



## 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.

## 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.

## PASCHAL CANDLE

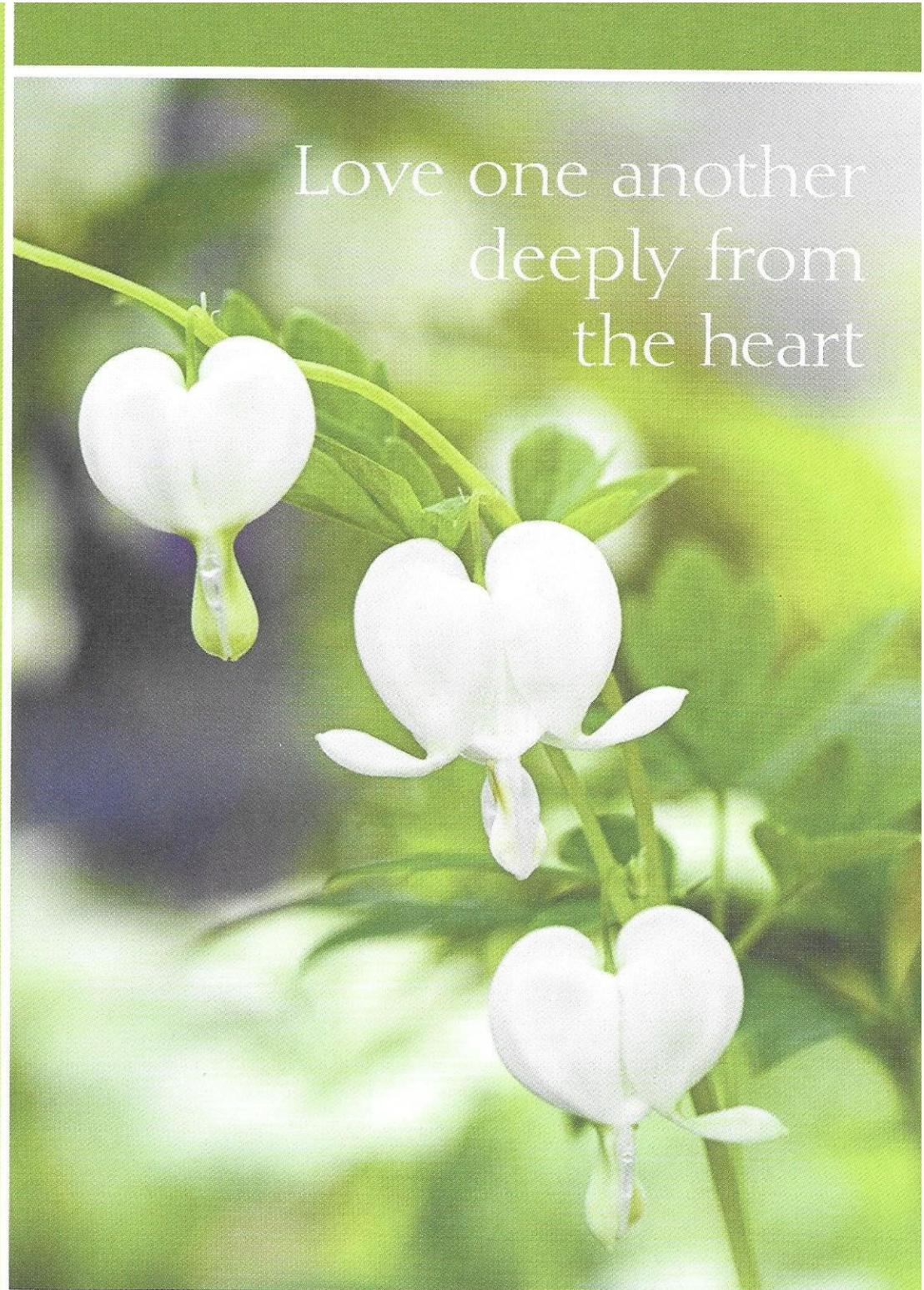


The large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptism and funerals

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Love one another  
deeply from  
the heart



**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS**

**GATHERING MUSIC:**

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**

**Psalm 4:6-8**

*Many people say, 'We can't find goodness anywhere. The light of your face has left us, Lord!' But, you have filled my heart with more joy than when the wheat and wine were plentiful! I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety. (Psalm 4:6-8)*

**SONG: #2212**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**Luke 24:36b-48**

**SONG:**

*Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Acts 3:12-19**

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**John 20:1-18**

**GRACE SINGERS:**

*Risen Indeed*

**MESSAGE: "Receive and Share Christ's Peace"**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**SONG: #474**

*Precious Lord, take my Hand*

**BLESSING:**

**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

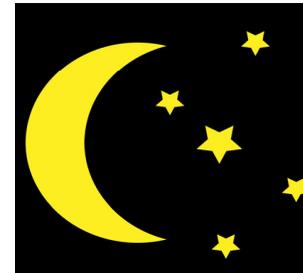
**PRAYER FOCUS**

In a world where peaceful circumstances are not always easy to find, pray for inner peace, a "peace that passes understanding." At the same time, continue to pray for peaceful moments and places within this world—especially for those who need reprieve the most.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lord, break through the doors we use to lock out others, the world and even you. Replace our fear with peace so we may declare: "My Lord and my God!"

**GOD IS AWAKE**



A mother and her 4-year-old daughter were preparing for bed one night. The child was afraid of the dark, and on this occasion the mother, alone with the child, felt fearful herself.

When the light was turned off, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window. "Is the moon God's light?" she asked her mom. "Yes," replied the mother. "Will God put out his light and go to sleep?" asked the girl.

"No, dear. God never goes to sleep." Then, out of the simplicity of a child's faith, the girl said something that reassured the fearful mother. "Well, as long as God is awake, there's no sense in all of us staying awake."

The pair slept well that night - and for the many nights that followed.

"Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes." - Bahn

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Gunnar Aas**

**Reader:**

**Ushers:**