

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Prelude and Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements (Birthdays and Anniversaries)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to follow Him, even when the road is not easy.

People: We come trusting the One who knows us and loves us.

Leader: Jesus tells us not to be afraid.

People: We come bringing our fears, our questions, and our need for grace.

Leader: The Father sees the sparrow and knows every one of His children.

People: We are seen, known, and held by God.

Leader: Christ calls us to take up the cross and find true life in Him.

People: We come to worship the Lord who gives courage for the costly way.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: With open hearts, steady faith, and grateful praise.

***Gathering Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* No. 529

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, who sees His children with love and knows us completely.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who calls us to follow Him with courage, truth, and trust.

We believe that Christ does not send us into the world alone. He walks before us, strengthens us, and teaches us to live without fear.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives courage when faith is costly, peace when life is unsettled, and grace for every step of discipleship.

We believe that the cross is not the end of hope. Through Jesus Christ, surrendered life becomes true life.

We believe that God's love is stronger than fear, His grace is greater than our weakness, and His kingdom is worth our whole lives.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon (All)

Merciful God, we confess that we often want discipleship without cost. We want faith that comforts us, but we resist faith that changes us. We want Your peace, but sometimes we settle for avoiding hard truth. We want to follow Jesus, but we're afraid of what others may think, say, or do. Forgive us for the times we've hidden our faith, softened Your truth, or protected our comfort more than we've trusted Your grace. Forgive us for loving approval, control, and safety more than obedience. Forgive us for forgetting that You see us, know us, and hold us. Give us courage for the costly way. Teach us to confess Christ with humility and love. Help us take up the cross, not with pride or fear, but with trust in the One who carried the cross for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pardon (Leader)

Hear the good news: Christ knows our weakness, meets us with mercy, and calls us again by grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and given courage to walk in newness of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri** No. 70

Prayer Concerns, Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* No. 122

Children's Sermon

Anthem This is My Father's World No. 144

Sharing the Word Courage for the Costly Way Matt. 10:24-39

***Sending Hymn** *This Little Light of Mine* No. 585

*Benediction

Depart to Serve

*Stand in body or in spirit

Announcements

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute's Traveling Vietnam Wall and Cost of Freedom Tribute will be at Tishomingo County High School June 26–28. Grace UMC will host the community prayer vigil at sunset on Friday, June 26. All are welcome.

Backyard Bash is next Sunday, June 28th, Don't forget to bring your best homemade ice cream for the Homemade Ice Cream Contest, and invite your family and friends to join us for this sweet church-wide event!

The Hospitality Table ministry needs volunteers and food donations for upcoming weeks. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

We are also looking for volunteers to help provide Sunday night youth meals. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you for supporting our youth ministry.

The June 2026 newsletter is available at
<https://graceumciuka.org/events/newsletters>

The Helpful Samaritan Food Pantry items are Peanut Butter and Jelly.

Prayer Concerns

The Family of Ben Gaines, Shawn Cole, Donnie Butler, Denny McGuff and his family, James Nabors, Mary Ray, J.P. Wilemon, and Gus Martin

Assisted Living: Judy Hawkins

Choir Rehearsal—none during summer months

Bible Study—meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Youth Group—meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm

AA groups meet here on Monday and Friday nights at 7:00 pm.

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The Mission of Grace United Methodist Church is to
Magnify God through
Love, Acceptance,
Discipleship and Service