

# A Celebration of Worship

September 21, 2025

## GATHERING MUSIC

### GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come fill this place with your presence O Lord,

**P: We call upon you for you hear us when we pray.**

L: We come to celebrate your unchanging love,

**P: For in you we find refuge from our burdens.**

L: Watch over us O God, according to your tender love,

**P: Hide us from all adversity, in the shadow of your wings!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

UMH #110

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER

#### HYMN

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

UMH #453

### CHILDREN’S STORY—held in the Nursery

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:24, Romans 5:3-5, Romans 8:28 (CEB)

#### SERMON

“*Determination and Perseverance*”

*Pastor Kevin Rea*

#### \*HYMN

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH #462

**OFFERING PRAYER: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

### \*BENEDICTION/\*POSTLUDE

## Serving Today

**Liturgist:** Sean McCoy

**Fellowship:** Rowene Helwick & Gayle McCoy

## Staff

**Pastor:** Kevin Rea

**Office Assistant:** Caroline Rea

**Organist:** Jim O’Konski

**Flute:** Nancy Ott

**Lay Leader:** Valinda Hailey

## Contact Information

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### *\*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

# 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.

September 21, 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

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, September 22

12:00 pm AA - #3

7:30 pm NA - #3

### Tuesday, September 23

5:30 pm AA - #3

### Wednesday, September 24

5:30 pm AA - Parlor

### Thursday, September 25

5:45 pm Women AA - #3

6:00 pm TOPS - Parlor

### Friday, September 26

6:30 pm NA - #3

### Sunday, September 28

10:45 am Worship

## **Mission Statement**

Grace United Methodist Church is growing into an open, welcoming, and accepting Christ-centered community, committed to sharing the transforming love of Christ, and loving all people all the time!

# Grace

## United Methodist Church



## September 21st, 2025

Please:

- Share with Prayer Team  
 Keep confidential (Pastor only)

This person is:

- Family  Friend  Member  
 Self  Co-worker  Other

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

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

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