

SPECIAL UPDATES

Affirmed
LGBTQ+ SUPPORT GROUP

NEW LGBTQ+ GROUP STARTS MARCH 9 @ 6:00 PM! 🏳️‍🌈

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
EVERY TUESDAY 5:30-7:30PM

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 5:00PM

25 IN 25
JOIN THE JOURNEY, EXPAND THE GRACE

20% 25 NEW MEMBERS

G GRACE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!

ANY INQUIRES ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS CAN BE SENT TO BEN.CAMPNEY@GMAIL.COM



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.

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 2, 2025
In-Person: 106
Online: 93

CONTACT OUR SENIOR PASTOR
DrGreg@GraceDesMoines.org

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER
Info@GraceDesMoines.org

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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.

GATHERING TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING STATEMENT

See Bulletin Front

INTROIT

"Lord, Have Mercy"

TFWS 2277

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*adapted from Psalm 91*)

Come, all who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:

We will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Yahweh is our refuge and our fortress:

Our God in whom we trust!

When Trials come and temptations arise:

God's faithfulness will be our shield!

The Holy One will deliver us:

God will answer us when we call and give us our salvation!

So come, let us worship Yahweh our God:

For Christ is our refuge, our strength, and our Redeemer!

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Let us pray: ...

***HYMN**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

UMH 110

PSALTER

Psalm 91

UMH 810-811

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

UMH 273

HYMN

"Thy Holy Wings, O Savior"

UMH 502

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 11:28-30

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

"Giving Up: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

Dr. Gregory S. Neal

LITANY FROM THE METHODIST SOCIAL CREED

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time of heightened airborne illness, if you are uncomfortable shaking hands please feel free to share the peace at a distance. One way to do this is to put your hands together as if in prayer and nod to the person with whom you are sharing the peace as you say "Peace of Christ."

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

"Hear My Prayer, O God"

W&S 3131

Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea;

Faithful, righteous one, give ear and answer me.

Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim;

Knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

ANTHEM

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

arr. John Leavitt

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***HYMN**

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH 130

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders: Dr. Greg Neal, Senior Pastor; Rev. Bob Dean, Retired Associate Pastor; Rev. Pam Deeds, Retired Associate Pastor; Ann Gerdom, Music Director and Organist; Coreen Witke, Christian Education Director; Claire Campbell, Grace Chimers Director; Greg Sojka, Chancel Choir Director; John Houghton, Liturgist.

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, 3/9

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship

11:15 AM Hospitality Time

11:30 AM Finance Committee

11:30 AM Prayer Beads Workshop

3:00 PM Harriet Bailey Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 PM Affirmed LGBTQIA+ Support Group

7:00 PM LADOS

Monday, 3/10

6:00 PM Crafternoon at Night

6:30 PM The Bible Year

Tuesday, 3/11

1:30 PM The Bible You Never Knew

5:00 PM Free Medical Clinic

5:00 PM Free Community Meal

6:00 PM Signage Meeting

Wednesday, 3/12

9:00 AM Quilters

5:30 PM The Pathway

5:30 PM Trustees Meeting

Thursday, 3/13

Preschool Closed for Professional Development

5:45 PM Grace Chimers

6:00 PM The Open Table

6:45 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, 3/14

Preschool Closed for Conferences

No Activities

Saturday, 3/15

No Activities

Sunday, 3/16

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship

11:15 AM Hospitality Time

11:30 AM Visitation Ministry Meeting

1:00 PM Girl Scouts

6:00 PM Affirmed LGBTQIA+ Support Group

6:00 PM Prayer Beads Workshop