



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 \$1,172.73 given to date.

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. 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.

ACTS OF GOD



Unexpected "flash mob" musical performances have sprung up in public places such as airports and malls. Philadelphia's 600-member Opera Company scattered among Macy's crowds and broke out in the "Hallelujah Chorus." A university choir did the same at a Fargo, North Dakota, food court. Groups have also performed impromptu performances of "Silent Night," "Amazing Grace" and well-known secular songs.

These events have been called random acts of culture, but they might better be called purposeful acts of God. Through music, we can praise God anywhere. Whenever Christ's disciples move beyond church buildings and Christian gatherings to share the gospel, God is surely at work.

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I came
that they
may have life,
and have
it abundantly

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

GATHERING MUSIC:

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

LIVESTREAM BEGINS WITH MUSIC:

PSALM OF PROMISE:

SONG: #434

Psalm 22:25-27

When the Poor Ones

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Acts 8:26-33

GRACE SINGERS:

Come Follow Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Acts 8:32-40

SONG: #3164

Down to the River to Pray

MESSAGE: "We Are Guides and Guided"

TO RESPOND AND GIVE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

SHARING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

REMEMBRANCE AND BLESSING:

Please pause on your way out today to take the bread and cup. (A wafer is packaged along with the juice under the top wrapper). Temporarily we will not gather at the altar for communion until the pandemic subsides a bit more. Thank you for your patience.

TO BE SENT FORTH

SONG: #92

For the Beauty of the Earth

BLESSING:

SENDING FORTH MUSIC:

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

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PRAYER FOCUS

Remember those who are searching or struggling to begin something new. Often spiritual growth involves being guided by another. Pray those who need a guide the most will discover and receive their guides. Pray, too, for those who have gifts to offer and may not be aware God is calling them to guide others along the journey. Grant us willing spirits and love-filled hearts when the time comes to guide another.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Our hearts burn with the need and desire to know you, Creator of all. Bless us as we open our souls to you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

On this spring day, as new life blossoms and is born around us, we're glad you've joined us to worship and praise the Lord of new life.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Gunnar Aas

Reader:

Ushers: