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**PALM SUNDAY**

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MARCH 24 | 10:15AM | GRACEDESMOINES.ORG

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MARCH 28 | 7:00PM | GRACEDESMOINES.ORG

SUNDAY IS COMING

**GOOD FRIDAY**

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MARCH 29 | 7:00PM | GRACEDESMOINES.ORG

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

WITH GRACE | 10:15AM



OUR NEW CHURCH QR CODE MAKES IT EASIER THAN EVER TO WATCH OUR VIRTUAL SERVICES, ACCESS INSPIRING CONTENT, GIVE TO GRACE, AND STAY UPDATED ON UPCOMING EVENTS. SIMPLY SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE AND EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF COMMUNITY, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

<b>GIVING TO GRACE</b> Give to Grace by using the offering plates, visiting <a href="https://gracedesmoines.org">gracedesmoines.org</a> , or mailing to 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, IA 50311.	<b>SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE</b> Sunday, March 10, 2024 In-Person: 85 Online: 129
<b>CONTACT OUR SENIOR PASTOR</b> <a href="mailto:DrGreg@GraceDesMoines.org">DrGreg@GraceDesMoines.org</a>	<b>SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER</b> <a href="mailto:Info@GraceDesMoines.org">Info@GraceDesMoines.org</a>

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The logo for Grace United Methodist Church features a stylized, multi-colored star or flower icon to the left of the text "Grace" in a large, serif font, with "UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.

A photograph of the exterior entrance of Grace United Methodist Church. The entrance features two large, red double doors set within a white stone archway. The building is constructed of light-colored stone, and there are trees and greenery visible in the foreground and to the sides.

# WELCOME TO GRACE

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP MARCH 17, 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT		
PRELUDE		
WELCOMING STATEMENT		See Bulletin Front
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP	Kyrie	TFWS 2127
<i>Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie elesion. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.</i>		
<i>The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel.</i>		
<i>O come, let us return unto our God, Who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.</i>		
<i>The Lord be with you: And also with you. Let us pray: ...</i>		
HYMN	“Bring Forth the Kingdom”	TFWS 2190
SCRIPTURE		<i>Psalms 51:1-12</i>
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word: Thanks be to God!		
CHILDREN’S TIME	“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”	UMH 277
HYMN	“This Little Light of Mine”	UMH 585
SCRIPTURE		<i>Matthew 5:13-16</i>
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word: Thanks be to God!		
SERMON	“The Works of Witness”	Dr. Gregory S. Neal
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	“The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version”	UMH 882
GLORIA PATRI		UMH 70
PREPARATION FOR PRAYER	“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”	TFWS 2200
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.		
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER		
PRAYER RESPONSE:	“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”	TFWS 2200

OFFERING		
ANTHEM	“Kyrie”	Andrea Klouse
DOXOLOGY		UMH 95
HYMN	“Christ Beside Me”	TFWS 2166
BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE		
POSTLUDE		
Worship Leaders: Dr. Greg S. Neal, Senior Pastor; Ann Gerdom, Director of Music and Organist; Greg Sojka, Chancel Choir Director; Muriel Pemble, Liturgist		
Altar flowers: by Caralee Adams to honor Marian Johnson's birthday, with love from her family.		

SPECIAL UPDATES	
GRACE FOUNDATION SCHOLORSHIPS	PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK
The Grace Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. Open to Grace members, staff, and their families, the deadline is April 3, 2024. For inquiries, contact ben.campney@gmail.com.	Join us for a delightful Palm Sunday Potluck at Grace! After our uplifting worship service, let's continue the celebration with a shared feast. Bring your favorite dish, whether it's a family recipe or a newfound favorite, and let's savor the joy of community. We'll gather in the Grace Activity Center right after the 10:15AM service for a time of connection, fellowship, and delicious food.
Since 1997, 437 scholarships totaling \$454,000 have been awarded.	
THIS WEEK AT GRACE	
Sunday, March 17	Wednesday, March 20
9:00 AM Sunday School	9:00AM Quilters
10:15 AM Worship	12:00 PM AMOS
11:15 AM Hospitality Time	1:00 PM Suzannah Circle
11:30 AM LGBTQ Group	4:00 PM The Bible Year
5:00 PM Youth Group	6:30 PM Communications Team Meeting
	7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday, March 18	Thursday, March 21
1:30 PM Mary Circle (at Jan Mechem's place)	6:00 PM The Open Table
6:00 PM Crafternoon	7:00 PM Ad Council (room A2)
6:30 PM The Bible Year	7:00 PM Anna Circle
	Friday, March 22
	No Activities
	Saturday, March 23
	No Activities
Tuesday, March 19	Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)
1:30 PM The Bible You Never Knew	9:00 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Free Community Meal	10:15 AM Worship
5:00 PM Library Committee	11:15 AM Hospitality Potluck
5:30 PM Free Clinic	11:30 AM Criminal Justice Reform Group Book Study
7:30 PM AMOS	3:30 PM Confirmation Class
	5:00 PM Youth Group