

Grace United Methodist Church



January 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

We act so that God's love is felt by all.

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

setting, Teresa Wilhelmi

Choral Introit

Donovan D. Klotzbeacher

O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father's face, the eternal splendor wearing.
Celestial, holy blest, our Savior, Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.
The Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for God; who turned to me and heard my cry,
who lifted me out of the pit; and gave me a firm place to stand.
We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.
Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust;
when we do not turn aside to false gods.
We sing of all your wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.
Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.
We sing, "Here I am, I have come—
I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."

*Opening Hymn

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

UMH 579

*Opening Prayer

Steadfast God, you have enlightened us by the coming of Christ, your Word, in our midst.
Shine through our worship, that we might see you more clearly and know you more deeply.
Comfort us amid the trials of our lives and the chaos of the world,
and strengthen us to walk the path you desire, so that by word and deed
we, too, may reveal the graciousness of your love for the world. Amen.

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Prayer for Illumination

We are hungry, Lord, for truth, for justice, for love.
Nourish us this day with better food than we could ever purchase,
engineer, or manufacture, your Word, your love, your Spirit,
your daily bread for our life's journey,
in the company of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Reading from the Epistles

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

I Believe This Is Jesus

setting, Undine Smith Moore

I believe this is Jesus; come and see. The light of God shines in His face, Oh, come and see.
He offers all His pardoning grace; come and see.

Claire Iverson, Fatima Black, Patricia Hengen-Shields, Henry Hubbard, and Rob Tucker

*A Reading from the Gospels

John 1:29–42

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn *O Come and Dwell in Me* UMH 388

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

Offertory Anthem *O Jesus, I Have Promised* John Carter
Lyrics, UMH 396
The Chancel Choir; Organ, Noah Duckwall

*Doxology UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Life-giving God, every gift we need you provide in abundance.
Nurture our trust in your provisions and stir up in us a longing to serve you.
Bless these gifts, great and small, and shine through them
so that they become beacons of life and love,
revealing your presence in our world. Amen.

*Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction William Knapp
O splendor of God's glory bright, O thou that bringest light from light;
O light of light, light's living spring, O day, all days illumining.
The Chancel Choir

Postlude *O Love, How Deep* Stephen Gabrielsen



*Please rise in body and spirit as you are able.

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church! The ushers are in the back of the sanctuary to assist you. Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available. The Nursery is open for children from birth through age three. Children's Sunday School, for children from age three through fifth grade, will meet in the Art & Soul Sunday School classroom. Youth Sunday School (for middle and high school students) is at 9 a.m. in Auxiliary Hall on the second floor. If you need directions, please see an usher.

Thank you to those providing leadership this morning:

Lay Readers: Chuck Starkey and Kelly Jackson Acolytes: Cooper and Luke Davidson

Fellowship Time Hosts: The Ferrazzini Family

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents, Marian J. and Carl F. Wallace by Susan Wallace.

Community Announcements

MLK, Jr. Day of Service- TOMORROW

Several churches along Charles Street, including Grace, have teamed up to offer opportunities to serve on the MLK Day of Service, which is tomorrow, January 19th. Activities throughout the day include a youth “service” lock-in, a neighborhood trash pick-up, assembling bags of love for our unhoused neighbors, and making Valentine’s Day cards for shut-ins. Grace is the donation site for a variety of donation drives, including winter clothing, school supplies, coffee mugs and gently used electronics. Visit <https://shortifyme.co/Fgyyw> to learn more and sign up.

Church Conference

Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

This specially scheduled Church Conference has been called by our District Superintendent to vote upon the facility renovation plans presented by our Stewardship of Resources Committee. The planned Facility Renovation has been affirmed already by the Stewardship of Resources Committee members, as well as approved by the Church Council. This is the last, official step needed in the process as we undertake a renovation to improve the functionality, hospitality, and ease of navigation of our building. Grace’s leadership thought we had completed this step with the Church Council vote but learned recently that the scope of our project necessitates a Church Conference vote. The renovation plans have been presented to the congregation previously. For those who wish to review them again, information pertaining to the plans and funding for the project can be found in the e-notes announcement or by calling the church office.

This special church conference will be held by Zoom only. All professing members of the congregation are eligible to vote and will need to be able to appear on camera to be able to vote. Please register to attend using the e-notes link or through the church office.

We would like to connect with
you!

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Grace is a Reconciling Congregation. All are welcome here.