

## Entrance

### Gathering

#### \*Call to Worship

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

**We watch for God, whose power redeems us.**

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

**Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

#### \*Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. Amen.**

\*Hymn            *My Faith Looks Up to Thee – Hymn 452*

### Proclamation and Response

#### Prayer of Illumination

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come Creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *Mark 5:21-43*

Mindy Wilder

Sermon

*Peace*

Mark Gustafson

\*Responsive Reading – Psalm 29

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\*Gloria Patri

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\*Passing the Peace

Offering / *Revive Us Again*

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\*Doxology

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Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn    *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands – Hymn 273*

### Sending Forth

\*Benediction / Going Forth

**Happy Birthday to Cathy Butler (6/30), Melissa Barnes (7/1), Caleb Sholar (7/3), and Bruce Dickerson (7/6)!**

**Happy Anniversary to Johnny & Sharon Moore (7/6)!**

**The cover art is given to the glory of God by Tori Allen. The top picture is of a painting hanging in Magdala, along the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee.**

**The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cathy Butler's birthday by Melanie Wohlford and Beth Sasser.**

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## Announcements

Thank you for participating in our Congregational Survey. The Trustees and the Building Committee will meet to discuss the results before we call a church-wide meeting to talk about our next steps.

Today, 11 a.m. You are invited to join our AME Zion brothers and sisters in worship at St. Thomas AMEZ.

Senior Saints: July 3, 12 p.m. at Bethlehem.

Reminder to Teachers: We will be doing our Apple Tree again this year. Please give your “wish lists” to Pastor Mark by today (or as soon as possible).

The following ideas are developing:

T-Shirts!

Church Directory. We have a committee working on this.

Youth fun day! July 20 at Grace’s new property. Details coming soon.

BCC’s Back to School Blast is August 10, 8a-12p. FYI. We are planning to support this with a booth.

We welcome ideas for our new bus! Trips, ministries, fun. Driving the bus requires a CDL. Chicky and Mark are picking it up on Tuesday.

In-Home Friendship Gatherings. Please sign up for this ministry as a way of fellowshiping with each other on a personal level!

### **The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:**

*Mentioned 6/2/2024:* Janice Robbins; Sue Kallelis; Summer Lisenby (a neighbor of Cathy Butler); Tim Tatum; the family and friends of Annette Meares.

*Mentioned 6/9/2024:* Steve and Debbie Dunham; Patty Scotten; Adele Clark; Alb Inman; Steve Vincent; Bob and Alice Palmer; Betty Tatum’s uncle Denny; all military, FD, Police, Rescue, and lineman who keep us safe; family and friends of Louis Brisson (Nanette Inman’s family), those lost in the accident in Whiteville.

*Mentioned 6/16/2024:* an unnamed patient of Janice Robbins who may not survive; Tajjée (a coworker of Cindy Coble); Mary Rachel Wohlford; Sharon Natale; Jean and Angie Ciani; Mary Stuch; Jacob Chavis; Farrell McDuffie; Betty Jessup; Lisa McLean; the family and friends of Ben Cole.

*Mentioned 6/23/2024:* Malia Smiling and family; Safety for all workers at Cindy Coble’s workplace and everywhere; all those battling the heat this summer; Hazel Autry; Pete Kinlaw; the family and friends of Beth Nance and Kristen Beard.

*Prayers this week:* Rebekah Dixon and her 3 girls; Alvin Dickerson; Matthew Krause; Joy Grady and family; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser; Billy & Stella Cain.

# *Grace United Methodist Church*

**June 30, 2024**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship Service 8:30 am

### **Our Mission**

*To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

### **Our Vision**

*We welcome everyone into the experience  
of a different story!*

