

A user-friendly guide to worship
at Grace United Methodist Church

THE

**Everything You Need
to Know About Worship at
Grace United Methodist Church**

BOOKLET



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WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Ridgeview site:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning 8:00, 9:15, 10:45

Sunday Night 6:00 (River of Life)

Center of Grace - 520 S. Harrison - Iglesia Centro de Gracia - worship in Spanish:

Sunday 12:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School is offered for all ages from 2 years up. 2 years through Kindergarten are in the Rainbow Zone on the main level. Graded classes through high school are on the upper level. Classes for 2 years through 6th grade are at both 9:15 and 10:45 services. Youth meet only at 9:15.

There are four adult education classes at 9:15 a.m.:

- New Beginnings meets in Room 123A
- Steps of Faith meets in Room 220
- Good News meets in Room 204
- Christian Gathering meets in Room 222

There are two adult education classes at 10:45 a.m.:

- Young Adult Class in Room 222
- Faith Issues Class in Room 204

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) meets Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 on the third floor. Small groups meet on Wednesday nights.

LAY ACADEMY offers a variety of subjects designed to help participants grow in their relationship with God. A new schedule of classes is offered each Fall, Winter and Spring.

SMALL GROUPS

There are between 125 and 150 small groups active at any given time at Grace Church. These offer a wide variety of activities and ministries. Please visit our website at gracech.org and click on "Beyond Sunday at Grace" to see the full listing.

MISSIONS

Grace UMC is a very mission oriented church. In addition to supporting missions world wide we also serve locally through our mission site at Center of Grace, 520 S. Harrison. For more information see "There is Always Something Happening at Center of Grace."



Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

This booklet will attempt to help make your visit to Grace as worshipful as possible by removing a little of the "mystery" of what it means to be a United Methodist in general and "What this church is all about" in particular.

It will not answer all your questions, of course, but we hope it will be informative enough to make you feel comfortable and want to learn more.

If you find it helpful, please take it with you.





FIRST...

1. We are very happy you are here and we pray you will come back.
2. Believe it or not, you are one of the reasons we exist. No, really! There are three main reasons we are here. The first is to worship God through Jesus Christ, the second is to be a welcoming community lighting the way for others (like you) to find and worship God, and the third is to serve the world as God has challenged us to do by the example set by Jesus.
3. In order to truly worship God, you need to be comfortable and enjoy your visit today. Our style of worship may be unfamiliar but we have tried not to make it intimidating.

SO...

RELAX.

As a popular restaurant ad says, **“There are no rules, just right.”** When you are worshipping God, it is always right.

If you need help, ask the person next to you. We like people here at Grace.

Finally, **don't do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable.**



Welcome to Worship!



WHO ARE WE?

This worship service is probably your introduction to Grace United Methodist Church. If you are new to the United Methodist denomination, you might wonder, "What is a United Methodist Church?" That is not an easy question to answer in a booklet like this, but here goes.

Methodism traces its history from the 1st century and the teachings of Christ, Paul, Augustine, Francis and others. It has its roots in the Church of England and was founded after the teachings of John Wesley, an Anglican priest, about 1738. The United Methodist Church was formed out of the union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968.



That is the simple answer. We hope that as you become more familiar with Grace, you will avail yourself of the opportunity to learn more about our history. This congregation of the United Methodist Church was chartered in 1858 which makes us about 150 years old.

WHAT NOW?

The main way to find your way through the service is to follow the service bulletin. If you are attending the 9:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. service, you can follow the service on the screen which also contains the words of the hymns, congregational prayers and responses and scripture. If you are attending the River of Life service, most of the direction will come from the pastor or worship team. Hymnals are not used, but the words to the songs are on the screen. It is an interactive service in which all will be invited to participate.

WILL I BE ASKED TO STAND UP?

Visitors will not be asked to stand so that everyone can see them. There is a time in the service toward the end, the Shalom (or Peace of God), when everyone is invited to stand and greet one another. At that time we hope those around you will make you feel welcome.

We do hope that you will fill out the registration portion of the bulletin so that if you are a new resident looking for a church home, we can get more information to you.

CONNECTIONAL INFORMATION

Grace United Methodist Church is a connectional church meaning it is connected to all the other United Methodist Churches in the world. Locally, we are members of the Kansas City District of the Kansas East Conference.

Bishop of the Kansas East Conference - Bishop Scott Jones
District Superintendent, Kansas City District - Rev. Mike Chamberlain.
Senior Pastor, Grace UMC - Rev. Nanette Roberts

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Tom Bailey

Rev. Steve Kawiecki

Rev. Rena Yocom

Rev. Sylvia Romero