



LENT LAB 2025

**Experiment 1:** Sunday, March 9, 2025

# Who Is Grace For?

BARRINGTON  
UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

## HYMN #121

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
Vocal Ensemble

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| (1) There's a wideness in God's mercy,<br>like the wideness of the sea.<br>There's a kindness in God's justice,<br>which is more than liberty. | (2) There is welcome for the sinner,<br>and more graces for the good.<br>There is mercy with the Savior,<br>there is healing in his blood.   |
| (3) For the love of God is broader<br>than the measures of the mind,<br>and the heart of the Eternal<br>is most wonderfully kind.              | (4) If our love were but more simple,<br>we should rest upon God's word,<br>and our lives would be illumined<br>by the presence of our Lord. |

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Susan Acosta, Director of Family Ministries and  
Noah's Ark Christian Academy

## PRAYER

Gail Rossow

## THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 5: 1-20

Lauren Jiles Johnson

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

## SERMON

*“Experiment 1: Who Is Grace for?”*  
Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

## HYMN #121

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*  
Vocal Ensemble

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| (1) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!<br>Thou art the potter, I am the clay.<br>Mold me and make me after thy will,<br>while I am waiting, yielded and still. | (2) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!<br>Search me and try me, Savior today!<br>Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,<br>as in thy presence humbly I bow.. |
| (3) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!<br>Wounded and weary, help me I pray!<br>Power, all power, surely is thine!<br>Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!     | (4) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!<br>Hold o'er my being absolute sway.<br>Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see<br>Christ only, always, living in me!    |

## INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

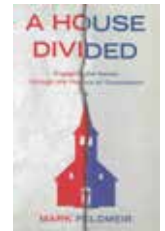
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Ensemble–Seth Durbin, Jenna Hesseln, Patti Mangis

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**A House Divided – New Men’s Study** | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays in BUMC Room 111  
 Beginning March 15, Practical Christianity for Men will begin a study of the book *A House Divided – Engaging the Issues Through the Politics of Compassion* by Mark Feldmeir, Senior Pastor at Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and a member of the faculty at Claremont School of Theology.



**United Women in Faith Gathering** | Wednesday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 111 and via Zoom  
 What experiences and rituals of faith are significant for you? How has your faith been nurtured? Perhaps it’s communion, going to camp or a mission trip, a healing circle, or a prayer vigil. Please join us as we reflect on John 13:3-9 and share our experiences. A light lunch will be provided. All are invited; we hope to see you! Use the QR code to join by Zoom. Contact the church office at 847-836-5540 for more information.



**The Gospel of Mark: Living Up to the Challenge**

Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 111 or online, led by Reverend Bill Obalil  
 “The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news,” is both a gracious invitation and a bracing challenge from Jesus. Join Reverend Bill Obalil this Lenten season as we read the shortest Gospel together and explore its implications for us in today’s world.



**Our Sacred Breath: A Spiritual Growth Retreat sponsored by UWF Northern Illinois Conference**

Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Park Ridge  
 There will be times of sharing, prayer, contemplation, conversation, movement, stillness, focused breathing, and music. All who attend this gathering will experience a deeper sense of the holy. The featured speaker is Deaconess Martha Lundgren. For more information, including carpool arrangements, contact Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net

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**Easter Flowers**

Flowers are available for purchase to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please order online through the QR code or the form below by Monday, March 24.

- Tulips – \$13.50
- Kalanchoe – \$13.50
- Daffodils – \$13.50
- Chrysanthemums – \$15.50
- Hyacinths – \$13.50
- Azaleas – \$23.50



These flowers are given in memory of: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
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These flowers are given in honor of: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please state how you would like to be listed in our Easter bulletin:  
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### **Children and Youth this morning**

Kids, get ready for an adventure! Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to JAM Sunday School after Children's Time in both services this morning. Throughout March, we're diving into "Bible Science"—where faith and fun experiments come together to make God's Word come alive! Don't miss out!

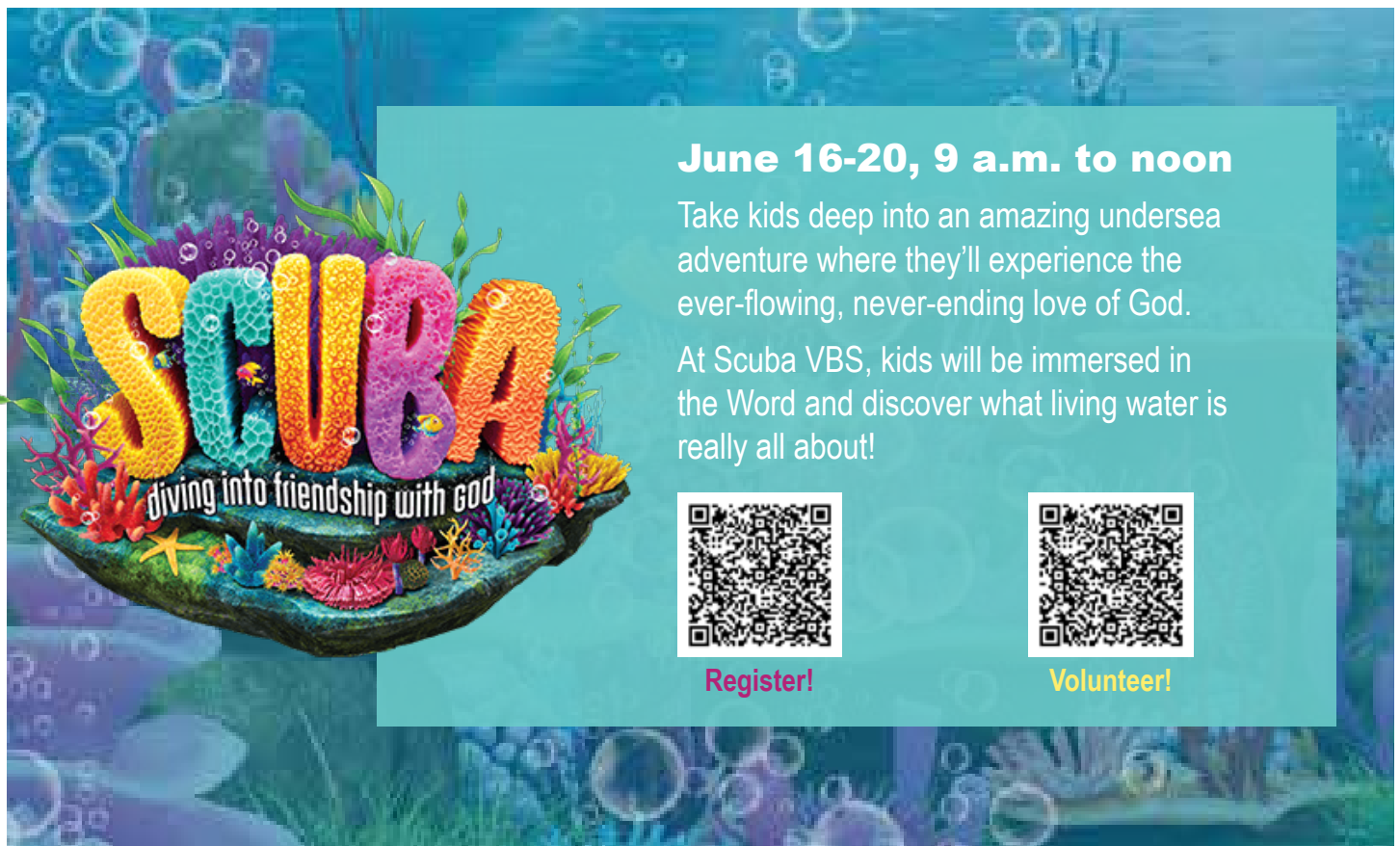
Students, 6th through 12th grade, are invited to gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the youth room.

### **Gather Together with Lectio Divina** | *Second Sundays*

Today at 9:15 to 10 a.m. in the Dining Room

We invite you to experience the presence of God through contemplation of the scriptures with Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina, literally "Divine Reading," is a Christian practice that dates back to the early days of the church. Join us as we meet together on the second Sunday of each month. No experience with the technique is required, and no preparation or long-term commitment is necessary. Lectio Divina is easy to learn and can become an inspiring, restful way to draw closer to God. You will have time to enjoy a cup of coffee before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For more information, contact Terrie McComb at [tmmccomb@msn.com](mailto:tmmccomb@msn.com).


**Stations of the Cross** Share your creative gifts and artistic talents to inspire visitors and our church community during Holy Week, with a unique Stations of the Cross exhibit. We are looking for artists from the BUMC/Comunidad Cristiana Community to create original artwork for Stations of the Cross to be displayed in the BUMC Chapel from Sunday, April 13 through Good Friday, April 18. Works can be expressed in the media of your choice - drawing, painting, fiber arts, sculpture, collage, computer graphics, mixed media, vignette, photography, etc. All ages are welcome to participate and create something new and original for this event. For more information, contact Terrie McComb, [tmmccomb@msn.com](mailto:tmmccomb@msn.com).




**June 16-20, 9 a.m. to noon**

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!



**Register!**



**Volunteer!**

## Experience the Journey of Holy Week

### **Palm Sunday**

*April 13, at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

Celebrate the beginning of Holy Week and experience the joy of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as we wave palm branches and sing praises.

### **Holy Thursday**

*April 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Join us as we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with His disciples. This year's Holy Thursday service will take place in Fellowship Hall and include Holy conversation, a shared meal, and reflection on Jesus' love and sacrifice.

All are welcome to this moving experience as we begin Holy Week together.

### **A Family Journey Through Easter**

*Friday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m.*

Together, we'll explore the sights, sounds, smells, and more as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Don't miss this fun and meaningful experience for all ages!



### **Good Friday**

*April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

Come and gather for a solemn and powerful reflection on Good Friday as we remember Christ's sacrifice. The Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will lead us in a unique Tenebrae service.

If you need a ride to any of these services or can assist by providing transportation for others, please contact Elizabeth Schule at [eschule@barringtonumc.com](mailto:eschule@barringtonumc.com).

### **Stations of the Cross**

Be sure to visit our Stations of the Cross displayed in the chapel through Holy Week. We encourage everyone to come early or stay after worship to meditate on these artistic portrayals of Christ's passion.

# Easter

*Easter Sunday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary*

New hope and new life burst forth on Easter morning, with songs of resurrection led by the Chancel Choir and Stonegate Brass at both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

