

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

March 17, 2019

(*Please stand as you are able)

Rev. Laura preaching

Prelude & Lighting of Altar Candles

Praise Song

“Walk in the Light”

Reflection Connection

Praise Song

“My Lighthouse”

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

People: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

Leader: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

People: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the good Shepherd.

Leader: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

People: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! Amen.

*Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#121 UMH, vs. 1-4

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

John 10:1-10 (CEB)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Jesus is. . . The Gate”

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Confession & Pardon

ALL: Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd’s voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness and stupidity. For we ask this in Christ’s name. Amen.

Pastor: Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the Shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95 UMH

*Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Generous, life-giving god, you sent Jesus that we might have life and have it abundantly. In response to this great gift, we now offer ourselves and our resources. May these gifts help us as a church to be your voice, calling all people to abundant life and to their true identities as your beloved. Amen.

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people. Amen.

Announcements

*Hymn "Here I am, Lord" #593 UMH, vs. 1&2

*Benediction

*Closing Song "Here I Am Lord" #593 UMH, vs. 3

Information to Share

Joy

Ruth Cussins says "Thank You" for all of the prayers.

Prayer Concerns:

Ruth Dentz Janice Fisher Leon Latham Carol Martin
Floyd, Janice Fisher's friend

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

- Monday - Grace Notes Due!
- - Team Reports Due!
- Wednesday - Handbells 5:15 pm in sanctuary - everyone is welcome!
- Thursday - SPRC 6:30 pm Upper Room
- Saturday - Church Council Retreat 9:00 am Upper Room

Thank you for joining us today!



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