

THE SCANDAL OF GRACE



EDISTO ISLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Welcome and greet one another!.

You may say to your neighbor, "The Peace of Christ be with you".

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #328**

"Surely the Presence"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon God's name.

We remember the wonderful works God has done.

God fed the hungry in the wilderness and gave manna to those who had none.

God pours out the Spirit on all flesh, early and late, young and old.

The first and the last, the strong and the weary, the certain and the searching—

All are welcome in the vineyard of God's grace.

Come, let us worship the God whose generosity knows no measure.

We rejoice in the God who makes us one in Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious and generous God, You gather us into your presence, not because we have earned a place, but because your love calls us by name. Pour out your Spirit upon us today. Open our hearts to your Word, our lives to your grace, and our hands to your service. Make us joyful laborers in your vineyard, trusting not in our merit but in your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

With confidence in God's Grace, let us now confess our sins.

Merciful God, we confess that we have grumbled in the face of your generosity. We measure ourselves against others, envy your blessings, and cling to our sense of fairness. We forget your faithfulness, your manna in the wilderness, your Spirit poured out on all flesh. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our hearts with gratitude, and make us glad for every gift you give. In Christ, make us one. Amen.

(Let us confess our sins in silence)

Hear the good news: God's grace is not a wage but a gift. God's mercy is not earned but given freely. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our eyes to your generosity, open our ears to your invitation, and open our hearts to your grace. Make us ready to receive what you give and eager to share what you pour out. In Christ's name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16: 2-15

PSALTER

Psalms 105: 1-6, 37-45

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,

that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

***THE GOSPEL**

Acts 2: 14-21, 33-35

Matthew 20: 1-16

SERMON

“The Old Math of Simple Mercy”

***HYMN #**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY #95**

“Praise God from All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Generous God, from your abundance we have received, and from your abundance we now give. Bless these gifts, multiply their fruit, and use them to extend your grace to those who hunger for hope, thirst for justice, and long for belonging. Make us faithful stewards in your vineyard of mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #**

***SENDING FORTH & BLESSING**

Go into the world as people of grace.

We go, grateful for God’s generosity.

Remember the manna in the wilderness—daily bread for all.

God provides enough for everyone.

Remember the Spirit poured out on all flesh.

God empowers early and late, young and old.

Remember the landowner who welcomes every worker.

God’s mercy is wider than our imagination.

Go in peace, rejoicing in God’s scandalous grace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.





Last Sunday:
September 13, 2026
Attendance: 72
(in person & online)
Offering: **\$4,265**

Edisto Island UMC



**QR Code for Offering
& Special Giving**



**The flowers today are
given by the Tindall Family
to the Glory of God and in
honor of Harriet Tindall's
birthday.**



*The Steele Family, Debbie Spratlin, Patti Smyer,
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Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Bob Spratlin, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer,
Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton,*



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10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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Sundays at 8:40 AM



Adult Sunday School

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