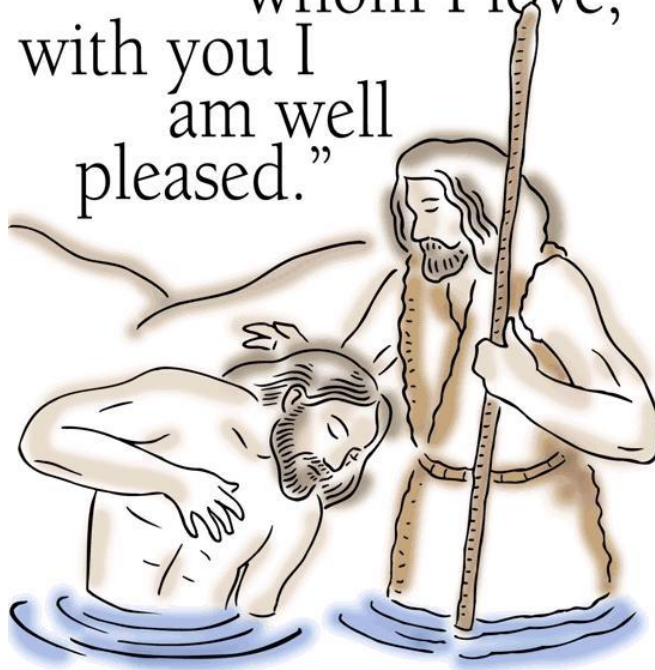


And a voice came from heaven:

“You are my Son,
whom I love;
with you I
am well
pleased.”



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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

Sermon Series: **Reset**

Greeting Pastor Dionne

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lord, show us our purpose.

People: Our purpose comes from God.

Leader: Creator of heaven and earth.

People: God has a ministry and mission for us.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Family of God, I welcome you to worship this second Sunday after the Epiphany and the 2nd week of our *Reset* worship series. Today we reset our purpose to God’s purpose. You are invited to hear Mark’s gospel as he follows Jesus on his journey to heal the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and uplift the poor.

I welcome you to worship in the name of the Holy Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prelude 'Prelude I 'Combewater' – William Harris (1883-1973)

The Light of Christ Enters the Sanctuary

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: We gather in this place, taking time apart from the pace of our days.

People: Gentle God, meet us here, and nourish us for the journey.

Leader: Our minds and lives are cluttered, needs and responsibilities overflow; we yearn to be focused.

People: Gentle God, meet us here, and center our hearts in your grace. *Amen.*

Opening Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Good and gracious God, we enter into your courts with praise and celebration. Enable us to fulfil the purpose to which you have called us. As we spend time in your presence today, touch our hearts, our minds, and our souls to respond to your calling on our lives. Move in our very being as never before so we can continue to be a blessing to others. This we pray in your precious name. *Amen.*

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God.”
And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Psalter: Psalm 40:1-11

A reading from the psalms

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

People: Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Leader: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

People: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

Leader: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

People: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

Leader: Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

People: Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

People: see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

Leader: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

People: I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Leader: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

People: let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here ends the reading of the Word.

Gospel Hymn “Standing on the Promises”

- 1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing I'm standing on the promises of God.**
- 2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing I'm standing on the promises of God.**
- 3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing I'm standing on the promises of God.**
- 4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:32-39

A reading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him, **“Everyone is searching for you.”**

He answered, ***“Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.”***

And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: “The word of God for the people of God.”

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

“Reset Purpose”

Mark 1:32 – 39

Rev. Dionne T. Hall

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri, #70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

God of steadfast love, you raise us up when we fall and place our feet on steady ground. Strengthened by your faithfulness, we offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the grace that is ours in Christ.

We pray for the mission of your church, that we may proclaim the good news of the age as we put our trust in you.

We pray for the world, that your saving love may reach to the ends of the earth as we serve the common good.

We pray for all who suffer, that we may heed their cry as we share in your steadfast mercy.

We pray for your creation, that we may safeguard its well-being as we labor together for redemption.

We remember for you those who have died and pray for those who will die today, that they may know your peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Confession

And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: we turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control.

We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Passing of the Peace (responsive)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

People: And also with you.

Invitation to the Offering

In a world where there are so many demands on our time, energy, and resources, let your offerings today be freely given from a place of trust in God’s purpose for you and for the mission of this church. You are invited to give as a sign of your commitment to put Jesus first.

Offertory Anthem ‘Lead Me, Lord’ – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we recognize how easy it can be to get caught up in what is happening around us and miss the first base. We thank you for the example of Jesus in how to serve and how to rest. As we joyfully give today, we ask you to show us how to use these gifts with purpose so that others may come to know you. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn “To God Be the Glory”

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our

transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Postlude 'Postlude in B flat' – Clifford Harker (1912-1999)
The Light of Christ goes into the world.

Charge

Go forth in peace, for God in Christ has enriched you with speech and knowledge and every spiritual gift, that God’s salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Benediction

May God’s steadfast love and mercy lead you, and make your steps secure, keeping you forever safe on paths of righteousness and peace.

Grace Notes
January 18, 2026
Mission Statement: *Glorify God ~ Draw All to Christ ~ Edify & Equip*

From the Pastor: When we understand our purpose, it's easier to establish and maintain boundaries. We have a calling and purpose God has given us to address the world's grief, but we don't need to do it all. Consider what God is calling us to do as individuals and as a church. We can, and should, put boundaries around our service, doing what we are called to do well.
Pastor Dionne

Membership Reports: As faithful members of Grace UMC, we faithfully strive to remember our membership vows to support the church by upholding the church with our ***prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness***.

Prayers - Persons listed on Joys & Concerns will appear for two weeks. Please fill out a request card if you would like your request shared on Sunday morning and listed in Grace Notes. You may call or email the church office Monday thru Wednesday (**by 10am**) with those you would like to include or remove. If a person requires additional time, or has a long-term illness, request they be added to the "Long-term" list. The joys and concerns will list first name and last initial; no details will appear.

Joys & Concerns

Jan. 11: Mike P., Susan C., Vickie S.

Jan. 4: Jane S., Evelyn Y., Jett T., Rose M.

Prayers (Long-term): John S., Paul H., Ron S., Robin G., Lucy K.; Bill S., Erin B., Doris K.; Bill H., Wendi C., Margie C., Bev. B., Connie M.; Vickie S., Rhonda and Tony W., Harriett H., Frannie J.

Our Condolences – ***We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Lois Walzl who passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026.***

The Daily Scripture Lessons

Sunday – Mark 1:32-39

Monday – Matthew 4:1-11

Tuesday – Mark 1:12-15

Wednesday – James 4:8-10

Thursday – Matthew 14:23

Friday – Matthew 6:33

Saturday – Psalm 119:115

Presence – Join us for worship in person or via Facebook Live.

Worship: 73 Sunday School: 33 Facebook Live: 189 Ladies T4U: 16

GIFTS – Your gifts offer HOPE to Grace Church and the community. When we tithe, we follow the example given to us in Genesis 28:10-22 by giving at least 10% to the **General Fund**. United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy. The **General Fund** is responsible for ensuring all the needs of the church are met; this includes all of the ministries, missions, and operational costs of Grace Church. **The One Board (as of May 14, 2023) asks that all tithes and offerings be placed in the General Fund except those for T.H.R.I.V.E., Micah's Backpack & Building for the Future. Separate envelopes are provided for these ministries and located by the lectern. This is the only way to donate to these ministries.** This will allow Grace Church to move towards fully funding all ministries and missions of the church. This will bring us up to date with current UMC budget practices.

General Fund: \$2,193.14

Endowment Withdrawal: \$

Estate Gift:

Music Fund: \$200.00

Needed for Weekly Budget: \$4,500

Building for the Future: \$30.00

T.H.R.I.V.E. & Micah's Backpack: \$13.00

Service and Witness:

Ushers: J.C. Martin, Bill Thompson, Donna and Roy Shoop, Madison Shoop, Lucas Shoop, Ella Sholty, Justus Osuji

Greeter: Daisy Wolfensberger

Lay Readers: John Hess, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Kurt Zimmerman

Media Managers: Donnie Bryan, Roy Shoop
Choir: Becca Bryan, Donnie Bryan, Patti Hull, Hannah Kamseuh, Polly Martin, Peace Osuji, Ryan Wetzel
Congregational Care Committee/Communion Stewards: Chris Jeter, Krista Zimmerman, Cindy Tedrick, Ruth Smith, Patti Hull, Helen Gilliam, Daisy Wolfensberger, Polly Martin, Rose Shank, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Donna Bolinger, Amy Bryan, Becca Bryan, Jane Staley, Rhonda Weaver, Wanda Stouffer, Ruth Thompson, Pastor Dionne, Sonja Shearer, Cindy Swales, Patty Frazier, Caroline Jenkins and Vivienne, Margaret Hess

T.H.R.I.V.E. (Thankful, Hopeful, Revitalized, Intentional, Victorious, Educated). Continued needs are non-perishables, dry goods, feminine care products, hand soap, shower gel, razors, shave cream, individually wrapped paper towels and toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, laundry detergent, etc. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and please use the indicated envelopes located by the lectern. **Closet 712** Volunteers are always appreciated. Donations drop off is Monday -Thursday 10am-12pm., **fall and winter clothing ONLY**. Both T.H.R.I.V.E and the clothes closet are open on Saturday, **February 14, 2026**, 10:00am – 11:00 am.

Pastoral Care and Emergency Contact Information: In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Dionne at (240) 347-2345 (cell), Facebook Messenger, or pastordionne.hall@gmail.com. The church office number is (240) 850-2934. Please inform the hospital and/or funeral home that Pastor Dionne is the Pastor at Grace. ***The Pastor and church should be notified of any illness or death of a member or family member first.*** The Pastor will confirm availability dates for Services of Death and Resurrection with the funeral home director.

CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 18	8:30 & 10:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall Worship, <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Sunday school for all ages Grace Week at the Cold Weather Shelter through Sat.,
January 24th		
Mon., Jan. 19		MLK Day, office and church closed
Tues., Jan. 20	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Jan. 21	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry and Clothes Closet
Sun., Jan. 25	8:30 & 10:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall Worship, <i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Sunday school for all ages
Tues., Jan. 27	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Jan. 28	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
Sun., Feb. 1	8:30 & 10:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall Worship, <i>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Communion</i> Sunday school for all ages
Mon., Feb. 2	12:00 pm	T4U Luncheon and meeting in Rider Hall
Tues., Feb. 3	10: 00 am	One Board meeting in Rider Hall (all are welcome to attend)
Sun., Feb. 8	4:00 pm	<i>Sylvan Waters Duo, Harp and Double Bass Concert</i>

The Chosen – Join us on Saturdays, February 21 (Episodes 3 & 4), March 21 (Episodes 5 & 6) and April 18 (Episodes 7 & 8) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for Chicken, Waffles, and The Chosen.