

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements Reverend Megan Barber

†Praise and Worship Time Praise Band

“My Jesus”

“My Lighthouse”

“Beautiful Things”

Children’s Message Anna Marie Rainwater

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Prayers of the People Reverend Megan Barber

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Reverend Megan Barber

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: REMEMBER - “From Jeremiah to Jesus: The Covenant of the Heart” Reverend Megan Barber

Offering of our Gifts

†Closing Song Praise Band

“So Will I”

†Blessing and Sending Forth Reverend Megan Barber

†Please stand as you are able

Today’s Scripture

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34, NRSV

The worshipers at Grace UMC are its ministers.

The Staff who support them are:

Bryan Sisson, Senior Pastor

Megan Barber, Associate Pastor

Joy Smith, Communications Coordinator

Anna Marie Rainwater, Director of Children’s Ministries

Melissa Kowerduck Robinson, Director of Youth Ministries

Joey Taylor, Praise & Worship Leader

Gianna Gimenez, Music Director

Curtis Lindsay, Accompanist

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Responsive Call to Worship Reverend Megan Barber

Pastor: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

People: How wise are God’s commandments!

Pastor: Through the Lord’s precepts, we gain understanding.

People: Through God’s wisdom, we find truth.

Pastor: The Lord is our God, we are God’s people.

People: God’s word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.

All: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us in Your way!

Musical Invitation: “Prelude in F Minor” J.S. Bach Curtis Lindsay, Pianist

Introit: “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Chancel Choir

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†Opening Hymn #390: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

†Affirmation of Faith #885: A Modern Affirmation

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

†Gloria Patri #71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†Passing the Peace

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Anthem: “Write Your Blessed Name” Chancel Choir

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Message: REMEMBER - “From Jeremiah to Jesus: A Covenant of the Heart” Reverend Megan Barber

Offertory: “Rondeau & Capriccio” J.S. Bach Curtis Lindsay, Pianist

†Doxology #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Hymn #415: “Take Up Thy Cross”

†Blessing and Sending Forth Reverend Megan Barber

† Please stand as you are able

THIS WEEK @ GRACE . .

Small Group Team Interest Meeting

Are you interested in becoming part of our Small Groups Team at Grace? Small Groups are a vital part of the church body, offering opportunities to learn, grow, and build community. We'd love to have you join us on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00 pm in the Craft Room to learn more.

Church Council

Our next Church Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 pm. All are invited to attend!

It’s Here!

Our Spring Fellowship Nights begin this week, on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. We are so excited about our classes for all ages and interests this session! View class descriptions and sign up at [bit.ly/GraceSpringFellowship](http://bit.ly/GraceSpringFellowship), or check out the bulletin board in the hallway for more information. Join us for this special fellowship!

LENT & EASTER @ GRACE . .

Lenten Book Study

Pastor Megan is leading a study that coincides with our Lenten Sermon Series. If you’re looking to dive deeper into this season of repentance, it’s not too late to join the study. Purchase a copy of Susan Robb’s book *Remember: God’s Covenants and the Cross* and visit join us on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm during Lent at [bit.ly/GraceLentenStudy](http://bit.ly/GraceLentenStudy) for the online class.

Lenten Offering

Throughout Lent, Grace is collecting a special offering over and above our regular giving. This year all monies designated will be supporting the local ministry of *First Stop*. They exist to serve the homeless in our area and to help them out of homelessness. To learn more about this special ministry, check our their website at [www.firststop.org](http://www.firststop.org).

Lenten Devotion Booklets

There are Lenten Devotion Booklets available throughout the church for you to pick up and use during the liturgical season of Lent. Please take one home as a guide for daily, meaningful prayer.

Easter Lilies

Help us beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday and honor your loved ones! Easter Lily Order Forms are available on the table in the Gathering Area. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, and proceeds benefit our Lenten Offering to First Stop.

Good Friday & Easter Services

We'll begin our weekend of celebrating Jesus’ sacrifice with our Good Friday Cantata Service on **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 pm. On Easter **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, we'll continue our tradition of filling our day with worship, starting with our Sunrise Service at 6:00 am. Join us for breakfast at 7:00 am, then our 9:00 am Contemporary and 11:00 am Traditional Services. We can’t wait to celebrate our risen Savior with you!

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS. . .

Please continue to keep the following church members in your prayers: Clarence Golson, Dennis Hardiman, Rich Hosner, Betty Lawson, Jan Nuckols, Sandy Page, Robert Schwartz, Kelly Stinson, VanSant Family, Callie Vincent, Connie Weis, John Willhite

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOTES...

(K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

### JAM

JAM (Jesus And Me), our program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades kids, will be having their next gathering today, **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:30 pm. We'll have dinner together, hang out, and play games. Plan to bring a friend for this fun time together!

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Mark your calendars for this fun event, full of games, food, and an Easter Egg Hunt. It's **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 2:00-4:00 pm. We're looking for donations and volunteers for this event. Check out the sign-up sheet at [bit.ly/GraceEggstravaganza](https://bit.ly/GraceEggstravaganza) to see how you can help.

*Please contact Anna Marie Rainwater at [amrainwater@graceumchsv.org](mailto:amrainwater@graceumchsv.org) if you have questions about any of the Children's activities.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY NOTES...

(6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

### Gargon Night & Mountain TOP Parent Meeting

We will meet at 5:30 pm tonight, **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** for a night of Gargon! Be sure to wear your running shoes, and bring your friends! At 7:00 pm, we will have a parent/guardian informational meeting about Mountain T.O.P. (our summer mission trip). See you then!

*Please contact Melissa Kowarduck Robinson at [melissakr@graceumchsv.org](mailto:melissakr@graceumchsv.org) if you have questions about any of the Youth activities.*

## NEW HERE?!? WELCOME!

### Joining Grace UMC

Are you new to Grace, or have you been visiting for a while and want to join? It's easy! Connect with Pastor Bryan throughout the week to find out the options of how to join the church. Or simply come forward at the end of a service, and you can join right then. We'd love for you to officially become a part of Grace, so let us know how we can help!

### Office Hours

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm and other hours by appointment. Feel free to stop by or give us a call at (256)430-0003.

### Weekly Grace Newsletter

Do you want to receive the weekly GUMC Newsletter?! Stay up to date with everything happening at Grace by signing up today. Email [joysmith@graceumchsv.org](mailto:joysmith@graceumchsv.org) to make sure you're in the know!

### Follow us!

We've recently relaunched our social media channels, so give us a follow and engage with us online!  
Instagram: @GUMCHSV • Facebook: /GUMC • YouTube: @GUMCH

## This Week's Calendar:

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service  
10:05 am Sunday School Classes  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
2:00 pm Small Group Team Interest Meeting  
4:00 pm GraceFull Singers  
5:30 pm GUMY - Game Night  
5:30 pm JAM  
6:00 pm Lenten Study (online)  
7:00 pm Youth Parent/Guardian Meeting (Mission Trip)

### Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Church Council

### Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Spring Fellowship Night  
7:00 pm Good Friday Cantata Practice  
8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am Women's Emmaus Reunion Group  
6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Missions Team Meeting

### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 am Thrift Shop Open  
10:30 am Meals-on-Wheels

### Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 am Thrift Shop Open  
2:00 pm Easter Eggstravaganza

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service  
10:05 am Sunday School Classes  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
4:00 pm GraceFull Singers  
5:30 pm GUMY  
6:00 pm Lenten Study (online)

**Please remember to stay current  
with your giving to Grace UMC!  
We need your weekly gifts to meet  
the bills and financial  
responsibilities of the church.**

**Two easy ways to give consistently  
are through automatic bank  
payments or by using the  
*[Tithe.ly](#)* app.  
Thank you!**

### Giving Report - 3/10/24

#### General Giving:

Yearly Goal: \$147,550.00  
Yearly Given: \$138,260.36  
Weekly Goal: \$14,755.00  
Weekly Given: \$14,801.90

#### Additional Gifts:

Congregational Care: \$100.00  
Easter Lilies: \$45.00  
Food & Fellowship: \$510.00  
Lenten Offering: \$310.00  
New Futures: \$200.00  
Providence Outreach: \$200.00  
Thrift Store Donation: \$155.00  
Youth Retreat: \$420.00

#### Total Attendance: 196

9:00 am: 64  
11:00 am: 102  
Online: 28



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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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