



## 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 \$3,510.11 given to date.

**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:  
Hubbard—Laurie Kantonen

## PRAYER FOCUS

For those facing storms in life that threaten to push them away from God. Pray for strength to stand firm and stay rooted in the Lord.

## PRAYER CHAIN



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

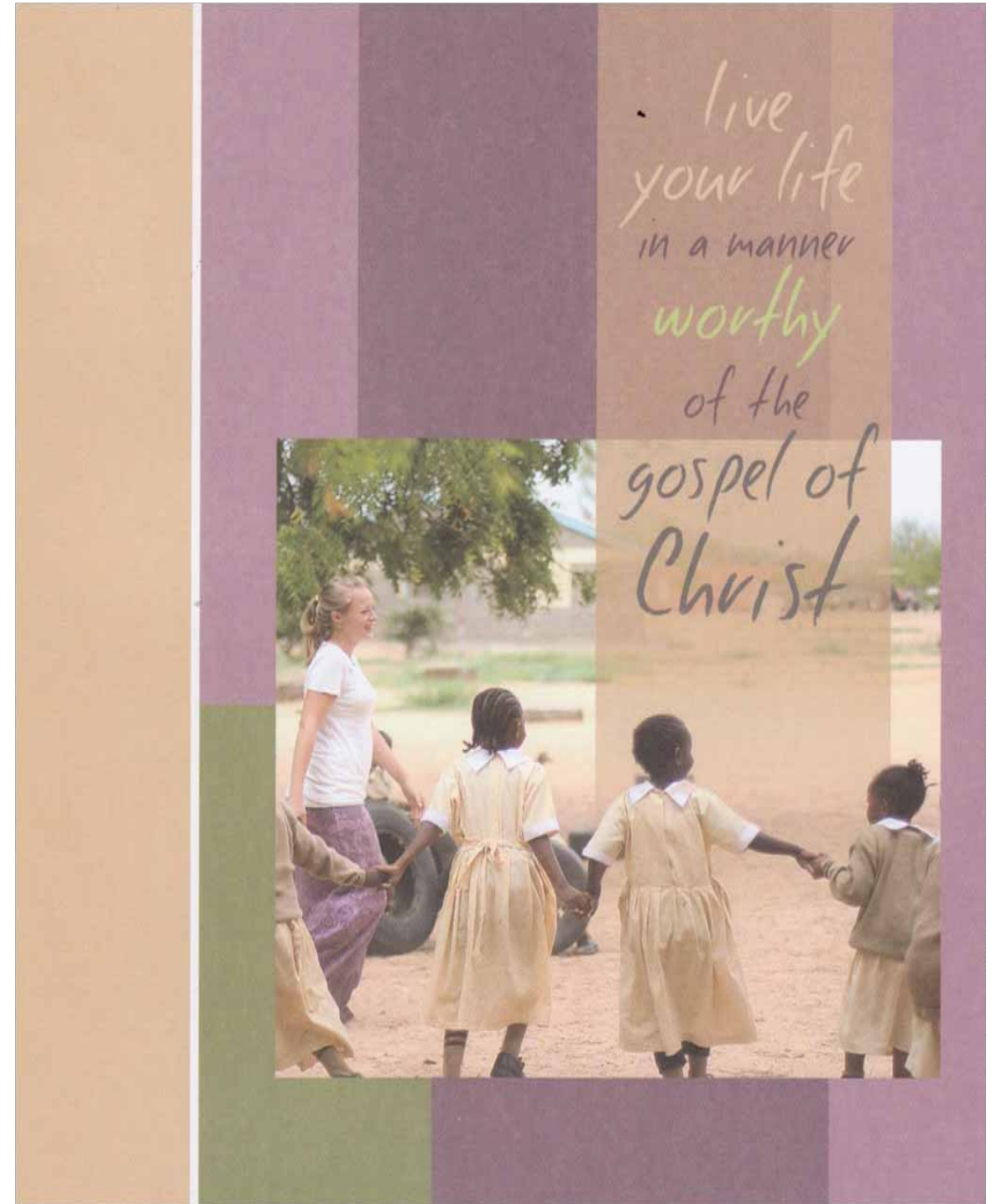
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 24, 2017

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

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

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

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

**Announcements**

\*Indicates those able may stand

**PRAYER PRELUDE:**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 1:1-3 paraphrased**

The truly happy person doesn't follow advise that leads away from God.

**Happiness isn't found on sinful paths.**

Contentment doesn't live where there is disrespect.

**Happiness and contentment are found where God's ways are known.**

Where God's instructions are known and lived out life is healthy.

**Those who follow God's ways day and night are like trees planted by streams of water.**

They bear fruit at the right time. Their leaves do not fade.

**We gather to stand in God's ways and draw upon the living water. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #374 (Blue Hymnal) "Standing on the Promises"**

**PRAYER:**

"Stand firm and united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel" (Philippians 1:27b).

**Gracious God, when the world proclaims that troubles are the result of failures, when an inner voice whispers "you must not be a good person if things aren't going well," remind us struggle is part of life. Brace us to face life's storms with courage. Surround us with people who are blessed with the gift of encouragement. Uphold us so we may be faithful—and so others might see that you are an ever-present God who holds us all in your care. Amen.**

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30 (CEB)**

**HYMN: #529 (Blue Hymnal) "How Firm a Foundation"**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB)**

**CHOIR:**

**MESSAGE: "Focus on the Footings"**

**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)*

**LORDS PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)**

**OFFERING:**

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

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

**\*HYMNS: #593 (Blue Hymnal) "Here I Am, Lord"**

**\*BLESSING:**

"Live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel.

**Stand firm and united in one spirit and mind.**

Struggle, together, to remain faithful to the gospel.

**Do not be afraid of anything."** (Philippians 1:27-28a)

May God's will live through us and God's strength sustain us.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Guest Organist: Sue Clambey**

**Reader: Bonnie Christopherson**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Choir Director: Tyler Eliason**

**Ushers: Todd and Doyne Grow**