



Welcome to Worship

Rev. David Fleming

Song – “Think About His Love”

Lowella Cherry, piano

Children’s Sermon

Karla Hefty

Scripture Reading – 1 John 4:7-21

Joe Peters

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love

God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Act of Praise – “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Chancel Bells with Linda Stanley, clarinet

Sermon – “I Love You...Do You Love Me?”

Rev. Fleming

Please Register Your Attendance

Please use the following link to let us know you were watching:

<http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

Ways to Give

Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at gaumch.org. Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

You Can Now Give to the Church Through Texting

Grand Avenue has set up “Give by Text” through Vanco. You now have the opportunity to give online to some of our most popular giving funds, such as Community Meals, Blessing Box, Food for Backpacks, etc. To get started download the GIVE PLUS+ app from your app store. Search for Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. The app will allow you to set up a new account or log in to an existing account. You can also choose to give without setting up an account. Once you select give, you will have the option to give to our general fund or several other frequently used funds. Our unique 10 digit phone number is 844-926-3814. Text the following words to this number to give:

- GIVE—to give to the general fund
- PANTRY—to give to the Blessing Box fund
- STORE—to give to our Outreach fund
- KIDS—to give to Food for Backpacks
- MEALS—to give to Community Meals
- SENIORS—to give to Food for Seniors

You will be guided through setting up your account the first time you use Text to Give.

Strivers and Victory Sunday School Class Available Online

Each week the teachers of the Strivers and Victory Sunday School classes pre-record lessons using the “Adult Bible Studies.” As we start the new “God Revealed” this Sunday, Martha Blancke gets us off to a great start. Based on Exodus 33-34, her lesson is entitled “God Reveals Who God Is.” The lesson helps us understand God as revealed to Moses. Martha’s teaching is here:

<https://youtu.be/NoGpUI9pP7s>

For those who would like to learn more, our publisher has provided a video introduction. In it, Mark Price revisits Moses’ encounter with God as recorded in Exodus 33. We are mistaken, he says, when we talk about so-called “mountaintop experiences” as only those rare encounters we might have with God. He believes such experiences should be the norm. Then perhaps we’d find ourselves much less prone to failures of faith in a crisis and much more likely to see all of God’s goodness right in front of us, where it always is. You will find the introduction here:

<https://tinyurl.com/y98ame37>

Grand Avenue UMC Trustees Announce New COVID Guidelines

The COVID numbers have been in steady decline in our county, and many in our congregation have been vaccinated. In response, our Trustees have voted to amend our COVID policies to give everyone a bit more freedom while maintaining a safe environment for all. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Beginning Sunday, May 9:

- We will no longer require temperature checks to enter the building.

- We will offer in-person worship at 8:30 as well as 10:45. (We will continue to offer opportunities online as well.)
- We will re-open the doors at the Quapaw Entrance for those attending worship. (Enter at Quapaw for worship at 8:30; enter at Quapaw or at the Office for worship at 10:45.) Greeters will continue to record names and phone numbers for all who attend.
- We will continue to require that everyone wear a mask while inside the church for any activity including worship, but we will open additional pews and relax “social distancing.” (Seating in classrooms at the back of the Sanctuary will be reserved for those who still choose to practice “social distancing.”)
- Sunday School classes and other groups will not resume regular meetings yet; however, groups are encouraged to meet in Fellowship Hall. Call the Church Office to schedule your meeting (501-623-5626).
- Meals will be served in Fellowship Hall, but only as part of our bereavement ministry.

For more information, contact the church office (501-623-5626). For other activities, see the CDC guidelines below.