

# Wellspring

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



-Lent-  
*Grace*  
-Luke 15:20-24-

March 7, 2021

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Grace is the love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it, not necessarily because of anything we have done to earn it. It's an attribute of God that is most evident in the new life given to the soul through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Many people have a hard time fully embracing the unique and unparalleled message of the gospel in Jesus Christ. It's hard to believe that because of God's love and grace toward us, we can have eternal life and all sorts of blessings today through no effort or merit of our own. That seems too amazing to be true.

Truthfully, we've all experienced failures, bitterness, or setbacks. We carry unseen burdens that rob us of joy, keep us from praying, and even cause us to doubt God. Fortunately, God's grace is greater. Even when it doesn't make sense. Even when it doesn't feel fair. God's grace covers everything we've done. And the best way (perhaps the only real way) to understand it, is to experience it and then invite others to experience it as well.

During Lent, a 40-day season designed to deepen one's devotional approach to Easter, we will focus on God's amazing gift of grace...the relationship between grace and works, why grace doesn't mean you should keep sinning, how grace should impact your purpose in life, and how to live a life filled with grace.

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us. If you are new, please feel free to ask questions, be yourself, get connected, and let us know if there is anything we can do to make your experience most memorable.

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The United Methodist Women washed and packaged over 250 washcloths that are being shipped to Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti along with some Easter decorations.

## YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

During Lent we are raising awareness and funds for our continued efforts to help the programs of International Child Care (ICC) for kids and families in Dominican Republic and Haiti, especially Grace Children's Hospital.

There are many ways to get involved and support our commitment to providing global health and justice for all children. We are looking for Sunday school classes and small groups to help sponsor our Race For Grace T-shirts that we will use for our annual participation. For more information on how to be a sponsor or how you can participate in the 2021 Race For Grace team, please email Cheridy Dodd ([cdodd@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:cdodd@sharingtheheart.org)).

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VISIT THE LENT PAGE  
FOR MORE INFO!



## Do you have your Lent Gift Bag?

We want to make sure you get your bag filled with blessings for Lent. Stop by and get one at the church any time!



Need yours delivered?  
email [patty@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:patty@sharingtheheart.org)

Sermon: Forgive  
Scripture: Luke 15:20-24

Sermon Notes

1. Read Luke 15:11-32.
2. Which of the characters do you most relate? Why?
3. Reread verse 20. At what point did the father see his son? What was the father's response to seeing his son?
4. In what areas of your life do you feel "a long way off" from God?
5. In those places where you feel far from God, where sin and brokenness have led you feeling lonely in a "foreign land" – it's time to return home. God longs for us to be "home," to be connected to Christ.
6. Spend time in prayer asking for Christ's forgiveness and know that a compassionate Jesus is running toward you to welcome you home.

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**"Like" our Facebook page and be sure to check-in online!** For every new "like" and "check-in" we receive, we will provide three meals to hungry kids!

That's right! Your simple check-in helps spread the word about Wellspring and feeds kids. This is a simple click of the button that can have a big impact. Scan the QR code with your smart phone camera to be taken to our Facebook page.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

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Text **FIRSTUMC** to **73256** to make your tithes and offerings by text.  
*Standard text messaging rates may apply*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



## IN OUR PRAYERS

† Amy Riel and family on the loss of her mother Bobbie Laird  
† Clint Cypert and family on the loss of his brother Chance Cypert  
† Tim Stewart and Cynthia Jackson and their families on the loss of Sharon Stewart  
† Joseph Bradley and family on the loss of his grandmother Omah Jean Kidder

- Bianca Lima
- Caitlin Coleman and family
- Celia Simpson Bragg
- Charlotte Boring Womack
- David Franck
- Elaine Parent
- Erika Bazan
- Floyd
- Gaither Day
- Holly
- Jerry Harbert
- Jon Day
- Judy Cox
- Judy Gay
- Kathy Parker
- Holly Fitzgerald
- Lee Tipoff
- Lorraine Brown
- Mark Kinney
- Marion Morgan
- Marti Kale
- Mary Purtle
- Melissa Elementary School community
- Pat Anderson
- Paul Ballesteros
- Ron Wiese
- Savanna Bragg
- Sherry Kirwin
- Skylar Hicks

- Stephanie Kircher
- Steve Parry
- Tina Cristino
- Wanda Hunter
- Zach Williams
- Rev. David and Cindy Ceballos, Missionaries in Panama
- Chad & Nancy Bradley, Missionaries in Ethiopia
- All our members in care facilities
- Everyone affected by the weather, power outage, water issues
- Everyone affected by the Coronavirus
- Families experiencing job loss
- Those experiencing homelessness
- McKinney Warming station, the homeless, volunteers
- Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti
- Melissa United Methodist Church
- Caldwell Elementary School
- Military service members including: Capt Scott Adler, Capt Libby Adler, Sofia Lerma Alarcon, 1st Lt Joe Beeby, Marc Belo, CPL Matthew Broker, CTI2 Abigail Burns, CPT Aaron Bush, CPL Bradley Bush, AFC Drew Causey, 2nd Lt Vincent Chavez, Capt Ryan Clark, PFC Paul Confalone, Sgt Martin Damian DeLeon, GY Sgt Jim Ellsworth, Kevin English, Patrick English, James Evans, Lt Col David Faulk, PFC Cody Furstenberg, Charlie Gilbert, LC CPL Robert Gray, ETN2 Cory Halberstadt, CPT Josh Hewett, Pvt John Wesley Holder Jr., LT Mark Jbeily, Lt Col Jim Johnston, Ryan Kidd, Avery Montana Krast, Lt Ryan Lubin, Alec Mack, Lt Logan McQuerry, Maj. Richard Milam, Chap MAJ Tim Shepherd, Maj Chuck Miller, AFC Kevin G. Persons, Jr., MSGT, SFC Tyler Renshaw, 2nd Lt. Austin Rine, Bobby Sanders, SR4 Nick Schofield, Colby Seamster II, Jonathan Spiegel, CW2 Ryan Thurgood, Mark Townson, Specialist Zach Vernier, CPL Mike Wilkes, Jose Almaguer, SPC Blake Robertson, Capt John Martin, Msg Brian Franck.