

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

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

October 11, 2009

The Gathering

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

Call to Worship (Job 23, Hebrews 4)

Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms. We need your compassion as we face the challenges and disappointments of life. When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to you. Remind us of your saving love and keep us close to you, Lord. Love us as only you can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

* Opening Hymn: UMH #463

Lord, Speak to Me

Children's Moment

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 22, Job 23, Mark 10):

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 22, Hebrews 4):

There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. God will not forsake you or leave you. Turn to the Lord with confidence and put your faith in God's great mercy. By the power of Jesus Christ, we are whole. Amen.

The Renewal

Morning Prayer

O Lord our God, we worship you in spirit and in truth. We lift our hearts, and we thank you for giving to us your only son Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the life he lived and the death he died, and we praise you for the life he now lives with you in your eternal kingdom. May the unity of your Holy Spirit fill our hearts with joy and love as we share the treasures of your gospel with others and as we proclaim the mystery of our faith in your church. May our commitment to you only grow as we keep your commandments, and may our obedience only flourish as we

proclaim your word. Help us lead lives pleasing to you, that both our words and deeds will more fully reflect the great love of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:17-22

Witness to the Word

The Response

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory

The Sending Forth

* Benediction

* Choral Benediction: UMH #708

Rejoice in God's Saints