



Grace United Methodist Church
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 December 6, 2020
 Rev. Eric Raygor

PRELUDE
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 *CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

People: We are called to action rather than reaction.

Pastor: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

People: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

Pastor: Come, draw near to God in faith.

People: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. AMEN.

*WORSHIP SONG "Adore" *Grace Guitars*

***INVOCATION – Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "A Christmas Alleluia"
 CHILDREN'S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (V 1-3) # 211

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:1-12

TODAY'S MESSAGE "Our Hope That We Can Change"

CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" # 206

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand*

GRACE UMC PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jessica Kister, Steve Witt, Mike Mostoller, Darlene Roberts,
 Ian Rosenbaum, Ruth Ann Allison, Alice Schrock, Kim Yonai,
 Jean Kaufman, Rev. Ted Cole, Bruce, Erin & Jaye Holsopple,
 Mindy Sarver, Emily Phillips, Jack and Arlene Walters, Sam Donia,
 Jack & Martha Hemminger, Martha Makin, Mary Jane Maust,
 Bob Black, Bill Lindeman, Jack & Shirley Ankeny, Bob Overbeck,
 Karen Matieszyn, Amanda & Jim Peck, Rev. Charles Olson,
 Cooper Hartman, Silke Prinkey, Harry Wilcox, Don Seybold,
 Andrea King, Betsy Barlow,
 Jarod & Josiah Ansell, Jonathan & Devlin Ankeny

The flower vases have been given for God's Glory in loving memory of Bonnie Hoffman by Kim and Charlie Howard

December Groceries from Grace: Pancake mix, syrup, liquid cleaner, cracker packs, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, sauce, mac-n-cheese, tuna, Tuna helper, veggies, soup, toothpaste, Kleenex, cookie mix

The Mission of the Month for the month of December is to support Ramps R Us, a local group who builds ramps for people who are handicapped and in need of a ramp for independence.

The 2021 offering envelopes been prepared & are available in the hall. If you are not currently on the list to receive a packet and would like to, or if you would like to be removed from the list, please contact the church office or call Karen Kooser.

STOCKING STUFFERS AVAILABLE!

Women of Grace are now selling fundraiser Subway discount cards. They are \$10 each, with a \$68 value. See any of the Women of Grace members to purchase yours.

Note: Due to price increases across all product lines, our florist, Bittner-Long Floral will be raising the cost of each alter vase to \$16, effective 1-1-21.

One tradition at our church is for families or individuals to light the Advent candles and read a short devotional. We will need readers/lighters for three of the Sundays of Advent and for Christmas eve. If you would like to be a part of this tradition, please call the office or talk to the pastor.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, calls and cards as I journey through the loss of my mother. I truly appreciate the love and support of my church family! – Christi Corbett