



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 \$19,922.01 or \$129.37 a year or \$10.78 a month, for each member based on a membership of 154. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 885.02 given to date.



BEELINE TO THE CROSS

British pastor Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) began preaching at age 16. Despite battling depression and a painful birth defect, he became known as "the prince of preachers." The prolific speaker and author left behind a 5,103-volume collection of work.

When asked about his preaching style, Spurgeon was simple and direct: "I take my text and make a beeline for the cross." Spurgeon taught his students that "from every text in Scripture there is a road to the metropolis of the Scriptures, that is Christ."

Consider Spurgeon's words whenever you read a Bible passage, and see how you can make a beeline to the cross.

GOD'S SEASON

"He brought light out of darkness, not out of a lesser light, and he can bring thee summer out of winter, though thou hast no spring, though in the ways of fortune or understanding or conscience thou have been benighted till now, wintered and frozen, clouded and eclipsed, damped and benumbed, smothered and stupefied till now. Now God comes to thee, not as the dawning of the day, not as the bud of the spring, but as the sun at noon. ...All occasions invite his mercies, and all times are his seasons."

- John Donne

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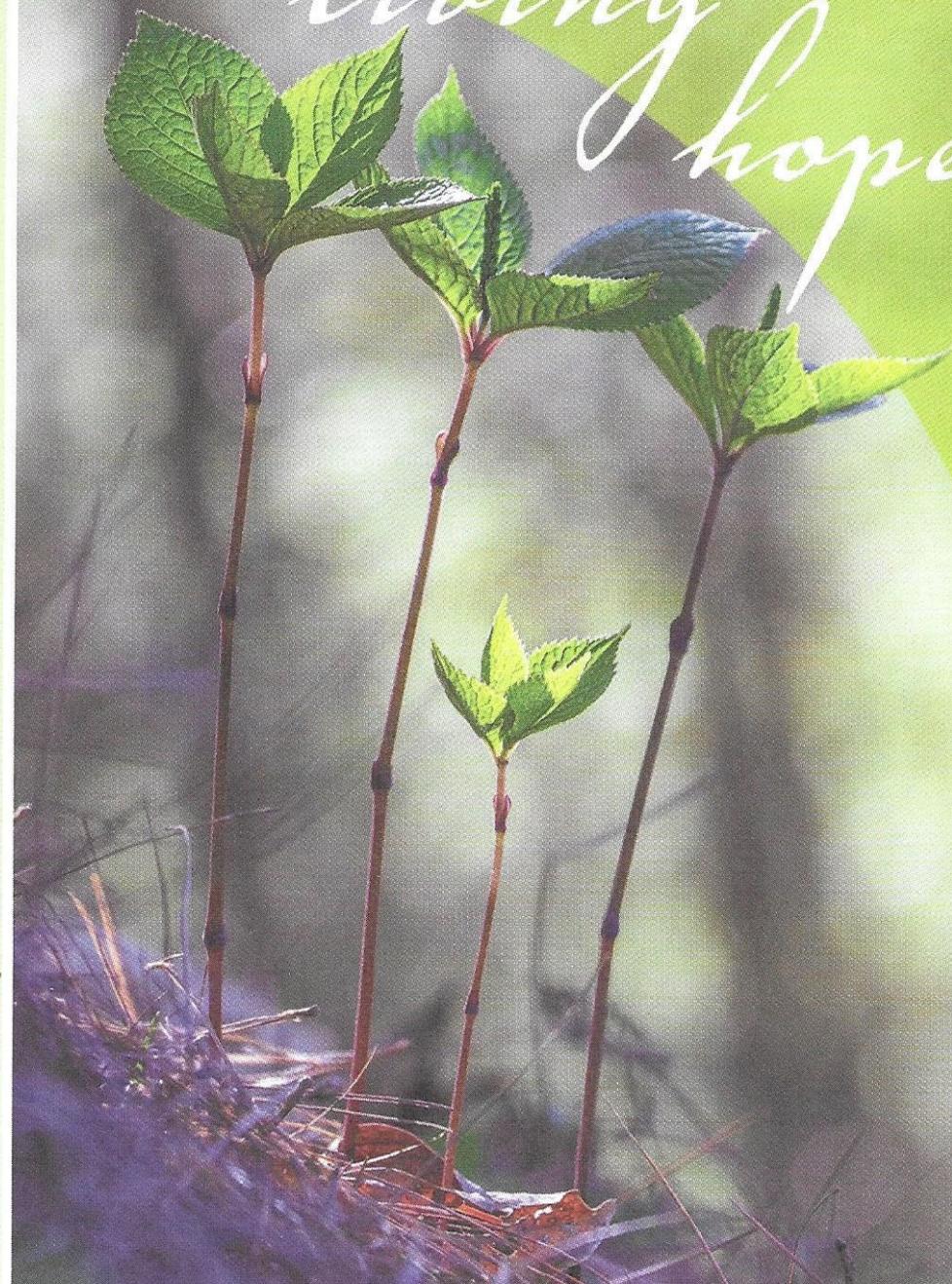
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He has given us a new birth
into a

living hope



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

GATHERING MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 23

SONG: #381:

Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

I John 3:16-19

SONG: #408

The Gift of Love

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 10:11-18

SONG:

Gentle Shepherd

MESSAGE: "This Is How We Know Love"

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

TO BECOME CHRIST'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

SONG: #593

Here I Am Lord

BLESSING:

GRACE SINGERS:

Parting Prayer

By Louis Harris

SENDING FORTH MUSIC:

Offerings may be left in the plates on the way out of the sanctuary or mailed to Grace UMC, 1120 17th Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560

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PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those who are lost in a myriad of ways. Some are lost in weariness. Others lost in despair. Some are lost in that no one seems to see them—their struggles or their talents. Others are lost in habits or thoughts that bring harm each day. Pray for the lost. Pray for strength to closely follow the shepherd—and be part of his work of finding, comforting and welcoming the lost into arms of care.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Like the disciples, we experience a mixture of joy, fear and disbelief at news of the risen Jesus. Receive us, O God, just as we are.

WHAT'S NEXT AT GRACE

Grace will continue to combine in-person and online worship at 10:00 AM. People are doing a great job masking our mouth and nose. Congregational singing is NOT occurring, yet. By May experts suggest the surge will most likely be wrapping up, with no more noteworthy surges. So, we are very close to in-person consistently. Announcements will be posted on the web site and by e-mail. If you have any questions, you can always call the church at 218-233-1857.

A WORD OF WISDOM



You cannot stay where you are and go with God. You cannot continue doing things your way and accomplish God's purpose in his ways. Your thinking cannot come close to God's thoughts. For you to do the will of God, you must adjust your life to him, his purposes and his ways. - Henry Blackaby

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Gunnar Aas

Reader:

Ushers: