

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Prelude and Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements (Birthdays and Anniversaries)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, and look for the kingdom.

People: We come ready to see what God is doing.

Leader: The kingdom may begin like a small seed.

People: Yet God can grow it into shelter and life.

Leader: The kingdom may be hidden like treasure in a field.

People: Yet it is worth more than everything we cling to.

Leader: Let us worship the God who works in small beginnings, hidden places, and faithful hearts.

People: May Christ open our eyes to the kingdom among us. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

This is My Father's World

No. 144

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who brings life from small beginnings and works in ways the world often overlooks.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who came proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He revealed the treasure of God's grace and the power of holy love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who works within us like yeast in dough, quietly transforming our hearts, our homes, our church, and our witness.

We believe the kingdom of God is worth our whole lives. It is treasure beyond price, joy beyond measure, and hope stronger than what we can see.

By God's grace, we will trust small seeds, cherish hidden treasure, and live as faithful witnesses to the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (All)

Merciful God, we confess that we often judge Your kingdom by what we can see. We overlook small beginnings. We grow impatient with hidden work. We want quick results, clear signs, and obvious success.

Forgive us for the times we have dismissed what looked small. Forgive us for clinging to lesser treasures while claiming to seek Your kingdom. Forgive us for trying to take Your place in judgment, forgetting that the final sorting belongs to You.

Lord, teach us to trust Your quiet work. Open our eyes to the seeds of grace You are planting around us. Loosen our grip on what cannot save us. Help us treasure Christ above all things and live with patience, joy, humility, and hope. In Jesus' name, amen.

Pardon (Leader)

Hear the good news: God's grace is greater than our impatience, pride, and misplaced trust. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited again into the joy of the kingdom.

(All) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

No. 70

Prayer Concerns, Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Preparation

Seek Ye First

No. 405

Children's Sermon

Sharing the Word

Treasure

Matt.13: 31-33; 44-52

Small Seeds, Hidden

*Sending Hymn

Pass it On

No. 72

*Benediction

Depart to Serve

**Stand in Body or in Spirit*

Announcements

You're invited to a baby shower honoring the upcoming arrival of Baby Girl Hornsby, daughter of Meg and Luke Hornsby, on Sunday, August 9, at 2:00 p.m. here at the church. Please join us as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of this sweet little girl!

Volunteers and food donations are needed for the Hospitality Table for upcoming weeks. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

Volunteers are needed to provide meals for our youth on Sunday evenings. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

If you have a prayer concern that you want listed in the bulletin, please text Amy Dotson at 662-660-4437. If you have information about someone on our prayer list or if someone should be removed, please let Amy know that as well.

The July 2026 newsletter is available at
<https://graceumciuka.org/events/newsletters>

The Helpful Samaritan Food Pantry items are Peanut Butter and Jelly.

Prayer Concerns

Leah Houston, Tammy Corbett, Barbara Anglin, Marcell Bethany, David Beard, Ricky Brown and Sons, Dale Tapp, Erin Hathcock, Sandra Skinner, Donnie Butler, Denny McGuff and his family, James Nabors, Mary Ray, J.P. Wilemon, and Gus Martin

Assisted Living: Judy Hawkins

Choir Rehearsal—none during summer months

Bible Study—meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Youth Group—meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm (not tonight)

AA groups meet here on Monday and Friday nights at 7:00 pm.

Pastor, Cheryl Farr, may be contacted by text at
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The Mission of Grace United Methodist Church is to
Magnify God through
Love, Acceptance,
Discipleship and Service