

Order of Service for
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
May 28, 2023

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.



Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers were given by **Binnie LeHew** in memory of those who have died by suicide. **If you are struggling, please reach out by calling 988, the suicide lifeline.**

Nursery Care

The Grace Nursery is open during the 10:15 a.m. worship 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.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to have a prayer added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 515-255-2131 or send an email to info@gracedesmoines.org.

Give to Grace

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

Sunday Morning Faith Formation

Our Sunday Morning Faith Formation groups are on a break for the summer. They will start meeting again on Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Sunday, May 21

Attendance - 223

In Person - 115

Online - 108

Total Giving* - \$7,509

General Budget - \$6,424

Other - \$1,085

**not including EFTs*

Order of Worship May 28, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday

PRELUDE "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" Gerald Near

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed Holy Spirit, God's Breath blowing throughout our lives:

Glory be to God!

Blessed Holy Spirit, God's Wisdom enlightening our minds:

Glory be to God!

Blessed Holy Spirit, God's Comfort abiding among us:

Glory be to God!

Blessed Holy Spirit, God's Advocate of peace for all:

Glory be to God, now and forever, amen.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Let us pray: ...

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" UMH 603

SCRIPTURE Psalm 104:1-13, 24-35 UMH 826-827

CHILDREN'S TIME *Children are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church as we sing "Where Children Belong" #2233 TFWS*

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393

SERMON "Many Ways to Speak" Dr. Gregory S. Neal

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada UMH 883

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

PRAYERS

Following each bidding, the pastor will say: Lord, in your mercy.

*To which congregation is invited to respond: **Hear our Prayer.***

OFFERING

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

ANTHEM "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" arr. Michael Burkhardt

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

***CLOSING HYMN** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" UMH 465

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Veni, Creator Spiritus" Traditional Gregorian Chant

Worship Leaders: Dr. Gregory S. Neal, Grace UMC Pastor; Ann Gerdorn, Director of Music and Organist; Rev. Bob Dean, Liturgist

SPECIAL UPDATES

IOWA CONFERENCE *of the* UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



It's that time of year again. We are collecting items for school kits and personal dignity kits for disaster relief. School supplies go on sale in July. We will be collecting until the end of October.

These kits have been sent to the Ukraine, Honduras, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and many more places all over the world. Recently kits were sent to Arkansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Indiana after tornadoes touched down.

Student Kit

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Student Scissors

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand towel (no kitchen towels or thick towels)
- 1 Washcloth (no dishcloths or thick washcloths)
- 1 Adult individual toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll or pump
- 1 gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation per kit for razor and toothpaste

Each of the kits requires \$2 shipping and handling. If you have any questions contact Lisa Blair at 641-223-2372 (please text and let me know who you are first) or email lb29nholding@yahoo.com.

This list is also available at:

<https://gracedesmoines.org/2023/05/24/ingathering-2023/>



United Women in Faith

Come to our salad luncheon hosted by the officers on June 1 at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please note the time change. Devotions will be presented by Sandy Guild and the program is an update on the Grace Free Clinic. Our special project this month is collecting canned meats, peanut butter, toilet paper, etc. for the **Grace and Peace Pantry**. Come and enjoy!

Chapel Choir Reunion Next Weekend

Have you ever wondered how the youth choir/heritage trips got its start? Well, back in 1972-73 it was the brain child of a wonderful woman named Louise Augustine. A lot of hard work from parents and youth went into fundraising and hours and hours of practicing music for the concerts. June 1973, the first group of youth and chaperones left for England on a trip of a lifetime.

On Sunday, June 4 at the 10:15 service, please join the 1973 and 1977 (which was the 2nd group to go) Chapel Choirs for the 50th celebration of a wonderful tradition.

New Sign Up Sheets for Sunday Morning Helpers in Narthex

New sign up sheets for greeters, coffee, and hospitality snacks are in the narthex. Sign up for a Sunday or two this summer. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Vacation Bible School This Summer!



Join us at Grace for our Hero Hotline Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. beginning June 28. We will continue to meet each Wednesday night through July 26. Each night we will learn

about a Bible story and learn how God calls us together to serve God. Dinner is served for the whole family at 5:30 p.m. and our sessions begin at 6 p.m. The kids will learn about Heifer International during mission time, experience fun science experiments, and do a few other fun things each night. Mark the dates on your calendar and visit www.gracedesmoines.org for more information and to register. Contact Coreen Witke at 515-255-2131 or coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org.

SPECIAL UPDATES



ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF CRAFTERNOON

Remember that great **CRAFTERNOON** group that met at Geez Louise and Grace back in the 2010s? If not, that's OK. We're bringing it back anyway! Meet with fellow crafters for fun and fellowship every Monday night from 6–8 pm starting June 12. Bring your own crafting supplies and work on whatever projects you want. Everyone is welcome!

Missing Tablecloths

The white, round tablecloths that are kept in the Activity Center are missing. If you know where they are, please call the church at 515-255-2131 and let us know when they will be returned.



Sunday Morning Bus Schedule Changes

Beginning May 28, the church bus will only pickup for the 10:15 a.m. service. Please call the church office at 515-255-2131 if you would like to be added to the pickup list for Sunday mornings.



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 28

10:15 am Worship Service
11:15 am Hospitality Time
11:30 am Community Care Meeting

Monday, May 29

Church closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

Grace Preschool Closed
9 am Grace Quilters

Thursday, June 1

11 am United Women in Faith Salad Luncheon
4 pm Shelter Meal Prep
5 pm SPRC
6 pm The Open Table

Friday, June 2

7:30 pm New Beginnings (NA)

Saturday, June 3

Chapel Choir 50th Anniversary Reunion

Sunday, June 4

10:15 am Worship
11:15 am Hospitality Time
11:30 am Chapel Choir 50th Anniversary Reunion

CAPITAL CITY PRIDE
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PRIDE PARADE
2023

Sunday, June 11th
@ 12:00PM

Altar Flowers

I/We will sponsor the altar flower arrangement on:

☐ July 2 ☐ Aug 13 ☐ Aug 20
☐ Sep 3 ☐ Sep 24 ☐ Oct 1

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

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dedication _____

Please print clearly. Place this form in the offering basket or turn in at the church office.



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