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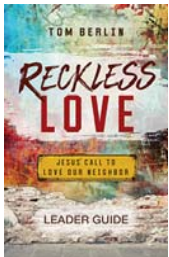
First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,757 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a month, for each member based on a membership of 152. Generous givers are already **Paving The way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 871.49 given to date.

DONUTS



Donuts will be made on March 11th. To place an order, call the office at 233-1857 or use the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

LENT



The theme for Lent 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.

"Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers." - Austin O'Malley

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Then the *eyes* of
both were *opened*



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

March 1, 2020

1st Sunday in Lent

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:**

based on Psalm 32

Lord, you are my secret sanctuary.

You are my protector.

You sing a melody of hope into my life.

You rescue my heart.

Come, let the faithful rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

Come, let us remember the Lord is faithful—even when we falter.

Come, all you who seek to give your heart to God; lift your voice in song!

Amen.

***HYMN: #2164 (3 times)**

Sanctuary

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

JOYS, AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER:

LORD'S PRAYER: #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HYMN: #130

God Will Take Care of You

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 4:1-11 (CEB)

MESSAGE:

"Receive Strength for the Journey"

TO SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

INVITATION: #12

CONFESSION AND PARDON: #12

REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER:

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP:

Please come forward to the rail, where you may kneel or stand or receive from the servers to the right and left. **OFFERINGS** may be left in the plates in the front pews.

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE

PRAYER FOCUS

Life is filled with options that are unhealthy for human beings—choices that leave wounds and brokenness in their wake. Please pray for those who may be facing temptations that currently are a strong force in their lives. Pray for courage to rely on God's strength until the temptation subsides.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May our faith be fully ignited in your presence, Lord, beginning now.

WELCOME

Worship should be a time of joy. Therefore, we joyously welcome all who have come to praise God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Jack Johnston

Reader: Bonnie Christopherson

Ushers: Bill Krogen and Jon Denny