

# A Celebration of Worship

March 23, 2025

## GATHERING MUSIC

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

**P: We have come for relief from life's turmoil. God gathers us as a shepherd gathers his sheep.**

L: God's steadfast love surrounds us here. We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

**P: This is God's house, and we are God's children. God invites us to feel at home in this place.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

UMH #158

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER

### HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

UMH #557

## CHILDREN'S STORY—held in the Nursery

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

## SERMON

"Why Believe in the Church?"

Pastor Kevin Rea

### \*HYMN

"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

TFWS #2221

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Dear Lord, our God, in your presence, our spirits are renewed. In your wisdom, we discover peace. In fellowship together, we find ways to share your good news with others. As we enjoy your blessings, help us to give from our abundance with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## \*BENEDICTION/\*POSTLUDE

## Serving Today

**Liturgist:** John Swihart

**Fellowship:** Covered Dish

## Staff

**Pastor:** Kevin Rea

**Office Assistant:** Caroline Rea

**Organist:** Jim O'Konski

**Flute:** Nancy Ott

**Lay Leader:** Valinda Hailey

## Contact Information

**Pastor's email:** krea@greatplainsumc.org

**Office Phone:** 785-232-3333 Fax: 785-232-9867

**Office Email:** graceumc27@gmail.com

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11-4, Thurs. 11-3, Fri. 11-4

## \*Please Stand

\*\*Hearing Assist Units are available from an usher.

\*\*\* Children are always welcome to stay in worship. Activity bags are available for them to use. They are hanging on a rack outside the sanctuary.

# Connection Card

Welcome to Topeka Grace UMC!

We are so glad you are here. Please take a moment to complete this card in its entirety and place it in the offering plate.

March 23, 2025

---

Name

---

Address

---

City

State

Zip

---

Phone

---

Email @gmail.com @yahoo.com @cox.net

- Please update my contact info.  
 Add me to the church email list.

Attending with me today:

---

I am a:  Out of town Guest

First time Guest  Frequent Guest

Second time Guest  Member

# Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

---

---

---

---

---

---

Please:

Share with Prayer Team

Keep confidential (Pastor only)

This person is:

Family  Friend  Member

Self  Co-worker  Other

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info.: \_\_\_\_\_

---

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, March 24

12:00 pm AA - #3

7:30 pm NA - #3

### Tuesday, March 25

1:00 pm A Disciple's Path Study - Parlor

5:30 pm AA - #3

6:00 pm A Disciple's Path Study - Crestview UMC

### Wednesday, March 26

5:30 pm AA - Parlor

6:00 pm Grace Admin Council Meeting

### Thursday, March 27

5:45 pm Women AA - #3

6:00 pm TOPS - Parlor

### Friday, March 28

6:30 pm NA - #3

### Sunday, March 30

10:45 am Worship

# Grace

## United Methodist Church



**March 23, 2025**