A Celebration of Worship

August 2, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions.
P: We come with hearts made new, for God's mercy has set us free.
P: Come, all who long for grace, who hunger for peace, who thirst for the living God.
P: We will bless the Lord with all that is within us; we will remember His goodness and love.
L: Lift up your voices, for the One who forgives, restores, and redeems is here!
P: We worship the Lord, whose love knows no boundaries and whose mercy has no end!

***OPENING HYMN** "In Christ There is No East or West" UMH 548

JOYS AND CONCERNS
SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER

HYMN "O God in Heaven" UMH 119

SCRIPTURE **1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NRSV) & Ephesians 2:4-6 (NIRV)**

MESSAGE **"What's Love Got to Do with Do with Holding Grudges?"**

COMMUNION

***CLOSING** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

OFFERING PRAYER: Gracious God, As Your beloved children, we long to walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us—a fragrant offering to you. Today, we bring these gifts with grateful hearts. May they, and our lives, be pleasing in Your sight and used to share your love with the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***DOXOLOGY** "My Tribute" UMH 99

***BENEDICTION/*POSTLUDE**

Serving Today

Liturgist: Freda Dewitt
Fellowship: Donna Larrison & Jane Roth

Next Sunday (8/9):
Liturgist: Pam Trimble
Fellowship: Gayle McCoy & Rowene Helwick

Staff

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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.

August 2, 2026

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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, August 3
12:00 pm AA - #3
7:30 pm NA - #3

Tuesday, August 4
Voting
4:00 pm - Grace Women in Faith
5:30 pm AA - Parlor

Wednesday, August 5
5:30 pm AA - Parlor

Thursday, August 6
5:45 pm Women AA - #3
6:00 pm TOPS - Parlor

Friday, August 7
9 am - SC Adventures in Learning
6:30 pm NA - #3

Saturday, August 8

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!

