

Welcome To Grace United Methodist Church  
We Are Glad You Are Here!

9:30 A.M. Worship

September 6, 2009

The Gathering

Music, fellowship time, sharing with family and friends, announcements

Gathering Music

Mr. Andrew Salyer

Call to Worship (Proverbs 22)

All who have ears to hear, harken to God's voice.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity. Whoever wields the rod of anger will suffer failure.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is maker of them all.

Let us sing praises to the Lord who bestows blessings on us all.

\*Opening Hymn: TFWS 2056

God Is So Good

Prayer of Confession in Unison (Mark 7)

Dear God, too many of our days are consumed with doubt—doubt if there is enough love, enough blessing, enough creativity, enough grace, enough compassion, or enough kindness in the world to bring about the promise of your kingdom.

Dear God, we wonder if even your great love can make a difference in our lives. Convinced of our unworthiness, our hearts and our imaginations wither and harden in despair, as we turn away from you. Shatter the illusions that separate us from each other. Pour out your life-giving waters on our wounded hearts in forgiveness and grace. Amen.

The Renewal

Words of Assurance (Mark 7)

Our God is always ready to rain blessings on us, to pour hope into our souls. By the life and love of Jesus the Christ, we are redeemed in God's eyes.

The Word

Children's Moment

Scripture Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

Witness to the Word

Pastor Mike Fender

The Response

Response to the Word in Unison (Mark 7, James 2)

Holy One, you remind us that wisdom may be found in every face, every situation, every person. God, help us erase our fears of those who are rich or poor. Help us see past our cultural prejudices and assumptions. Help our ears and our hearts be open to your teachings. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering (James 2)

May the God who provides us with everything we need grant us the gift of God's own generosity as we make our offerings today. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

Mr. Andrew Salyer

The Great Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

\* Benediction

The love of God is our strength, and in that strength we now go out both to live and to serve. May God's defining love mark us as unashamed disciples of the Lord Jesus. And just as we have received love, may we share love with one another. Amen.

\* Choral Benediction: TFWS 2149

Living For Jesus