

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

## Second Sunday of Lent

### March 1, 2026

#### Prelude and Choral Introit

#### Welcome and Announcements (Birthdays and Anniversaries)

#### Responsive Call to Worship

**Leader:** We come searching, some with questions we can name, some with questions we cannot.

**People:** God meets us where we are, with mercy and truth.

**Leader:** We come carrying hopes, fears, and unfinished stories.

**People:** God offers new life through the Spirit.

**Leader:** We come not because we have everything figured out,

**People:** but because God's love has already moved toward us.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the God who makes all things new.

**People:** We come to receive the life that comes from above.

**\*Gathering Hymn** *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy* No. 340

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, whose love reaches into the darkness and calls us into life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came not to condemn the world but to save it, who was lifted up on the cross so that all who trust in Him might live.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves like the wind, bringing new birth, awakening faith, and shaping us into the people God created us to be.

We believe that grace comes before us, walks beside us, and carries us forward, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

**\*The Gloria Patri** No. 70

#### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

We confess that we often try to achieve what can only be received.

We rely on our effort, our goodness, and our understanding, instead of trusting Your grace.

We hold onto habits and fears that keep us from the new life You offer.

We resist change because it feels uncertain, and we cling to control because it feels safer than surrender.

Forgive us for the times we have chosen self-reliance over faith.

Forgive us for the ways we have doubted Your love.

Forgive us when we have judged others instead of remembering that You came to save.

Breathe Your Spirit into us again.

Create in us new hearts.

Help us receive the life that comes from You alone.

#### (Silent confession)

#### Words of Pardon

**Leader:** Hear the good news:

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, you are made new.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### Prayer Concerns, Praises & Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn of Preparation** *Abide with Me* No. 700

#### Children's Sermon

**Anthem** *Hymn of Promise*

**Sharing the Word** *Born from Above* John 3: 1-17

**\*Sending Hymn** *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 399

#### \*Benediction

#### Depart to Serve

## Announcements

Congratulations to Katelynn and Kain Hartley, daughter of Thelma and Jake Whitehurst who were married in California last weekend.

So far we haven't had anyone sign up to host a small group gathering and this was one of our main goals when we met with Bishop Bill. Right now, the weather is cold and it gets dark early but we "**Spring Forward**" **next Sunday!** This is a great way to get to know folks a little better and you may even want to invite friends who are not church members to join you. Great way to celebrate Grace!

Don't forget to set aside things that can be sold in the Thrift Store that we are planning as you do a little spring cleaning.

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

Peanut Butter and Jelly for the Pantry!

### **Prayer Concerns**

Cathy Hollon, Denny McGuff and his family, James Nabors, Carol Armstrong, Mary Ray, Phillip Gray, J.P. Wilemon, and Gus Martin

**Assisted Living:** Judy Hawkins, Marcell Senter

**Choir Rehearsal**—meets on Sundays at 5:00 pm.

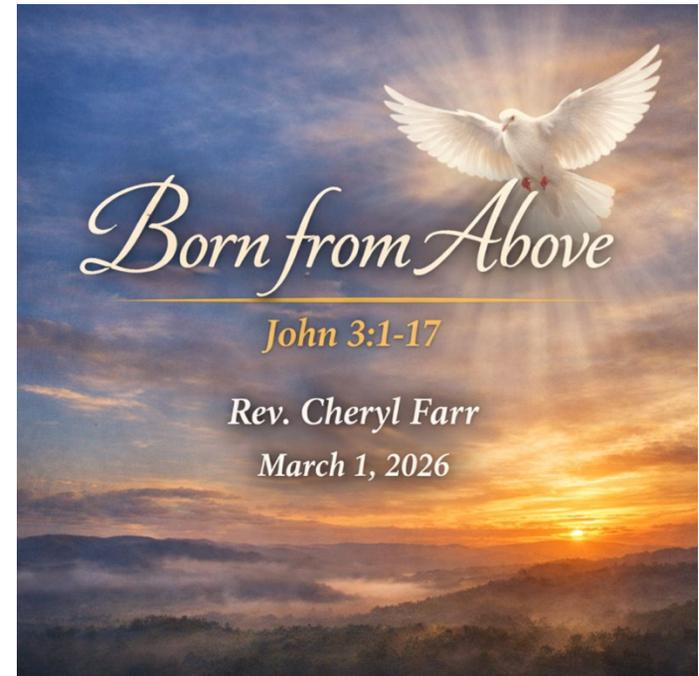
**Bible Study**--meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm taught by Larry Klatt

**Youth Group**—meets on Sundays at 6:00

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

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205 E Eastport Street  
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Sunday, March 1, 2026  
The Reverend Cheryl Farr, Pastor

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