



### FUN DISCIPLESHIP

We often imagine Jesus straight faced because he came to do such serious work. Yet he also enjoyed fun times. One was the wedding celebration at Cana, which had wine in abundance. When it ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more (see John 2:1-11).

Jesus also welcomed children (see Matthew 19:13-15). Picture Jesus lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Because summer allows more time for fun and play, use it to teach the kids in your life - and to remind yourself - that Jesus came in love so our "joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun relaxing and enjoying life are all part of living as faithful disciples.

### THE WATER'S FINE

While a tourist vacationed on the Florida coast, his boat capsized. Although he could swim, his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft and prayed aloud. Spotting an old beachcomber on shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?"

"No," the man hollered. "They haven't been around for years!"

Relieved, the tourist began swimming leisurely toward the shore. About halfway there, he asked, "How'd you get rid of the gators?"

"We didn't do anything," the beachcomber replied. "The sharks got'em".

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Since we are  
*justified by faith,*  
we have  
*peace with God*  
through our  
Lord  
*Jesus Christ*

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**July 11, 2021**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER TO ENTRUST OUR LIVES TO GOD**

**GATHERING MUSIC:**

**JOYS, AND CONCERNS:**

**LIVESTREAM BEGINS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**SONG: #98**

*To God Be the Glory*

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Psalm 24**

**SONG: #377**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

**MESSAGE: "Chosen"**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

**SONG: #141**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

**BLESSING:**

**POSTLUDE:**

**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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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

The meadows, clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy" (Psalm 65:13, NRSV). May we, too shout and sing for joy this summer day!

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Even before the world was made, God the Father chose us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ. God himself welcomes you here this day - and so do I.

**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 \$1,733.78 given to date.

**WHAT'S NEXT AT GRACE**

Grace will continue to combine in-person and online worship at 10:00 AM. If vaccinated there is the option to mask or not mask. If you have not been vaccinated, please wear a mask. Congregational singing is NOW happening. 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.

**NAME TAGS**

To aid Pastor Taylor in becoming acquainted with everyone, please find your name tag on the big board and wear it proudly.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Taylor Johnson**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Gunnar Aas**

**Reader:**

**Ushers:**