

February 12, 2023

Welcome/Announcements

Center for worship

*Call to worship (Psalm 119)

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

* Hymn #89, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that despite your many warnings, we still try to be righteous, either by doing good or by not doing bad, and that we fail miserably at both. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us at last to trust in the sufficiency of your grace, rather than our own efforts. Transform us from within by the power of your Spirit, and let the good works follow as the fruits of your divine action, and evidence of the higher righteousness that is ours in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

Hear the Good News! Christ Jesus is our righteousness. Believe the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn #400, "Come, Thou Fount"

First reading, Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Scripture reading, Matthew 5:21-37

Gloria Patri

Sermon, "Beyond the Law"

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

RED BAND January/February

Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti

Grace Children's Hospital, founded in 1967, is recognized as Haiti's leading medical facility dedicated to the treatment of children with tuberculosis (TB). Each year, the hospital receives thousands of children who are suffering from TB, HIV, and other diseases.

Children who are seriously ill are admitted to the inpatient ward, where they receive constant care from the hospital's all-Haitian staff. Both children and adults can be treated at one of Grace Children's Hospital's many outpatient clinics. People living in the slums around the hospital receive vaccinations, prenatal care, and other basic health services from specially-trained community health workers and volunteers.

PO Box 359, Winfield

You may also text to give by texting "funds" to 844-928-1220 where you will be taken to a website to enter the amount and check "Winfield"

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Dedication

Gracious God, we seek to go beyond the law, to give generously of our time, our talents, our possessions and our service. Accept these gifts to the furtherance of your kingdom, we pray. Amen.

* Hymn #117, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Benediction

Announcements

Ballots for the new merged church name have been mailed out, with a primary to narrow the choices down to three and then a final ballot to choose the final name. Choices can be either mailed back or returned in person.

We will merge and begin worshipping together on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 and Sunday Feb. 26th.

Joys:

Will's return to normal life
Brian's burned foot healing
Todd's return to rehab and new dialysis port

Concerns:

Rev. Winkler, undergoing two back surgeries
Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria
Winter storm in the south and northwest
Wildfire in Chile
Mass shooting around the world
California flooding
Tornados in the south
Those affected by the sever winter storms
Those suffering from hurricanes Nicole/Fiona/Ian
Patti and Debbie's lingering illnesses
The situation in Ukraine
Linda who has been ill for 8 months, with no diagnosis
Sue and Ed, both in decline, with financial issues
Farmers and the world food supply
World energy supply
Jeff, suffering a relapse of stage four multiple myeloma
Peggy battling cancer
New Covid variants

Office hours by appointment.