

# A Celebration of Worship

September 7, 2025

## GATHERING MUSIC

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: May God make us fertile soil for the gospel!

**P: May God make us diligent sowers of the Word!**

L: May God grant us the patience to endure failure!

**P: May God give us the faith to expect a rich harvest!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH #707

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER

### HYMN

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

UMH #599

## CHILDREN’S STORY—held in the Nursery

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 12:1-10 (NRSV)*

## SERMON

“The Meaning of Life”

*Pastor Kevin Rea*

## COMMUNION

UMH #13

### \*HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH #664

**OFFERING PRAYER: Mighty God, our comfort and our strength: we have lived in fear of disease, death, and not having enough. Yet, we are here, offering our gifts to the work of your kingdom and reminding ourselves of the glory about to be revealed to us. Remind us that we are your children, that we are your heirs. Remind us that your plan is not bondage or decay but a love that will save us and free us. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

### \*BENEDICTION/\*POSTLUDE

## Serving Today

**Liturgist:** Freda DeWitt

**Fellowship:** Ham Dinner - David & Claire Roth

## Staff

**Pastor:** Kevin Rea

**Office Assistant:** Caroline Rea

**Organist:** Jim O’Konski

**Flute:** Nancy Ott

**Lay Leader:** Valinda Hailey

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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 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.

September 7, 2025

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Name

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Address

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City

State

Zip

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Phone

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

Please update my contact info.

Add me to the church email list.

Attending with me today:

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I am a:  Out of town Guest

First time Guest  Frequent Guest

Second time Guest  Member

# Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

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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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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, September 8

12:00 pm AA - #3

7:30 pm NA - #3

### Tuesday, September 9

5:30 pm AA - #3

### Wednesday, September 10

5:30 pm AA - Parlor

### Thursday, September 11

9:30 am Coffee with the Pastor - Café Quetzal

5:45 pm Women AA - #3

6:00 pm TOPS - Parlor

### Friday, September 12

6:30 pm NA - #3

### Sunday, September 14

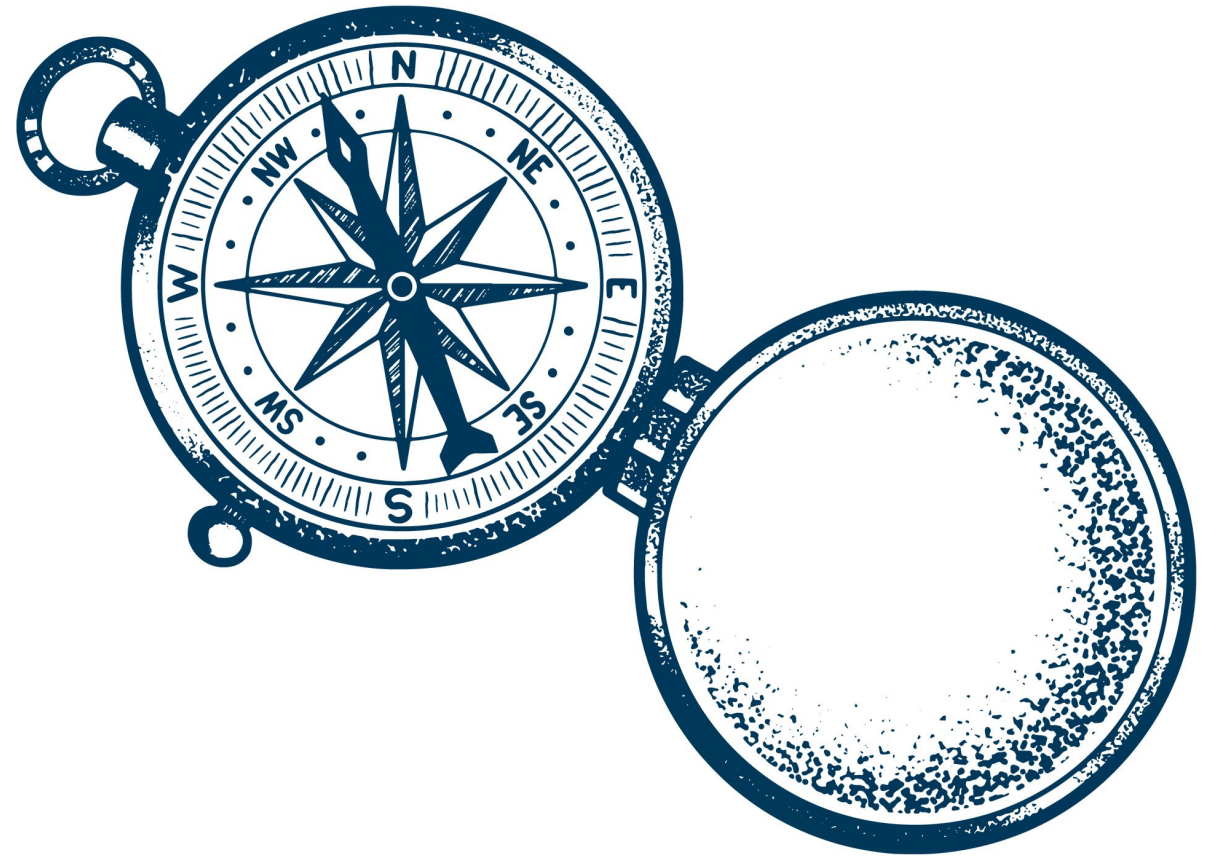
10:45 am Worship

## 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



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