

## INFORMATION TO KNOW

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is your, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

Amen.

### Distribution of the elements and Prayer

#### ◆ Benediction

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Dee Dee Carn, Pianist*

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#### Altar Flowers for March 7, 2021

*The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and  
In loving memory of our son, Daniel O'Neal  
By John and Vonnie O'Neal*



## This Week at Grace

*We promise to uphold Grace United Methodist Church with our prayers,  
our gifts, our worship and our service.*

**Our Prayers:** as of March 4, 2021  
Tom (Claire) Willis, Audrey Sangrey, Jim McGough, Judy Cox, Patsy Miller, Tori Weathersby, Judy Murphy, Martha Claire Farmer  
Page Barnes, daughter of Will and Sharon Barnes  
Paul Wolfe, father of Kim Wolfe Brinbrich and David Wolfe

**Sympathy to:** Mark Moody in the death of his father, Charles Moody, March 1  
Kerry Adragna & Ann Anderson in the death of their mother and step-mother, Mary Sexton, respectively, on March 1 (Funeral today, March 7, 2PM at Grace)

**University Hosp.:** Horace Sweat  
**NHC Rehab:** Fred Adams, Bobby Oliver  
**Hammond Place:** Lee & Harriett Lynn  
**Steven's Park Rehab Facility (Augusta):** Joyce Meyer

**OUR GIFTS:** The Lord's Treasury  
**2021 General Budget**  
**Revenues year to date,** from Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 \$238,409.18  
**2021 budget** \$1,299,496.00

#### Have you made your pledge to the General Budget for the 2021 year?

Thanks to those who already have!

You can still pick up "My 2021 Pledge" card in the Narthex/ church exits or, at the church office, or if you received yours by mail, returning it by one of the following ways:

- ◆ emailing Marianne Harlan at [marianne@gotgraceumc.org](mailto:marianne@gotgraceumc.org),
- ◆ mailing it to the church
- ◆ dropping it off

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- **830 Gathering**, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- **LifeSong Contemporary Worship**, 8:45 a.m. service, Wesley Center
- **Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. (Children, Youth & Adults)**
- **"BLAST Jr." (4K & 5K) and "BLAST" for ages 1st-4th grade**, dismissal during LifeSong (8:45) & Traditional Worship (11:00)
- **Traditional Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- **DRAMA Children & Youth**, 5:00 PM, Wesley Center
- **YOUTH at Grace**, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Youth Wing

#### MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:

- **Finance Mtg.**, March 14, 5PM, Chapel
- **SPRC Mtg.**, March 14, 6:30 PM, Chapel
- **Church Council Mtg.**, March 16, 6PM, Youth Wing

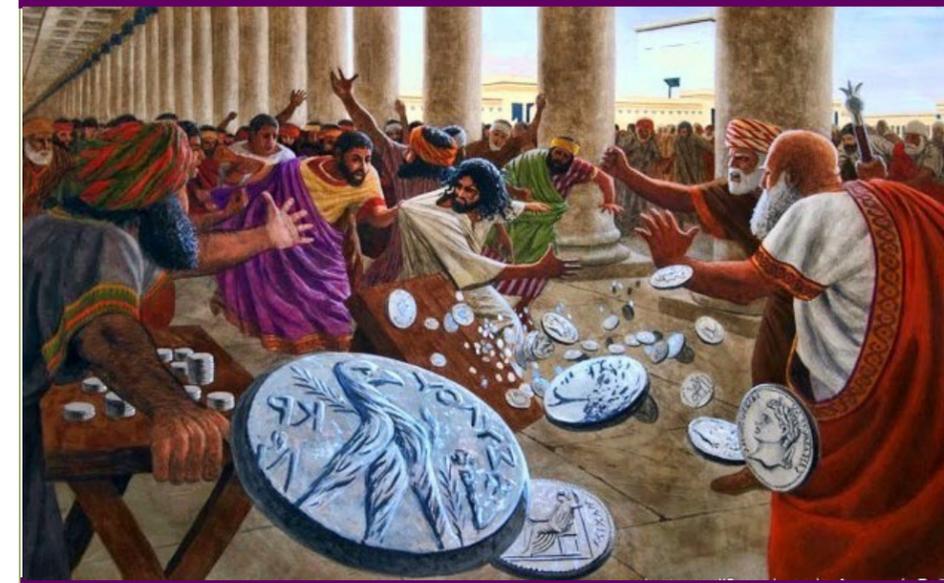


#### MARCH EVENTS:

- **Youth D-NOW.**, March 12-13, Grace campus
- **Prime Time (50+)**, March 23, \*11:00, Wesley Center  
(\*Please note: time change and no meal)
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, March 26, Grace campus (more info to come)
- **Maundy Thursday Service**, April 1, 7PM, Sanctuary
- **Tenebrae service commemorating Good Friday**, April 2, 7PM, Sanctuary

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## 830 Gathering Service



## Celebrating Worship



## Third Sunday in Lent

*Sermon: "Jesus Cleans House"*

*Rev. Tommy Wilkes*

**March 7, 2021**

*"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"*

## 830 Gathering Service, Sanctuary

### Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

### Call to Worship

Father, thank you for an example of Jesus' moral outrage and cleansing of the temple.

**Help us to stand strong against wrongs.**

And, Lord, cleanse the temples of our hearts,

no matter how much we might be offended and upset,

**so that our hearts might be holy places that welcome you.**

**All ~ Lord, we come now to worship you**

### Hymn of Invitation

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Hymn 297

**1** Beneath the cross of Jesus

I fain would take my stand,

the shadow of a mighty rock

within a weary land;

a home within the wilderness,

a rest upon the way,

from the burning of the noontide heat,

and the burden of the day.

**2** Upon that cross of Jesus

mine eye at times can see

the very dying form of One

who suffered there for me;

and from my stricken heart with tears

two wonders I confess:

the wonders of redeeming love

and my unworthiness.

**3** I take, O cross, thy shadow

for my abiding place;

I ask no other sunshine than

the sunshine of his face;

content to let the world go by,

to know no gain nor loss,

my sinful self my only shame,

my glory all the cross.

### ◆ Sharing of the Peace *(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord)*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: **And also with you**

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen!

### Offering Prayer

### Offertory

### Hymn of Preparation *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

Hymn 616

**1** Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,

let every soul be Jesus' guest.

Ye need not one be left behind,

for God hath bid all humankind.

**2** Do not begin to make excuse;

ah! do not you his grace refuse;

your worldly cares and pleasures

leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.

**4** See him set forth before your eyes;

behold the bleeding sacrifice;

his offered love make haste to embrace,

and freely now be saved by grace.

**5** Ye who believe his record true

shall sup with him and he with you;

come to the feast, be saved from sin,

for Jesus waits to take you in.

**Scripture:** John 2: 13-17

**Sermon** "Jesus Cleans House"

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### Sacrament of Holy Communion (See instructions)

#### Communion Logistics

Due to our high state of safety with Covid19, Holy Communion will be consecrated and distributed through baggies to the pews. The congregation is invited to prepare the elements by removing the cellophane on the top layer to release the bread and then open the container below to release the juice. We will attempt to take communion together once everyone has the elements. Once we are prepared, the congregation will be invited to remove their masks and take holy communion as a congregation. The towelette is enclosed so that you might wipe down your hands once you have taken communion. When finished, please place the towelette and the packaging of the cup in the baggie and dispose when you leave the sanctuary.

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled**

**against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

All pray in silence.

### Assurance and Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, and your Son, Jesus Christ is blessed.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth

and to make disciples of all nations,

and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,

he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me."

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, together with Christ's offering for us,

As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**