



## FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,646.00 or \$123.00 each member based a membership of 176. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$2,801.75 given to date.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for all those who feel pulled in two directions—especially those who want to love and serve Jesus, but are wearied by life's many challenges and frustrations.

## GRADUATION



Do you know a High School Student or College Student who is a member and/or a friend of the congregation who is going to graduate this year? Please let the office know by June 1st the name of the graduate and their future plans. Grace UMC would like to recognize these young adults for their successes and accomplishments.



## PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer chain for any prayer concerns, please call Paula Horner, 218-790-2141.

## FAITH AND LOVE

The two chief things are faith and love. Faith receives the good; love gives the good. Faith offers us God as our own; love gives us to our neighbor as his own.—Martin Luther

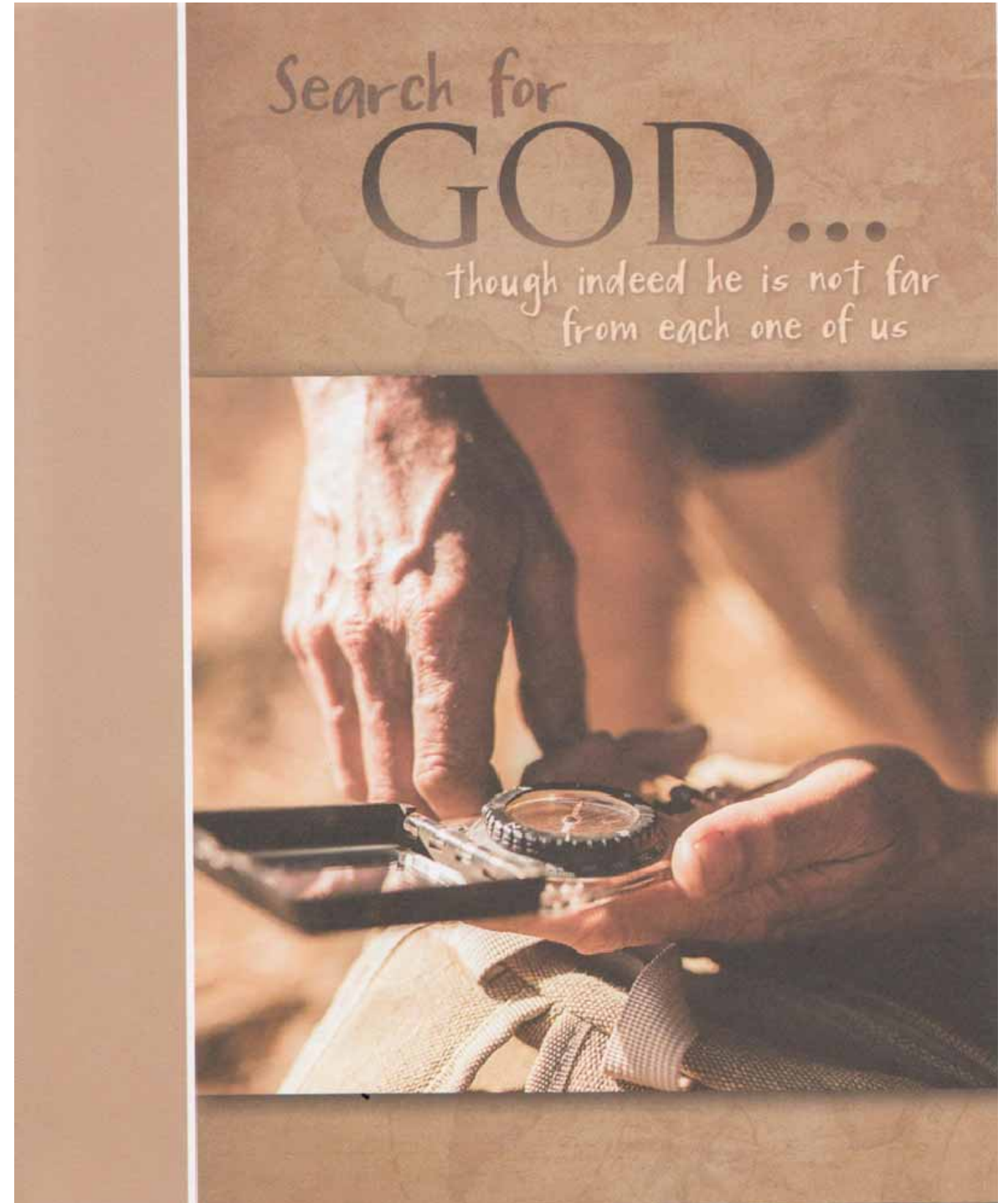
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 21, 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

The Church of the Neighborhood  
Making Followers of Christ to Transform the World.

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS**

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

**Announcements**

\*Indicates those able may stand

**PRAYER PRELUDE:**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Based on Psalm 66:8-12 & 19-20

Bless the Lord.

**Let the sound of God's praise be heard.**

We have been kept among the living, our step has been steadied.

**Yes, life has tested us—sometimes like fire tests silver.**

Still the Lord has heard our prayers.

**We've been steadied through life's trials.**

God has answered our prayers.

**Blessed be the Lord. Amen.**

\***HYMNS:** #2088 (Black Hymnal) "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

#600 (Blue Hymnal) "Wonderful Words of Life"

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER:**

**Loving God, We gather to open our lives to your leading. It is all too easy for our plans and our worries to crowd you out. So, we are thankful for a time to pause and make space for you to speak into our lives. Let your words of Scripture and your "still small voice" of inspiration speak into our hearts and minds—like a light that guides a lost traveler home. Amen.**

**HYMN:** #601 (Blue Hymnal) "Thy Word"

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** I Peter 3:13-17 (CEB)

**CHILDREN' MOMENTS:**

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 14:15-21 (CEB)

**HYMN:** #384 (Blue Hymnal) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vv. 1-2 & 4

**MESSAGE:** "Comfort, Encourage, and Defend"

**TO RESPOND AND GIVE**

**SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -**

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**OFFERING:**

\***DOXOLOGY:** #95 (Blue Hymnal) "Praise God"

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

\***HYMN:** # 733 (Blue Hymnal) "Marching to Zion"

\***BLESSING:**

**POSTLUDE:**

*All prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in the narthex.*

**MEMBERS:** Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to write it in again  
**VISITORS:** Please fill out a yellow card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

**NORTH STAR DISTRICT:** Prayer List for this week includes: Ely—Dana J. Thompson

Prepare us in every way, dear Lord, to receive all the benefits of your grace, that we may be your diligent servants.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers:** All the People

**Pastor:** Roger Grafenstein

**Keyboardist:** Sharon Fangsrud

**Choir Director:**

**Readers:** Bonnie Christopherson

**Ushers:** Leonard & Jennifer Beck  
and family