

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

9:30 A.M. Worship

September 20, 2009

The Gathering

Music, fellowship time, sharing with family and friends, announcements and introduction of United Methodist Women of Grace United Methodist Church

Call to Worship (Proverbs 31, Psalm 1, James 3)

Who is wise and understanding among us?

Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.

Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.

* Opening Hymn: UMH 445

Happy the Home When God Is There

Prayer of Confession (James 3)

O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

The Renewal

Words of Assurance (James 3)

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music

Seasons

Jeanetta Pirtle

Children's Moment

The Word

Charlotte Cave

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31

Witness to the Word

Rev. Beth Fender

The Response

Response to the Word (Proverbs 31, Psalm 1, James 3, Mark 9)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where this is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Mike Fender

Offering of God's Tithe and Our Gifts

Offertory Music

Mr. Andrew Salyer

* Doxology UMH 95

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of mission, we thank you for your gifts, that surround us. In gratitude to your faithful love, we give ourselves and these gifts to continue Your mission. Bless our gifts that they may be multiplied for the transformation of the world. In your name we pray. Amen.

Sending Forth

* Benediction (Adapted from Wesley's Rule)

Mary Adams

Do all the good you can, offering loving service to others by all the means you can, in worship or work or play or prayer in all the ways you can.

By building something or doing nothing, by teaching or learning, by talking or listening in all the places you can, in your family or church, in your community or work place, in your own state or one across the country, in your homeland or someone else's.

At all times you can for an hour or a day at a time, during your vacation or work day to all the people you can.

Christians or Jews or Muslims, those of other religious faiths or those who claim no faith at all, one at a time or gathered together as long as you can.

ALL: Where ever you are in life, and for the rest of your life. Amen.

* Choral Benediction: UMH 572

Pass It On