# SPECIAL UPDATES

# EASTER SUNDAY

WITH GRACE | 10:15AM



**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURC** 

# **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

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



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



OUR NEW CHURCH OR 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.

#### **GIVING TO GRACE**

Give to Grace by using the offering plates, visiting gracedesmoines.org, or mailing to 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, IA 50311.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, March 17, 2024

In-Person: 139 Online: 137

#### **CONTACT OUR SENIOR PASTOR**

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#### SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER

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# 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 24, 2024 - PALM SUNDAY

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOMING STATEMENT

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Thom Schuman, Discipleship Ministries

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks:

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;

to betrayal and death, cradling hope in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,

For Christ is the life we long for, the Word who sustains us.

Proclaim Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the Kingdom of God!

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Let us pray: ...

HYMN "All Glory Laud and Honor" **UMH 280** 

CHILDREN'S TIME UMH 278, v. 1&2 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

Thanks be to God!

**HYMN** "Who Is He" W&S 3082

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 11:1-11

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** Dr. Gregory S. Neal "Hosanna!"

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** "Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me" Lloyd Larson

**DOXOLOGY UMH 95** 

**HYMN** "Lamb of God" **TFWS 2113** 

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

Worship Leaders: Dr. Greg S. Neal, Senior Pastor; Ann Gerdom, Director of Music and Organist; Greg Sojka, Chancel Choir Director; Laura Thompson, Liturgist

Altar flowers: Betsy Page, "In loving memory of Christopher Hines."

"We thank God for Dee Erickson with love from her family."

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#### **GRACE FOUNDATION SCHOLORSHIPS**

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 dish, whether it's a family recipe or a newfound ben.campney@gmail.com.

Since 1997, 437 scholarships totaling \$454,000 have been awarded.

#### **PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK**

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 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.

### THIS WEEK AT GRACE

#### Sunday, March 24

9:00 ÅM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:15 AM Church Potluck 11:30 AM Criminal Justice Reform Group Book Club 3:30 PM Confirmation Class 3:30 PM Youth Parent Meeting

Monday, March 25

5:00 PM Youth Group

12:10 PM Visitation Ministry Team Meeting 6:00 PM Crafternoon 6:30 PM The Bible Year

Tuesday, March 26

1:30 PM The Bible You Never Knew 1:30 PM Wesley on Grand Quarterly Meeting 5:00 PM Free Community Meal 5:30 PM Free Clinic

Wednesday, March 27

9:00 AM Quilters 4:00 PM The Bible Year 6:30 PM AMOS 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

6:00 PM The Open Table 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

10:00 AM Coffee Connections (Caribou on Ingersoll)

#### Sunday, March 31 (EASTER SUNDAY)

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:15 AM Hospitality Time 5:00 PM Youth Group