



Grace United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Our Welcoming Statement

God's love is for all and God's grace is present in all creation. God's spirit draws us into community. We are filled with genuine care and love for one another.

Honoring the diversity of our faith journeys, our welcome is extended to all – people of all races, sexes, ethnic backgrounds, generations, physical and mental abilities, economic conditions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. No matter who you are, no matter where you are in your life, you are welcome here.

We are all invited to bless this church with our love, our presence, and our participation.

(* Please rise in body or in spirit)

MUSIC FOR GATHERING (8:00) "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Joel Raney
(10:15) "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Christina Harmon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL INVITATION FOR WORSHIP) "Steal Away" arr. Howard Helvey
 Emily Miller, soprano; Cheryl Fraracci, alto;
 Michael Gookin, tenor; Devon Steve, bass

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bound together by the Spirit of the Holy One,
 we endeavor to take care of one another.
 Because we are baptized into the family of God,
we live in Sacred community:
 bearing one another's burdens,
we rejoice in each other's gladness,
 and are transformed by mutual accountability.
We give God thanks,
 for we need not journey alone.

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Christ, our companion, we know that we need each other. We know that individualism and isolation are destructive. And still, it can be challenging to practice vulnerability, to hold one another accountable to love, and to stay present when inevitable conflicts arise. Be the hand that sustains us, encouraging us to move more deeply toward each other and the possibilities of living into a new creation, side by side. Amen.

* **OPENING HYMN UHM 454 (RED HYMNAL)** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:15 SERVICE ONLY)

As the children come forward, please join in singing UMH 191 (Red Hymnal)
 "Jesus Loves Me" (vs. 1)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:41-48

MESSAGE

"Invitations and Interruptions"

Pastor Nate Nims

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:00) "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. John Carter
(10:15) "Shout to the Lord" arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY UMH 94 (RED HYMNAL)**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Tune: LAST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT

**Our Father (Creator, Mother) †, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN UMH 593 (RED HYMNAL)

"Here I Am, Lord"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Mark Hayes

**Please join us for hospitality time in Fellowship Hall immediately following
the 10:15 service.**

**Today's flowers are given by Cathie Chambers in memory of her mother,
Mary Jo Courtright.**



Articles for the weekly worship bulletin and
Beyond the Red Doors email are due each Wednesday at noon.

Articles for the Chimes Newsletter are due the 15th of each month.

Please send complete articles for all publications to Charlene Hjort at
charlenehjort@gracedesmoines.org or drop them off in the church office.

Save the Date

Please mark your calendar to be sure you don't miss these special events!

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| September 26 | Preschool Tailgating Social |
| September 28 | Red Doors Concert Series – Musicians of Grace |
| September 29 | Emerging Issues |
| September 29 | Coffee with Pastor Nate for Prospective Members |
| October 3 | United Methodist Women Unit Meeting |
| October 4 | Out to Lunch Bunch – John & Nick's |
| October 5 | Men's Breakfast |
| October 6 | New Member Classes start |
| October 6 | World Communion Sunday & Special Offering |
| October 12 | Red Doors Concert Series – Bridges to Harmony |
| October 15 | Charge Conference at Staves Memorial UMC |

Guide to Prayer and Study: September 16-21, 2019

Monday

Read - *Matthew 22:35-40*

Notice - When asked what was the greatest commandment, Jesus chose not one, but two. The first is from Deuteronomy 6:4 and the second is from Leviticus 19:18. Jesus says that all other truths or orthodoxies depend on loving God and loving our neighbors. What makes these two commands essential? How do the commands depend on and strengthen one another?

Pray - Jesus, help me to love God with all that I am, and remind me that even if I fall short, God still loves me. Inspire me to love my neighbors in all the ways you call me to. Amen.

Tuesday

Read - *Luke 10:25-32*

Notice - The story that Jesus tells is a familiar one to many of us. When we read it, we often think first about responding to people in need. Yet, Jesus told this parable to answer a question about being a neighbor. His focus was on how neighborly, or not, the people who passed on the other side of the road were. Are there people that you'd rather not think of as your neighbor? Have you ever felt your limits of who is your neighbor change after getting to know someone(s)?

Pray - Jesus, let your story remind me that it is not enough to simply know the right words. Grow in me a heart that notices and cares for others. Amen

Wednesday

Read - *Luke 10:33-37*

Notice - In the first part of this story, Jesus tells us of two religious and pious men that didn't have any real interest in acting like a neighbor. These men are contrasted by a Samaritan (a group of people that many Israelites regarded like Palestinians today) who acted with compassion and grace. In the story, the Samaritan doesn't simply offer roadside assistance, he puts the injured man on his own donkey, brings him to an inn, cares for him, and pays for the injured man's stay. How does this story teach us about God's generosity? What does this story teach us about not only giving help, but receiving it from others? How open are you to receiving grace from others and God?

Pray - Jesus, I don't mind being a good neighbor when it's easy. Help me to be a good neighbor even when it's hard, when it takes a sacrifice. Since you have given me so much, God, help me give back to you. Amen.

Thursday

Read - *Jeremiah 29:4-7*

Notice - In 597 B.C. the Babylonians took many Hebrews into exile and then destroyed Jerusalem in a final conquest in 586 B.C. During those years, Jeremiah wrote to the Hebrews that had been taken into Babylon. Jeremiah offers no false comfort, he tells them to settle down, to prepare for a long exile, and urged them, even in a foreign land, to be good neighbors.

Pray - Jesus, team me to be patient, to live with an enduring hope, especially when life is hard. Plan in me a hunger and thirst to seek you, and to let you shape every aspect of my life. Amen.

Friday

Read - *Romans 13:8-10, 14:10-13*

Notice - In this letter that Paul sent to the churches in Roman, we see that the churches differed from one another. Some were mainly Jewish while others were mostly Gentile. Because of this, their customs varied and it was easy for them to criticize each other. How do you think these churches would have reacted to Paul's words, "Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law"? Do you know anyone that is genuinely loving, but in other ways of their life seems to miss the mark? Is Paul right about love, or is he too soft on law breakers?

Pray - Jesus, help me to see beyond laws, rules, and customs. Amaze me with the wonder of you love, teach me all the way that living out your love fulfills you law. Amen.

Saturday

Read - *Colossians 3:12-14, Ephesians 2:19-22*

Notice - Both Colossians and Ephesians said that God calls us to be people who live in community with others. This doesn't come about because of contracts or policies, instead, it grows organically as we commit ourselves to living "as God's household." "Love, which is the perfect bond of unity" becomes the force that binds us together, and builds us "into a place where God lives through the Spirit." What aspects of Christian character described here would have the biggest positive impact on the way(s) you relate to your neighbors?

Pray - Jesus, sometimes I think love is weak, unrealistic, sentimental. Keep showing me the power of love, the amazing strength that bonds people together. Amen.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, September 15

- 8 am Worship
- 8:30 am Chorister Choir Rehearsal
- 9 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Worship
- 11:15 am Hospitality Time
- 11:30 am Quartet Rehearsal
- 1 pm Anugrah Church Worship
- 1 pm Anugrah Church Sunday School
- 4 pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 5 pm Grace Youth

Monday, September 16

- 1:30 pm Mary Circle (Chamberlain Mansion)

Tuesday, September 17

- 2:30 pm Free Clinic Prep
- 5 pm Free Clinic Registration and Meal
- 5:30 pm Free Clinic
- 5:30 pm Welcoming Committee

Wednesday, September 18

- 9 am Quilters
- 9 am Interfaith Clergy Meeting
- 10 am Lay Leadership Committee
- 1:30 pm Suzannah Circle (Nelson home)
- 2 pm Mental Health Clinic
- 4:30 pm Concert Rehearsal
- 6 pm Confirmation
- 6 pm Grace Chimers Rehearsal
- 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 19

- 9:30 am Ruth Circle
- 1 pm Art Group
- 5 pm Quartet Rehearsal
- 6 pm The Open Table
- 7 pm Memorial Committee
- 7 pm Anna Circle

Announcements

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the installation date for the education wing elevator has been delayed until late November, well beyond the original projected date of late September. Progress on the new restrooms and existing elevator is moving right along. Please note the existing elevator will be out of service until at least September 18 while it is made accessible with the new design. Thank you all for your patience as we make these much needed improvements to our beautiful church!

Because of the continuing elevator outage, we are planning to have the Tuesday evening Free Clinic Meal upstairs in Fellowship Hall again this week. If the elevator is still out of service Wednesday night, Chancel Choir will also move to Fellowship Hall. When coming to the church for activities, please be sure to check the monitors in the entryway and Narthex to confirm the room for your meeting, as these changes may necessitate that other meetings move from their usual space.

The rose on the altar this morning celebrates the birth of Theodore James Nelson, who was born to Colin and Kelsey Nelson on September 5! Grandparents are Melody and Scott Nelson, and great-grandparents are Jim and Carolyn Nelson. Congratulations to the family on the birth of Theo!

We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Christian Service Window today during Children's Time at the 10:15 am service.

September is National Rice Month, and DMARC is seeking donations of all kinds of rice. They would especially appreciate brown, jasmine, Arborio, and wild rice.

Join Church & Society for their next Emerging Issues session on Sunday, September 29, at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Women currently represent about 47% of the total labor force, often in positions that earn lower wages, such as education and health services. Iowa leads the nation with the number of children in a child care setting because all available parents are in the workforce. Women also experience a wage gap, only earning \$0.79 for every dollar a man earns. We are excited to host Kristen Corey, from the Office on the Status of Women, to explore the issues affecting working women we should all care about.

All of those interested in becoming members of Grace UMC are invited to “Coffee with the Pastor” following the 10:15 service on September 29. This is a casual gathering to get to know one another and Pastor Nate.

There are a few spots left to help with the October Shelter Meal on October 1. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094caaad2ea7f85-october> for more info.

If you receive an email or text message purporting to be from Pastor Nate or the church saying that it is urgent that you respond, please delete the message. The email address being used, natenims.gracedesmoines@gmail.com, is not a valid email address. The text messages are being sent from numbers with a 515 area code. These communications are part of an ongoing scam targeting churches in the area.



Ingathering Supply Lists

Collection boxes are located in the coat room.

School Kit Materials

One pair blunt scissors

- . Round tips only
- . No plastic scissors

One box of 24 crayons (Only 24-count boxes)

Three one-subject notebooks

- . No marble composition books
- . No 3 or 5-subject notebooks

One pack of loose-leaf paper

- . 100-200 page packets are acceptable
- . Wide or college rule accepted

One hand-held pencil sharpener

- . 1-inch or longer
- . Remove from packaging

One ruler

- . 12 inches or 30 centimeters long
- . Sturdy or flexible material accepted

Six unsharpened pencils

One eraser

- . Two inches or larger

One TWO-gallon re-sealable plastic bag

Hygiene Kit Materials

One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)

- . No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One washcloth

- . No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One comb

- . Must be STURDY with at least 6 inches of teeth
- . No pocket combs or picks
- . Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth

One toenail or fingernail clipper

- . No emery boards or metal nail files

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)

- . No Ivory or Jergen's soap
- . Do not remove from packaging

One adult toothbrush

- . Do not remove from packaging
- . Personal advertising not acceptable

10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)

- . Common household bandages acceptable

One ONE-gallon size re-sealable bag



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ I would like to learn about church committees and how I can get involved

____ I would like to learn more about the music program

____ I would like to be a greeter

____ I would like to be an usher

____ I would like to be a liturgist

____ I would like to be a front desk volunteer

____ I would like to help with the Tuesday meal and free clinic

____ I would like to learn more about congregational care and visitation ministry

____ I'm not sure what I want to do, but I want to get more involved with Grace

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please place your completed form in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Weekly Opportunities

I would like to receive the monthly **Chimes Newsletter**:

via US Postal Service

via email

Subscribe to the **Beyond the Red Doors** weekly email for information on upcoming events by going to our website at www.gracedesmoines.org. Scroll toward the bottom of the page until you see the "Beyond the Red Doors" section and follow the instructions to subscribe.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019

All of the altar flower slots for 2019 have been filled. Watch this space for the opportunity to provide flowers in 2020.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please print clearly and place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Worship Leaders:

Pastor Nate Nims; Kristen Erickson, liturgist (10:15); Oscar Erickson and Linus Erickson, acolytes (10:15); Ann Gerdom, Director of Music, pianist, and organist; Michael Gookin, Chancel Choir Director.

Resources Used in this Service:

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer from enfleshed.com

All music used under OneLicense A-727197

Guide to Prayer and Study modified from cor.org

† In hymns, prayers, and liturgies, please use language that makes worship meaningful, enriching, and inclusive

Nursery Care is available for children aged 3 and younger from 10 to 11:30 am. The nursery is on the second floor. Please ask an usher if you need help finding it.

Worship bags are available outside the sanctuary for children to use and enjoy during the service.

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Services are held every Sunday at 8 am and 10:15 am