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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# GRACE NOTES

February 20-March 5, 2026



**Grace United Methodist Church**  
Engaging the Community with the Love of Christ  
GAITHERSBURG, MD | [www.graceumc.org](http://www.graceumc.org)

**Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Helen Ballew, Deacon**

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## GRACE NOTES

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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**Dear Grace UMC Family,**

As we enter the season of Lent, let us pause, reflect and redirect as the Spirit moves. Prayerfully consider participating in the many opportunities offered. May our souls be deepened, our spirit stretched, and our bodies purified.

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### **SERVE ON SUNDAYS**

We regularly need Communion Stewards, Grace Guides, AV Assistants, and Office Volunteers. Training provided. Serving once a month makes a big impact. Contact Maria in the church office at [mstroffolino@graceumc.org](mailto:mstroffolino@graceumc.org) and she can get you connected to the right person!

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** | Our new Administrative Specialist, Maria Stroffolino has joined the team! The church office is open:

Mon/Tue: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Wed/Thu: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**WORSHIP LEADERS** | Pastor Weaver is looking for individuals interested in serving as Worship Leaders. This is a meaningful opportunity to help lead worship, with training and support provided. If you feel called to learn more, please contact Pastor Weaver at [kweaver@graceumc.org](mailto:kweaver@graceumc.org).

**BIRTHDAY LIST UPDATE** | We are currently reviewing our process for publishing birthdays to ensure it reflects clear and consistent privacy practices. During this review, birthday listings will be paused. We appreciate your understanding as we work toward a thoughtful policy moving forward.

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### **“BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED” | Lenten Sermon Series | Sundays in Lent**

Lent is an invitation to lean in, grow deeper, and become more fully who God is calling us to be. That spirit of growth is at the heart of Pastor Weaver’s sermon series, *Batteries Not Included*, which began February 8 and continues through Lent. God has already placed powerful blessings, gifts, and opportunities in our lives. Yet for those blessings to come to fruition, we must participate. The power is present — but we must engage it. Join us each Sunday as we discover how faith comes alive when we “insert the batteries” and take intentional steps toward spiritual growth.

### **BRING YOUR BIBLE | “Choose Your Tongue Wisley” | 9:15am Sundays in Lent**

Join us for a Lenten Sunday School series Choose Your Tongue Wisley! Beginning this Sunday between services in Fellowship Hall, make this Lenten season one of deep spiritual impact. Pastor Weaver will lead a forty-day Lenten fast of intentional speech, reflecting on the power of the tongue in daily life. Together, we’ll explore what Scripture teaches about the “tongues” we use and how to choose our words with wisdom and faith. Join us Sundays during Lent, 9:15 to 9:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, February 22 through March 22. Don’t forget to bring your Bible.

### **LIVING ABOVE AND BEYOND**

#### **A Virtual Zoom Gathering Led by Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver**

Living Above and Beyond (LAB) is centered on connection, reflection, and encouragement as we explore how the teachings of Jesus can be lived out in everyday life. Upcoming session dates are shared directly with participants via email and announced during worship. **To receive updates and the Zoom link, please register on the Grace UMC website to join the LAB email list. All are welcome.**



### **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION | Next Session- Sat, March 21, 2026**

Interested in learning more about Christian discipleship, the Grace congregation, and the Methodist faith? The New Members’ Orientation is for you. All are welcome to attend this in-person session led by Pastor Weaver, taking place in the Wesley Room from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please register at [graceumc.org](http://graceumc.org).

### **MEDITATE LIKE JESUS With Pastor Weaver | Each Tuesday, 12:05-12:30p.m.**

Curious about a biblical approach to meditation? Seeking a safe space to practice, reflect, and grow? Join us for a mid-day reset every Tuesday, 12:05–12:30 p.m., via Pastor Weaver’s Zoom link found at [graceumc.org](http://graceumc.org). Gain practical insight to deepen your meditative journey and connect with others exploring this discipline.

# PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER MINISTRY

**PASTORAL CARE UPDATE** | Rev. Helen Ballew will be away on vacation leave from Friday, February 27 to Wednesday, March 4. If you have urgent pastoral care need during that time, please contact Rev. Dr. Kendrick Weaver.

**LET US PRAY FOR all who are facing health concerns, including:**

- Gail Kohlenburg
- Donna Shields
- Kathy George
- Juliana Onyejekwe
- Caroline Onyejekwe
- Chris Donaldson
- Barbara Gould
- Kathleen McGuinness
- Kevin Demeritt
- Jennalyn, daughter of Katherine Craig
- Heidi Muratore

## PRAYER AND CARE AT GRACE UMC

**Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests** | To request a pastoral call, visit, or prayer support, contact Rev. Helen Ballew at 301-926-8688 ext. 160 or [hballew@graceumc.org](mailto:hballew@graceumc.org). For urgent needs, call 301-661-1149.

**Congregational Prayers** | To share a prayer or praise request in Grace Notes (listed for two weeks unless requested otherwise), contact Rev. Ballew.

**Prayer Chain** | Submit prayer requests to Mary Lou Gundersen at [prayerchain@graceumc.org](mailto:prayerchain@graceumc.org) or 301-869-5625.

## AROUND THE CHURCH

### STAFF UPDATE AT GRACE UMC

#### A Heartfelt Thank You to Trevor Tran, Director of Music Ministry

After careful and prayerful consideration, and in light of the challenging financial situation identified by the Steering Committee from August to December 2025, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) at Grace UMC has made the very difficult decision to bring the position of Director of Music Ministry to a close. As announced in this week's Sunday service, this change will take effect May 31, 2026, unless Trevor chooses an earlier transition.

We are saddened by this decision. Trevor Tran has been a dedicated and capable leader, sharing his musical gifts and guidance with our choir, handbell ensembles, and congregation. His work has touched many lives and enriched our worship experience.

Trevor's leadership, creativity, and commitment to Grace UMC have made a meaningful impact. We are grateful for the music, care, and thoughtfulness he has brought to our services and community. Please join us in offering Trevor our thanks, prayers, and support as we honor his ministry and his transition to the next chapter of his journey.

**SAVE THE DATE | UWF TIME FOR TEA**  
**Saturday, April 18 | 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Join us for *Time for Tea*, a lovely morning of fellowship hosted by the United Women in Faith, centered on our theme, **Savoring Grace**. It's an invitation to slow down, connect, and notice God's presence in simple moments shared together. This year, a **\$20 donation will be collected at the time of registration** to help support the ministry and mission of United Women in Faith. More details and sign-up information coming soon—we hope you'll join us!

**UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, March 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall**

Join us Thursday, March 14 at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our United Methodist Men breakfast! Wendy Iglehart, Owner/CEO of VennHart Consulting and Mental Health—and one of our own—will be our guest speaker, sharing insights on mental health and well-being. Fellowship, breakfast, and inspiration await—don't miss it!

**ST. PATTY'S FAMILY DINNER & BINGO NIGHT**  
**Friday, March 13 from 5:30 – 9:00 pm**

Join us for an evening of Family fun to include dinner and Bingo! The event is during Lent so we are having a light meal of "Irish" themed soups, soda bread and fruit. Wear your green and come out for good old-fashioned night of fun. You don't want to miss this fun-filled event! Invite your friends and neighbors and join us for the first of many Engage "Family" ministry events planned for this year. To plan appropriately, we ask that you use sign up on our website to let us know you will be joining us and how many will attend. We are requesting that each family bring a wrapped \$5 gift that will be placed on the prize table for the Bingo games. Contact Laura Freeburn at Terri Fowler at [kidsclub@graceumc.org](mailto:kidsclub@graceumc.org) or 202-246-5866 or Laura Freeburn at [lfreeburn@graceumc.org](mailto:lfreeburn@graceumc.org) or 301-943-8042 for more information.

**WHEN A NEIGHBOR COMES IN FROM THE COLD**  
**How Grace is preparing to respond with warmth when need knocks**

Two people during this frigid winter have come to Grace's doors seeking a place of warmth. While Grace is not at this time in a position to safely welcome people inside our doors, we can be ready to respond in a different way by having a small stock of warm coats and blankets on hand to give those who approach our doors in need of warmth. Four coats and blankets were purchased through our Missions budget line (funded by your tithes) so we will be ready the next time a neighbor approaches with a need for warmth. You will see the coats and blankets on a marked coat rack in the Fellowship Hall. This is an example of the Grace congregation collectively responding directly to an observed need within our community.

**NOTES FROM THE FINANCE CHAIR | Bill Hicks**

**DESIGNATED FUNDS | Continuing to Strengthen Our Financial Clarity**

As we continue strengthening Grace's financial structure and transparency, the Finance Committee is also reviewing how Designated Funds are used.

Designated Funds are gifts given for specific purposes outside the annual operating budget (such as Memorial Gifts, emerging ministries, special building needs, or "Special Sundays" of the Baltimore-Washington

Conference). These gifts are intended to be in addition to — not instead of — regular tithing to the church’s operating budget.

Over time, some ongoing ministries have been funded through Designated Funds when they more appropriately belong in the annual budget. Our goal is to gradually incorporate predictable, recurring expenses into the budget so Designated Funds can focus primarily on short-term or emerging needs.

This shift helps present a clearer picture of Grace’s finances and strengthens our ability to plan responsibly for the future. We appreciate your partnership as we continue this important work together.

### GRACE UMC FINANCIAL SCORE CARD | JANUARY 2026

Each month, the Grace UMC Finance Team will publish a financial “Score Card” in Grace Notes. This overview will show how monthly and year-to-date contributions to the Operating Budget (Church Budget) and the operating expenses during the same period, resulting in a net income or loss.

**Major Expenses in December:** Pepco electric: \$5,646; Payroll \$22,250 Gas \$7,364 continuing expenses. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Finance Chair, Bill Hicks at [hicks.william@comcast.net](mailto:hicks.william@comcast.net)  
Please note the shortfall between the contributions and expenses (numbers in red) is funded from our reserve funds held in bank and investment accounts.

### GRACE UMC FINANCIAL SCORE CARD | JANUARY 2026

Category	JAN 2026	2026 Year-to-Date
Contributions to Church Budget	\$46,911	\$ 46,911 (109% of budget)
Operating Expenses Paid	\$75,955	\$ 75,955 (95% of budget)
Net (Gain or Loss)	<b>-\$-29,044</b>	<b>-\$-29,044</b>

Note: A positive net indicates a gain; a negative net indicates a loss.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

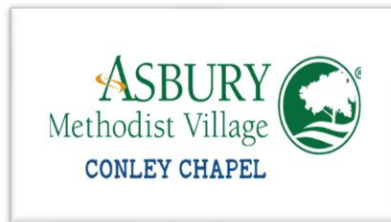
**In-person & Online**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | 8 & 10:30AM**

**Gospel Lesson** | Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

**Sermon** | Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver



**Upcoming 11am Monthly  
Asbury Communion  
Services**

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>**

**APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**

**In-person & Online**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 1, 2026 | 8 & 10:30AM**

**Scripture Lesson** | Genesis 12:1-4a (NKJV)

**Gospel Lesson** | John 3:1-17 (NKJV)

**Sermon** | Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

#### DIGITAL ACCESS TO 10:30AM SERVICE

- ZOOM | ID: 832 476 6469 Password: 557236
- PHONE | From any phone dial 301-715-8592
- FACEBOOK | [www.facebook.com/GraceUMCGaithersburg/](http://www.facebook.com/GraceUMCGaithersburg/)
- GRACE WEBSITE | Service Links at [www.graceumc.org](http://www.graceumc.org)

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### FEBRUARY

20 Exodus 14:1–18  
21 Exodus 14:19–31  
First Sunday in Lent  
22 Exodus 15:1–18  
Great Lent (Orthodox)  
23 Exodus 15:19–27  
24 Exodus 18:1–12  
25 Romans 8:18–39  
26 Romans 12:1–21  
27 Romans 14:1–23  
28 Romans 15:1–13

### MARCH

Second Sunday in Lent  
1 Psalm 4  
2 Psalm 5  
3 Isaiah 37:1–20

4 Isaiah 37:21–38  
5 Isaiah 38:1–20  
World Day of Prayer  
6 Psalm 82  
7 Daniel 9:1–19  
Third Sunday in Lent  
8 Jeremiah 16:14–21  
9 Jeremiah 32:1–15  
10 Jeremiah 32:16–35  
11 Jeremiah 32:36–44  
12 Habakkuk 1:1–17  
13 Habakkuk 2:1–20  
14 Habakkuk 3:1–19  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
15 Numbers 14:1–10  
16 Numbers 14:11–25  
17 Numbers 21:4–20

18 Deuteronomy 4:1–14  
19 Deuteronomy 5:1–22  
20 Deuteronomy 6:1–8  
21 Deuteronomy 7:1–11  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
22 1 Samuel 1:1–18  
23 1 Samuel 1:19–28  
24 1 Samuel 2:1–11  
25 Psalm 25  
26 Psalm 27  
27 Psalm 31  
28 John 17:1–26  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
29 Matthew 21:1–27  
30 Matthew 26:1–35  
31 Matthew 26:36–46

## GRACE GROUPS

**Adult | Meditate Like Jesus** | Weekly, Tuesdays, 12:05-12:30 p.m. | Via Pastor Weaver's Zoom found at [graceumc.org](http://graceumc.org)

**Adult | Living Above and Beyond (LAB)** | Virtual small group | Various dates | Hosted by Pastor Weaver | for more information and to sign up for the email list- [garceumc.org](mailto:garceumc.org)

**Adult | UMMen (Men's Breakfast)** | Monthly, 2nd Saturday of the month, 8am | Paul McGee Jr, [mcgee0618@gmail.com](mailto:mcgee0618@gmail.com)

**Adult | The Wesleyan Way** | Sundays 9:15am | W209 | Bev Payne, [payne1290@verizon.net](mailto:payne1290@verizon.net) | Zoom Meeting ID: 876 6983 5445, Passcode: 945420

**Adult | Sunday Exploring Class** | Sundays 9:15am | W205 | Dick Rhorer, [rrhorer@rcn.com](mailto:rrhorer@rcn.com)

**Adult | Friday Exploring Class** | Fridays @ 4-5pm | Dick Rhorer, [rrhorer@rcn.com](mailto:rrhorer@rcn.com) | ZOOM Exploring meeting ID: 793 890 7174, Passcode: 254864

**Adult | Grace UMC Book Club** | 3rd Thursday @ 1PM, | Deb Randall, [bookclub@graceumc.org](mailto:bookclub@graceumc.org)

**Adult | United Methodist Women** | Various Dates | Susan Tanna & Betsy Moore

**Children | Children's Sunday School** | K-5th Grade | Sundays @ 10:30am | W202 | Laura Freeburn, [lfreeburn@graceumc.org](mailto:lfreeburn@graceumc.org)

**Youth Sunday School Classes** | 6th-12th Grade | Sundays @ 11:30am (following 10:30 Service) | W201

**UMYF | Youth Fellowship** | 6th-12th Grade | Sundays @ 4-6pm

**Pre-Youth | KidsClub** | 4th -6th Grade | Various Dates | Terri Fowler, [kidsclub@graceumc.org](mailto:kidsclub@graceumc.org)

## TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE

(AMV) Asbury Methodist Village, (CP) Church Parlor, (CR) Choir Room, (CY) Courtyard, (ER) Epworth Room, (FB) Facebook, (FH) Fellowship Hall, (K) Kitchen, (S) Sanctuary, (WB) Walker Bldg., (W) Wesley Room, (Z) Zoom, (OC) Off Campus

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:00pm | The Friday Exploring Class (Z)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00am | Sunday Worship (S)

9:15am | Lent Sunday School Series (FH)

10:30am | Sunday Worship (S, Z, FB)

10:30am | Children's Sunday School (WB)

4:00pm | UMYF (WB, FH)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00pm | Church Council Committee (Z)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00pm | Meditate Like Jesus (Z)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:30pm | Bell Rehearsal (FH)

7:30pm | Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:00pm | The Friday Exploring Class (Z)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00am | Sunday Worship (S)

9:15am | Lent Sunday School Series (FH)

10:30am | Sunday Worship (S, Z, FB)

10:30am | Children's Sunday School (WB)

4:00pm | UMYF (WB, FH)

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:00pm | Staff Parish Committee Meeting (Z)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

12:00pm | Meditate Like Jesus (Z)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

6:30pm | Bell Rehearsal (FH)

7:30pm | Choir Rehearsal (CR)

## 2026 GRACE UMC LAY LEADERSHIP

**Church Council Chair** | Amy Warffeli

**Secretary to Council** | Dana Trageser-Cesler

**Lay-Leader** | Tara Shol

**Associate Lay Leader** | Cathy Jones

**Lay Rep to AC** | Vickie DiSanto

**Lay Rep to AC** | Teresa Llewellyn

**Financial Chair** | Bill Hicks

**Financial Secretary** | Jennifer Miller

**Staff Parish Co-Chair** | Ryan Gaskell

**Staff Parish Co-Chair** | Don Hadley

**Treasurer** | Chris Wolske

**Trustee Chair** | Steve Bonhag

**Membership Secretary** | Paul Nichols

**Outreach** | Bob Miller

**GO Team/Stewardship**

**UMYF (Youth) Representatives** |

Nicole Meuer & Kadie Sannoh

**United Women of Faith** | Susan Tanna

**United Methodist Men** | Paul McGee Jr

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP/MEETINGS\*

Most leadership meetings are open to the congregation and can be accessed via the Church Zoom link available on our website. **\*\*The Church Council now meets in person as well as on Zoom (hybrid), providing greater flexibility for participation.** While all are welcome to attend, only designated members have voting privileges. Please note that the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) meeting is the only closed meeting among those listed.

- **Staff Parish Committee (SPRC)** | 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7PM | Co-Committee Chairs: Ryan Gaskell & Don Hadley
- **Trustees Committee** | 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7PM | CHURCH ZOOM | Committee Chair: TBA
- **Finance Committee** | 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7PM | CHURCH ZOOM | Committee Chair: Bill Hicks
- **Church Council Committee** | 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7PM | **HYBRID** | Committee Chair: Amy Warffeli
- **GO (Growth & Outreach) Team** | 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30PM | CHURCH ZOOM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Carillon | 10:30am

“Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See” | United Methodist Hymnal #468

“I Want a Principle Within” | United Methodist Hymnal #410

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” | United Methodist Hymnal #269

“O Love, How Deep” | United Methodist Hymnal #267

**Prelude** | “Meditation” from Symphony No. 1 | Charles Marie Widor; arr. by S. E. Saxton | Music: © 1960 by Harold Flammer, Inc. | Offered by Andrew Kosinski, Organist

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. (Psalm 32:6-7)**

**Opening Hymn** | “Amazing Grace” V. 1, 2, 4 | United Methodist Hymnal #378 | John H. Hopkins Jr. | John H. Hopkins Jr. | © Words & Music: Public Domain |

### Prayer of Confession, 8:00am | Opening Prayer, 10:30

**Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

### Assurance of Pardon | 8:00am

If you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9) These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

### Sharing of the Peace

**Children’s Moment | 10:30am** | Laura Freeburn

**\*Gospel Lesson** | Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

**Hymn of Response** | “Lord I Want to Be a Christian” V. 1 & 4 | United Methodist Hymnal #402 | Arr. William Farley Smith | © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House |

**Sermon Series** | “Batteries Not Included” | Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

## **Moment of Absorption**

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## **The Lord’s Prayer | 8:00am**

## **The Giving of the Bread and Cup | 8:00am**

“Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See” | United Methodist Hymnal #468

“I Want a Principle Within” | United Methodist Hymnal #410

## **Tithe & Offering**

**Offertory | 10:30am** | “Rondo Giubilo” | Robert W. Gardner | © 2025 Robert W. Gardner | Offered by Grace UMC Grace Ringers, Directed by Trevor Tran |

## **Prayer of Dedication | 10:30am**

**All that we are, and all that we have, come from you, O God. Amen.**

*(Hoyt L. Hickman, 20<sup>th</sup> C., Alt, redacted)*

## **Morning Prayer**

## **The Lord’s Prayer | 10:30am**

**\*Closing Hymn** | “We Walk by Faith” V. 1-4 | The Faith We Sing #2196 | Jan Struther | Irish Folk Melody | © Oxford University Press |

## **Sending Forth**

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** | “Marche Triomphale” | René L. Becker | Music: Public Domain | Offered by Andrew Kosinski, Organist

## **Order of Worship**

**2nd Sunday in Lent | Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:30 am**

**Grace United Methodist Church, Gaithersburg, MD**

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## **Carillon | 10:30am**

“Christ Is the World’s Light” | United Methodist Hymnal #188

“The God of Abraham Praise” | United Methodist Hymnal #116

“The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young” | United Methodist Hymnal #118

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” | United Methodist Hymnal #95

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

**Our intention to be fully present, fully ready, and fully open to the Holy Spirit has been set. Let become the body of Christ together, here and now.**

**Opening Hymn** | “To God Be the Glory” | United Methodist Hymnal #98 | Fanny J. Crosby | William H. Doane  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don’t know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and embrace your call in Christ. Amen.**

Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What Is Good.”

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Your presence is sweeter than honey on the tongue. We enjoy it and savor it now. Thank you. Amen.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**Children’s Moment** | 10:30am | Laura Freeburn

**Scripture Lesson** | Genesis 12:1–4a (NKJV)

**\*Gospel Lesson** | John 3:1–17 (NKJV)

**Hymn of Response** | “Lift High the Cross” Verse 1 | UMH #159 | George William Kitchin & Michael Robert Newbolt | Sydney Hugo Nicholson | © 1974 Hope Publishing Co. |

**Sermon Series** | “Batteries Not Included” | Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver

## **Moment of Absorption**

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## **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Giving of the Bread and Cup**

“God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us” | United Methodist Hymnal #100

“Blessed Assurance” | United Methodist Hymnal #369

“Freely, Freely” | United Methodist Hymnal #389

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” | United Methodist Hymnal #327

## **Offering**

**Offertory** | 10:30am

### **Prayer of Dedication** | 10:30am

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*(Hoyt L. Hickman, 20<sup>th</sup> C., Alt, redacted)*

## **Morning Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn** | "It Is Well with My Soul" V. 1, 3, 4 | United Methodist Hymnal #377 | Horatio G. Spafford | Philip P. Bliss | © Words & Music: Public Domain

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

### **Grace UMC's Statement of Inclusion**

Grace UMC embraces Jesus' message that God loves everyone, and we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth. We believe that every human being is created and gifted by God; therefore, every human being is invited to be a part of our church. We welcome into our fellowship, membership, and leadership, all people, regardless of age, economic reality, education, ethnicity, faith history, family structure, gender identity, nationality, mental and physical health, race, sexual orientation, and life experience.

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Andrew Kosinski | Organist | [akosinski@graceumc.org](mailto:akosinski@graceumc.org)

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