. Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace and unquenchable hope this day and always. In the name of Jesus, the resurrected One. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME The Flowering of the Cross
Hymns: UMH 303, UMH 304, UMH 312

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18

SERMON "What's in a Name?" Rev. Gary Armstrong

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. (There are baskets available by each sanctuary door for financial contributions today. Giving is also received through the church website. Thank you!)

ANTHEM "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" Words and arrangement by Jon Paige

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***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

***CLOSING HYMN** "Christ Is Alive" UMH 318

***BENEDICTION**

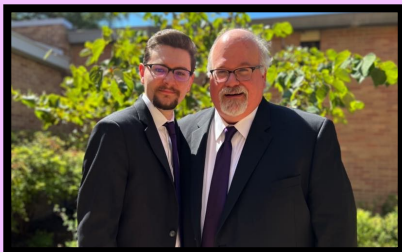
POSTLUDE: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 Charles Marie Widor
(Recorded by Ann Gerdorn at St. James Lutheran Church, Lake Forest, IL)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Gary Armstrong, Guest Preacher; Ann Gerdorn, Director of Music and Organist/Pianist; Michael Gookin, Director of Chancel Choir; Anna Mullen, liturgist

BRASS QUARTET: Dave Krogan, Trumpet; Rishi Koluso, Trumpet; Paul Lichty, Trombone; Henry Von Ruprecht, Tuba

Our Easter Offering will be given to the Free Tuesday Night Meal and the Pastor's Fund, which is used to help folks have an urgent need for food or gas.

Preparing to Welcome Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Greg Neal's first Sunday worship with us at Grace will be **April 23!** Please plan to join us for this celebratory service, and stay afterward for a special Fellowship Time reception to greet Dr. Greg and his husband, Kade Rogers.

SPRC invites you to **welcome Dr. Greg and Kade to Grace with a gift card** to your favorite

restaurant, coffee shop, bookstore, or other local business! Gift cards can be in any amount, and are intended to be a kind gesture of hospitality to help Dr. Greg and Kade explore their new home of Des Moines. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office. Digital gift cards can be emailed to info@gracedesmoines.org. (NOTE: Dr. Greg will never email or text you to ask that you buy him gift cards. If that happens, it's a scam!)

SPECIAL UPDATES

- During **worship on Sunday, April 16**, SPRC will be recognizing and celebrating Grace's retired pastors, staff, volunteers, and members (that's you!) who have offered prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness during our time without a Senior Pastor. After the service, we will have a special hospitality time in the Activity Center.
- **Laity Day** for the Iowa Annual Conference is **next Saturday, April 15** at Aldersgate UMC in Urbandale. Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai will bring the message during morning worship, building on the theme of her installation, *Remembering Who We Are*. She will also lead the Communion Service at the close of the day. Our primary topic will be the Conference's priority of becoming antiracist, thinking first about it from a personal perspective, becoming more aware of how racism surrounds us and impacts everyone, and then thinking about how real change begins. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration will be appreciated to facilitate planning for food and materials. (There will be an offering.) To register please, visit <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/17360318>.
- The **"LGBTQ 201"** session scheduled for next Sunday has been canceled due to staffing changes at Onelowa. The group is working to reschedule this event.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, April 9

9 am Sunday School for Children and Adults
10:15 am Easter Sunday Worship Service
7 pm Life After Death of Spouse
Youth Group will not meet tonight.

Monday, April 10

Tuesday, April 11

1:30 pm Bible Year Class
5 pm Free Clinic and Free Meal
5 pm Low Cost Mental Health Clinic

Wednesday, April 12

9 am Grace Quilters
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm Trustees

5:30 pm Church & Society

Thursday, April 13

6 pm Finance Committee
6 pm The Open Table
6:30 pm Christian Education Meeting

Friday, April 14

7:30 pm New Beginnings (NA)

Saturday, April 15

Sunday, April 16

9 am Sunday School for Children and Adults
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am SPRC Reception for Volunteers
5 pm Youth Group

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Sunday, April 2

Attendance - 176

In Person - 110

Online - 66

Total Giving* - \$12,211

General Budget - \$12,056

Other - \$155

**not including EFTs*

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2023 Easter Lily Dedications

Given by

Dedication

Lu Ann White

In memory of Ruth & Fred White

Jeri Davis

In memory of Doris, Charles, & Chris Davis

The Family of Dee Ericson

In memory of Dee Ericson

Mike Schmidt & Lauren McCarthy

In memory of Tom & Elsie Ryan

Dave Busiek & Laura Sands

In memory of our parents

Bob and Connie Davis

In honor of our family

Lori Meye and Nicholas

In memory of Glenn Meye, husband and father

Michael Gookin

*In memory of Dwain Dooley,
Leland & Eithel Gookin*

Kathleen Clark

In honor of Healthcare Workers

Joann & Cynthia McCracken Young

*In memory of Wayne McCracken, Helen
and Bob Young, and Gretchen Reilly*

Darlene Witke

In honor of her family

John & Jan Mechem

Denise Neff

*In memory of my parents,
Wilford & Lurene Neff*

Deb & Will Eyestone

In memory of our parents & brothers

Judy & Kim Wadding

In memory of Bill & Phyllis Reiter

Bob & Carole Turnquist

*In memory of our parents and Carole's
brothers*

Ken & Donna Reams

In honor of our pastoral crew. Thank you!

Claire Campbell

In memory of William & Elsie Campbell

Judy Leaming

*In memory of Darrell Leaming, Isel Burk,
Stephanie Jackman*

Paul Moreland

In memory of Patricia Moreland



2023 Easter Lily Dedications

Given by

Connie Cook & Joe Jongewaard

Cathie Chambers

Howie & Lori Hoffman

Bob & Linda Nichols

Sandy Guild

Deb Pope

Deb Pope

Dianne Fagner

Dianne Fagner

Lori Ann Haight

Judy Hill

Judy Hill

Dorothy Johnson

Dorothy Johnson

Pam Deeds

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Brian & Dawn Baldwin

Mark Clark & Katie Roth

Dedication

*In memory of Henry & Ann Jongewaard;
Wilma & Edith Cook*

In memory of my mom, Mary Jo Courtright

*In memory of Robert & Julia Hess and
Sid & Sue Hoffman*

In memory of our parents

In memory of Bob Guild

In memory of Steve Pope

In memory of my brother, Michael McClellan

In memory of Ione Shadduck

In honor of the Grace UMC Family

In memory of my parents, Dale & Patty Haight

In memory of Bill Cotton

In memory of Bill Steward

In memory of Christopher Hines

In memory of Guy Johnson

In memory of Chuck & Nelda Rinkel

In memory of Jeffrie Rinkel & Charlie Rinkel

In honor of our family

In honor of our grandchildren:

- *John*
- *Mary*
- *Rose*
- *Ada*
- *Sage*