

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements

Reverend Megan Barber

†Praise and Worship Time

Praise Band

"Until the Whole World Hears"

"Only King Forever"

"Garden"

Children's Message

Anna Marie Rainwater

Children's Busy Bags are available in the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary. Children's Church is offered for children ages 4 - 3rd Grade.

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: Acts 4:5-21

Reverend Bryan Sisson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: "A Kingdom of Boldness and Truth"

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Offering of our Gifts

†Closing Song

Praise Band

"No Longer Slaves"

†Blessing and Sending Forth

Reverend Bryan Sisson

†Please stand as you are able

Today's Scripture

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them, "By what power or what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!" ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved." ¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. ¹⁶ "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name." ¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!" ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." ²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened.

Acts 4:5-21, Today's NIV

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Responsive Call to Worship

Reverend Megan Barber

Pastor: The Suffering Servant becomes the healing source.

People: The stone rejected becomes hope's cornerstone.

Pastor: The Crucified One is raised to new life.

People: The God of healing, hope and life is in our midst;

Pastor: Though we have not touched his wounds from the cross,

All: Praise be to the one who creates, redeems, and sustains!

Musical Invitation: "Blessed Assurance"

Curtis Lindsay, Pianist

Introit: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Chancel Choir

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†Opening Hymn #304: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

†Affirmation of Faith #881: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: 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 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†Gloria Patri #71

†Passing the Peace

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Anthem: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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Offertory: "Mazurka in B-flat" Chopin

Curtis Lindsay, Pianist

†Doxology #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†Hymn #159: "Lift High the Cross"

†Blessing and Sending Forth

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ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS. . .

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

HAPPENINGS @ GRACE . .

Grace Outdoors

Celebrate our wonderful local nature every weekend in April! Our next hike is at Harvest Square Nature Preserve this afternoon, **Sunday, April 14th**, from 2:30-4:00 pm. For details on all this and upcoming events, visit tinyurl.com/graceoutdoors.

Prayer Shawls

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at the church this afternoon, **Sunday, April 14th**, at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in joining this group, all you have to do is show up. It's that easy, and they would love to have you!

Blessing our College Students

Help us show love to our college students as they prepare for exams. You can help us pray, pack care packages, or just send something to add. We will meet at Grace **Tuesday, April 16th**, from 6-8 pm. If you love a college student (child, cousin, family friend), but can't join us that night, please sign them up anyway! We want to pack and pray for them, too! Sign up at bit.ly/GraceCollegePacking. If you have any questions, contact Rachael Benton at engineermom@gmail.com.

Spring Fellowship on Wednesdays

It's never too late to join in our Spring Wednesday Night Fellowship! We gather each **Wednesday night** at 5:00 pm for dinner (the menu this week is Meatloaf), and then our classes for all ages begin at 6:00 pm. View class descriptions and sign up at bit.ly/GraceSpringFellowship to be a part. All are invited!

Holy Conversations

The UMC has a long-standing commitment to racial reconciliation and justice. The Dismantling Racism Team, as part of the North Alabama Conference Multicultural Ministries, focuses on leading clergy and churches by addressing racism. The Dismantling Racism Team is inviting all North Alabama United Methodists to join in Holy Conversations on **Saturday, April 20th**, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Holmes Street United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Jenny You at jenny.you@umcna.org.

GraceFull Singers Spring Performance and Potluck

The GraceFull Singers will present *Rescue in the Night* on **Sunday, April 28th**, at 5:30 pm. The show will be followed by a potluck meal. Bring your friends and family (and a dish to share) for this retelling of Daniel and the Lions' Den!

Celebrating our High School Seniors!

We have gift baskets to fill for our five high school seniors in the hallway. Visit bit.ly/2024SeniorWishlist to order and for ideas. If you bring cash or gift cards, please deliver them directly to Melissa or the Church Office. Let's do everything we can to show our graduates the love of Grace!

Month of Change

During the month of April, bring in your spare change to benefit our Missions Team and the ministries they support involving children. Please drop off your change in the container in the Gathering Area.

Small Group Survey

Did you see the Small Group Survey come through your Inbox recently? We'd love your input, so please click the link in your email or visit bit.ly/GraceSmallGroupSurvey if you haven't completed the survey yet. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOTES...

(K - 5th Grades)

Bikes & Kites

Bring your bike, and join us for a fun afternoon with Bikes and Kites! All children are invited to come out on **Saturday, April 20th**, from 2:00-4:00 pm to ride their bikes and fly a kite! Snacks will be provided.

JAM (Jesus And Me)

This month's JAM get together for 3rd-5th Grade kids is next **Sunday, April 21st**, at 5:30 pm. Join us, and bring a friend for this fun time of games, food, and fun!

VBS Save the Date

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS scheduled for July 14th-18th. As always, we'll be recruiting volunteers and donations. Registration information and sign-ups to help coming soon!

Please contact Anna Marie Rainwater at amrainwater@graceumchsv.org if you have questions about any of the Children's activities.

YOUTH MINISTRY NOTES...

(6th - 12th Grades)

Wednesday Nights

Make sure you're coming for dinner on Wednesday nights at 5:00 pm and staying for our youth class in the Prayer Chapel. All are welcome!

Sunday School Update

We've officially split into a Junior High and Senior High Sunday School format, but it's only possible with enough adult leaders. Contact Melissa if you're interested in leading one of our groups!

Please contact Melissa Kowarduck Robinson at 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 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, April 14th

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:05 am Sunday School Classes
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
12:00 pm Youth Council
2:30 pm Grace Outdoors Hike (Harvest Square Nature Preserve)
3:00 pm Prayer Shawls
4:00 pm GraceFull Singers
5:30 pm GUMY

Tuesday, April 16th

6:00 pm College Student Care Basket Packing
6:15 pm Children's Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th

5:00 pm Spring Fellowship Night
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18th

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

Friday, April 19th

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

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Giving Report - 4/7/24

General Giving:

Yearly Goal: \$206,570.00
Yearly Given: \$188,015.31
Weekly Goal: \$14,755.00
Weekly Given: \$17,667.23

Additional Gifts:

Joel Curry Soup Kitchen: \$50.00
Lenten Offering: \$7.00
Love Bowl: \$100.00
Wed. Night Dinner: \$218.00
Youth Donation: \$250.00

Total Attendance: 242

9:00 am: 102
11:00 am: 90
Online: 50

The altar arrangement today is given by Eric Bagwell in honor of Nancy's birthday.

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!



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