

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

February 3, 2019

(\*Please stand as you are able)

Pammy Pallak preaching

Prelude & Lighting of Altar Candles

Praise Song

“My Savior, My God”

Reflection Connection

Praise Song

“Tell Your Heart to Beat Again”

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather for worship as people with many gifts and talents, blessings and privileges, resources and accomplishments.

**People: But if we do not have love, we have nothing.**

Leader: We gather for worship as people with opinions and convictions, information and knowledge, values that we strive to live out consistently.

**People: But if we do not have love, we have nothing.**

Leader: We gather to worship a God who is Creator of all things, Redeemer and Sustainer, Light and Life and above all, Love.

**People: So if we do not have Love, we have nothing.**

**ALL: May our hearts and minds be renewed in love this morning, so that we may worship God, who is Love, with our whole lives. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#384, vs. 1-3

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Love: The Greatest Gift”

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

**ALL: Gracious and loving God, we confess we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have hoarded love along with other gifts, treating them as scarce resources instead of abundant treasures meant for sharing. Forgive us, we pray. Comfort our fearful souls and enlarge our too-small hearts so that we may follow not only in the teachings of Christ but in his spirit and lifestyle of all-encompassing love. In his name we pray. Amen.**

Pastor: God’s love is so deep, so wide, so long, so high, so strong, so true, so infinite that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God made known in Christ Jesus. In Jesus’ name, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering

\*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**ALL: God of Limitless Love: We sing praise to you from whom all blessings flow, and we give our gifts and go our way. We know we have taken baby steps toward the life you've called us to live. The giving is easy compared to the kind loving you expect us to extend to others: a love that is patient, unselfish, forgiving, and full of hope that endures through anything. May we grow in our giving, but even more in our loving as your Son taught us. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who gave in enduring love all there was to give for us. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Announcements

*Hymn	"The Gift of Love"	#408, vs. 103
*Benediction		
*Closing Song	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	#431

Liturgies by Rev. Kerry Greenhill 2019

**Information to Share**

Prayer Concerns:

Ruth Dentz      Janice Fisher      Bobby Marcum  
Carol Martin      Val Zeman

Today's Pianist: Sarah Sutton

Classes

- Adult Sunday School 9:00 am in Upper Room
- Youth Group 9:00 am in Youth Room
- Open Connections 9:00 am in Grace Hall

Announcements

- Wednesday - Handbells 5:15 pm - Everyone is welcome!!
- Saturday - Scrappy Crafters 12:00 noon in Grace Hall

***Thank you for joining us today!***

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