

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

## Prelude and Choral Introit

## Welcome and Announcements (Birthdays and Anniversaries)

## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We come thirsty for something we cannot always name.

People: We come searching for living water.

Leader: Jesus meets us in ordinary places.

People: At wells, in heat, in the middle of our stories.

Leader: He speaks truth without condemnation.

People: He offers grace without measure.

Leader: Come, all who are weary.

People: We will worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Come and see.

People: We come to meet Jesus.

**\*Gathering Hymn** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* No. 277

## \*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
the One who sees us fully and loves us completely.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who came to us not in power alone, but in humility,  
who sat beside a well and spoke living water into thirsty hearts;  
who told the truth without condemnation,  
who offered grace to the overlooked and the outsider;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who awakens thirst for God within us

and leads us into worship in spirit and in truth;  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

I believe that in Christ we are not shamed but changed,  
not rejected but redeemed,  
and that his living water is enough.  
Amen.

## \*The Gloria Patri

No. 70

## Prayer of Confession and Response

Leader: Let us confess the places where we have tried to  
satisfy our thirst apart from God.

Lord, we confess that we have chased approval, comfort,  
control, and distraction.

We have returned to wells that never satisfy.

We have believed the lie that we are not enough.

Forgive us for the ways we hide from You.

Forgive us for the ways we judge others by their past.

Forgive us for forgetting that grace met us first.

## Silent Prayer

Leader: Hear the good news.

Jesus meets us where we are.

He names our thirst and offers living water.

In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Prayer Concerns, Praises & Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn of Preparation** *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee* No. 430

## Children's Sermon

### Anthem

*Be Still My Soul*

### Sharing the Word

*Meeting Jesus at the Well*

John 4: 5-42

### \*Sending Hymn

*Blessed Assurance*

No. 369

### \*Benediction

**Depart to Serve**

## Announcements

Don't forget to put aside your gently used items for our upcoming Thrift Store ministry.

Grace UMC will host a meal following the memorial service for Walter Vaughn on Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 PM. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Members are asked to sign up for side dishes and desserts on the bulletin board. If you are able to help serve, please contact Sheila Cooley (662-424-0815 or Cherell Norton (662-660-4939).

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

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

### **Prayer Concerns**

Connie Bullard, Mark Akers, Cathy Hollon, Denny McGuff and his family, James Nabors, Carol Armstrong, Mary Ray, Phillip Gray, J.P. Wilemon, and Gus Martin, The family of Brian Southward, The family of Johnny Nunley, The family of Gaylon Yow.

**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

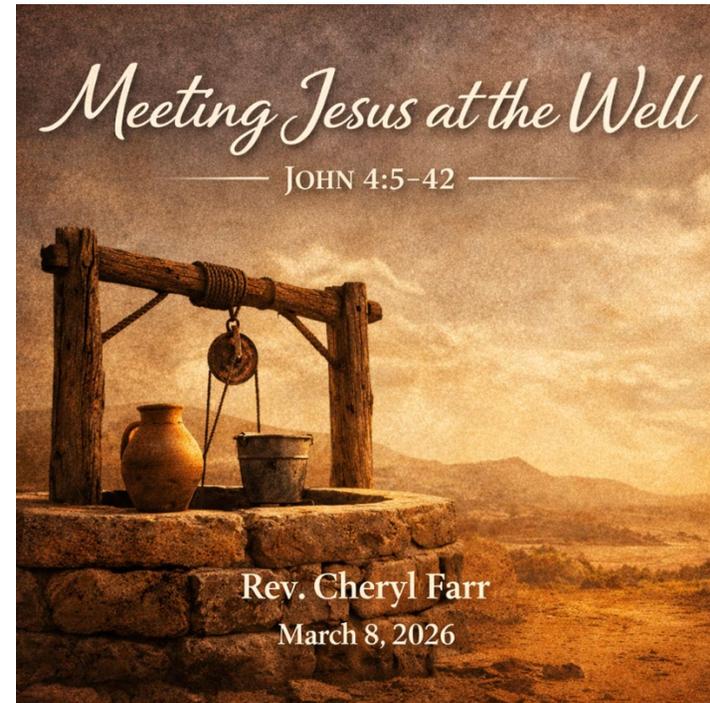
**Youth Group**—meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm

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

Pastor, Cheryl Farr, may be contacted by text at (662) 252-0910 or email at [cherylfarrgbg@gmail.com](mailto:cherylfarrgbg@gmail.com)

## Grace United Methodist Church

### *Third Sunday of Lent*



205 E Eastport Street  
Iuka, Mississippi

Sunday, March 7, 2026

The Reverend Cheryl Farr, Pastor

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