A Celebration of Worship

October 18, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Friends, the world will try to distract us from the work God has given us.

P: We will not come down from the wall—our God has called us to a great work!

L: The enemy may whisper lies and stir up fear.

P: The Lord is our strength, our shield, and our defender.

L: We gather, not in fear, but in faith—trusting the One who finishes what he begins.

P: We lift our voices in praise of the God who calls, equips, and protects.

***OPENING HYMN**	"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"	UMH 79
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER		
HYMN	"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" 2x	UMH 349
SCRIPTURE	**Nehemiah 6:1-4, 15-16 (NIV)**	
MESSAGE	**"Remnant Temptation, Faithful God"**	
***CLOSING**	"How Great Thou Art"	UMH 77

OFFERING PRAYER: Holy God, giver of all good gifts, as Nehemiah faced opposition and prayed, "Strengthen my hands," we ask that these gifts be used to build your kingdom, sustain your people, and extend your love to the world. Accept them as acts of gratitude, faith, and commitment to Your mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY** "In His Time" TFWS 2203

***BENEDICTION/*POSTLUDE**

Serving Today

Liturgist: Shawn McCoy
Fellowship: **Angel & Amaya Washington**

Next Sunday (10/25):
Liturgist: John Swihart
Fellowship: Rowene Helwick

Staff

Pastor: Kevin Rea
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(Hours will be changing in September)

***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.

October 18, 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

Sunday, October 18
1:00 pm - Combined Worship Team Meeting

Monday, October 19
11:30 am - AA #3
7:30 pm - NA - #3

Tuesday, October 20
1:00 pm - Grace Small Study Group
5:30 pm - AA - Parlor
6:00 pm - Crestview Small Study Group

Wednesday, October 21
5:30 pm - AA - Parlor
6:00 pm - Grace Leadership Meeting

Thursday, October 22
5:45 pm - Women AA - #3
6:00 pm - TOPS - Parlor

Friday, October 23
9:00 am - Adventures in Learning
6:30 pm - NA - #3

Saturday, October 24
5:00 pm - Oxford House Event

Sunday, October 25
2:30-4:00 pm - Crestview
Trunk or Treat



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!

