



Birthdays of the Month

**Betty Sneed 5/7, Pastor Melvin Woodworth 5/13,
Mylin Irving 5/14, Emmanuel Canada 5/16,
Yvonne Paramore 5/16, Charlie Asher 5/19,
Rekeicha Washington 5/23, Greg Johnson 5/23,
Gloria Redus 5/24, Wallace Mayfield 5/25, Miles Ellis 5/29**

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Sunday Morning Worship
“Growing People Through Christian Discipleship”

May 13, 2018

11:00A.M.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gathering
Lighting of Candles

Music

Lauren Wells, Music Director

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

People: *God’s love is poured in us from our birth.*

Leader: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

People: *No more will we feel that we are alone and lost!*

Leader: We are called to proclaim God’s love in all that we say and do.

People: *Jesus calls us to be a source of hope and joy for others!*

Leader: **In all creation, in all our relationships, may God’s love be made known. AMEN.**

**** Opening Hymn**

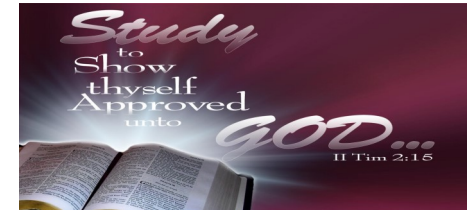
Invocation **In Unison**
Loving, creative God, we praise and bless you for your mighty acts of creation. As we gather today we hear your message of power and love through the witness of Jesus Christ. He gave us words of encouragement about living in your love, and through that love being witnesses to the whole world of your peace and hope. Be with us this day, Lord. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession:

God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope.
God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Weekly Tuesday Bible Study

Please join us for Tuesday Bible Study
11:30am-1:00pm (Gardenhire Room)

Men's Bible Study on Saturdays

GUMC Men’s Bible Study has resumed
Men of GUMC Please join us every Saturday Morning at 9:00a.m. the Gardenhire Room
(The "Purpose-Driven Life").

GUMC Feed the Homeless Mission

Please join us for our feed the homeless mission immediately after our 4th Sunday Worship Service. Your continued support and generosity of donating items for the mission is greatly appreciated.

Liturgical Dance

If you are interested in liturgical dance, please contact Chasity Jones or RSVP at programcoordinatorgumc@gmail.com).

Yoga Class

GUMC Yoga class every Friday at 2:00P.M.
(Fellowship Hall)



Assurance of Pardon

God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us. God will wash us clean and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness. AMEN

**** Songs of Praise**

Children's Sermon

Announcements

Welcome & Recognition of Visitors

Joys, Concerns, Testimonies and Thanksgiving

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Giving

** All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we giving thee.

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

First Lesson

Psalms 103:8-12

**** Gospel:**

Ephesians 1:1-10

Song of Preparation

Certified Lay Minister Leonard Irving

Sermon

“Forgiveness a Relationship Dynamic”

Circle of Blessing

**** Extinguishing of Candles**

Summary:

The Lord wants us to understand That we are human beings who struggle with the sinful nature and as a result We intentionally or unintentionally cause harm to one another. The Old Testament and the New Testament speak at length about the principle of repentance and forgiveness. If we don't practice forgiveness we can cause irreparable harm to marriages, family, friends and more importantly to the body of Christ. Gandhi once said that "We should be the change that we want to see in the world". I'm excited To see the evolution of Grace United Methodist Church as a loving family, and the little church on top of a hill. Grace is filled with so many good people and I love you all.

