

FIRST MILE MISSION

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First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,757 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a month, for each member based on a membership of 152. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 338.49 given to date.

DONUTS



Donuts will be made on February 12th . To place an order, call the office at 233-1857 or use the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

LENT



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. The theme for this year is Reckless Love. Pastor Tom Berlin wrote a book *Reckless Love* about how Jesus taught how to love a neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God.

During our six week journey Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples will be explored. The journey will teach us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex, if you wish to purchase a copy of the book.

There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you are able to donate a pan of bars.

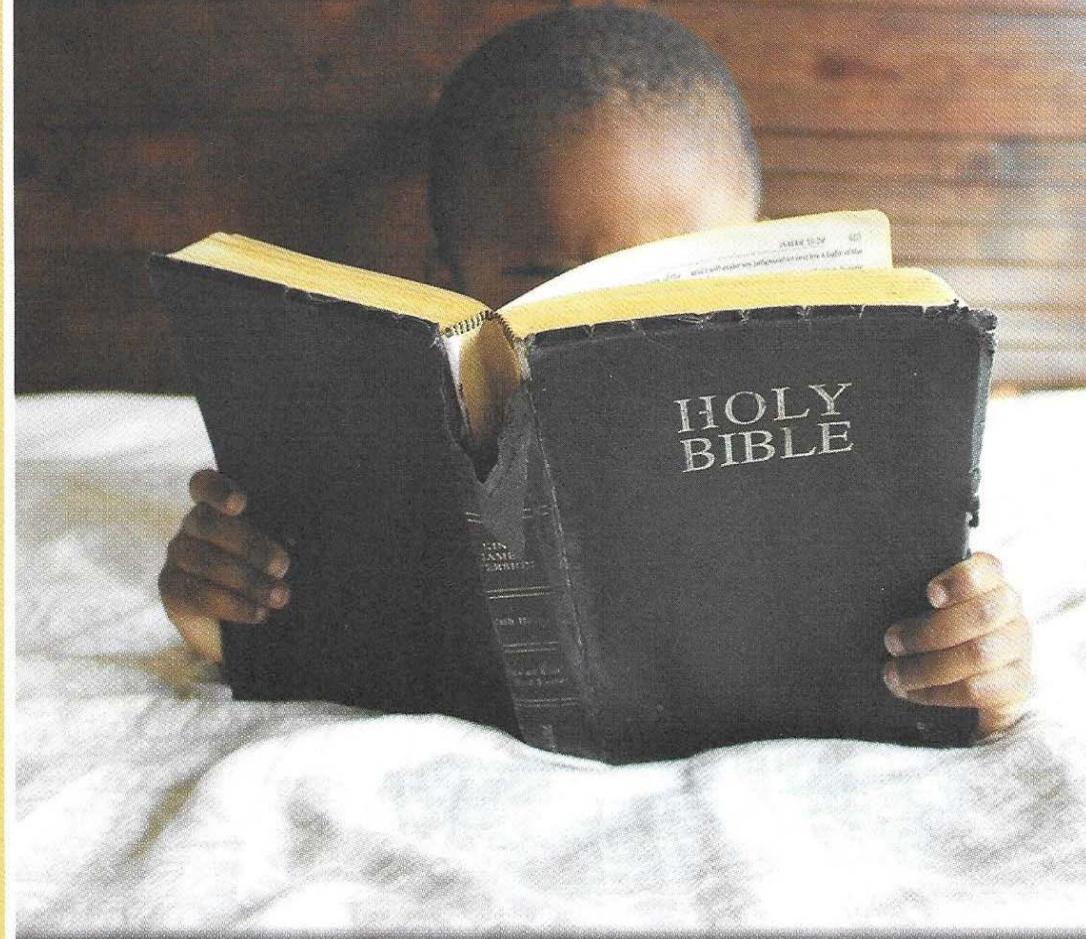
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You shall call,



and the LORD will answer

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

February 9, 2020

5th Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship.

GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Stand if you are able**

PRELUDE:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Quotation paraphrases Micah 6:6-8

“With what should I approach the Lord and bow down before God on high?
Should I come before the Lord with burnt offerings? Would God be pleased with offerings of calves, rams, or rivers of olive oil?

God has told us what is good and what the Lord requires from us: to do justice, to embrace mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

We gather asking God to teach us how to live justly, how to be merciful and kind, and how to walk humbly in Christ’s footsteps. Amen.

***HYMN: #273
#111**

*Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands
How Can We Name a Love*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER:

LORD'S PRAYER: #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Isaiah 58:5-12 (CEB)

HYMN: #585

This Little Light of Mine

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 5:13-20 (CEB)

CHOIR:

Praise the Lord arr. Barry Braman
flute accompaniment

MESSAGE:

"Be Salt and Light"

TO RESPOND AND GIVE

PRAYER: # 558

For Courage to Do Justice

OFFERING:

***DOXOLOGY: #95**

Praise God

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #558**

We Are the Church

***BLESSING:**

“If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked-speech, if you open your heart to the hungry and provide abundantly for the afflicted your light will shine in the darkness” (Isaiah 58:9b-10).

Together, may the grace of God make us fully into the Church. May God’s grace make us salt and light, justice and mercy. AMEN.

PRAYER FOCUS

Prayers for the body of Christ, the church, to live into and up to God’s plan for it to be salt and light. May God’s church preserve all that is good and add light wherever there is darkness. May God’s church promote justice and show mercy to all—especially those in need. May God’s church have a heart that holds the most vulnerable in it’s prayers and care.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Creator of us all, in your presence we find that we are spiritual paupers. We humbly ask you to remedy the problem by making us rich with your love and mercy.

WELCOME

We cherish the presence of everyone who has come to worship our loving Creator. May God touch each of our lives today. Welcome!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Jack Johnston

Reader: Bonnie Chistopherson

Ushers: