

Building bridges between Christ and our community

March 22, 2026  
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Senior Pastor:  
Rev. Michelle Shrader

Welcome to Grace! Please fill out a Connect Card—either a digital version or a hard copy & *place it in the offering basket or leave in the narthex.* (This is our attendance.) For more information on Grace, visit our website: [www.gumcmi.com](http://www.gumcmi.com). Thank you for joining us today.

### 2026 MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS: RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Ending hunger starts with a meal — Every day Rise Against Hunger meals are served worldwide in serious hunger pocket communities—often the hardest places to reach. Rise Against Hunger’s meal packaging program coordinates an assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals. Grace will again host a meal packaging event next year. Your gift goes toward funding the meals for the event, and beyond that, to resilience, self-sufficiency, education, empowerment and bright futures in communities worldwide.

**Please indicate “March Missions” on your offering**



Sunday School: 10 am  
Nursery/preschool to Kindergarten: Rm 121  
Grades 1-3: Rm 221 Grades 4-6: Rm 224  
Children’s Church 11am: Grades K-6: Rm 221  
Nursery: 9 am—noon, 0-4 years old: Rm 121

**Worship Services: 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am**

**Gathering Grounds: E&A Lobby, 8:30—11:15 am**

**Worship Service**  
**March 22, 2026**  
**9:00 am**

Notes

**Prelude** "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"

**Welcome** Pastor Michelle

**Call To Worship** Pastor Michelle

**Passing of the Peace**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
UMH #140

**\*Hymn** "O Breath of Life"  
UMH #543

**Apostles' Creed, #881** Bill York

**A Time of Prayer** Pastor Michelle

**Offertory:** "Down to the River to Pray"  
Arr. Mary McDonald | Chancel Choir

~ Passing of Offering Baskets ~

**Doxology**

**\*Scripture:** Ezekial 37:1-14 Bill York

**Message:** "An Inspired Life" Pastor Michelle

**Communion**  
~ Gluten free wafers available ~

**\*Closing Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
UMH #474

**Benediction** Pastor Michelle

**Postlude** "Alleluia"

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

Our **2026 Easter Season Cantata** takes place on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 4:30pm. This year, our choir and guest musicians offer John Rutter's "Requiem" - a journey through darkness into eternal light. This service will incorporate various sensory elements to provide a meaningfully reflective worship experience for all!

**The Easter egg hunt** on April 4th is just around the corner! We need lots pre-stuffed eggs with candy and small prizes, such as stickers and other trinkets. Please no chocolate.

In celebration of Easter, we are excited to offer beautiful yard signs here at Grace for our congregation to purchase and display at home. Each sign will feature the joyful message "He Is Risen" along with our church logo, creating a warm and welcoming witness to the season. They are selling for only \$20.00 and we hope they will brighten your yard sharing the hope of Easter.

Easter Flowers! Help us create a beautiful garden in our sanctuary this Easter! Our Easter flowers will be a variety of different plants and flowers, filling the space with color and bringing joy to our Easter morning services. Cost of flowers are \$30.00 dollars per flower.



**Coffee with the Pastor on April 12:** If you have questions about Membership, baptizing your child, or are new and want to learn a little bit more about getting involved in the church, join Pastor Michelle in her office between services 10:15 or after the 11:00 service. Grab a cup of coffee from the coffee bar on the way!

Thanks to everyone that ordered gift cards through our program last week! Every little bit can add up. We'd love to see more people use the program as part of their monthly budget. A typical budget order could consist of a Publix card for each week, a Walmart card for cleaning supplies and toilet paper, a drug store card (Walgreens or CVS) for any prescriptions. No extra cost to you for items you would purchase anyway and the church gets a percentage back on your shopping. When ordering cards you can pay Raise Right directly from your bank account or credit card or pay the church directly with a check. Call or email April Patellis with any questions you may have ([apatellis@juno.com/321-432-5185](mailto:apatellis@juno.com/321-432-5185)).



***Flowers are to the Glory and honor of God in celebration of  
Jonell and Mike Pope's 40th Anniversary.***

***See the 2026 flower list in the Narthex & the E&A Building.***



***You can give online!***

Scan the QR code to be directed  
to our online giving page!  
Thank you for your generosity!

**Upcoming Events**

**March 24:** 6:30 pm Church Council

**March 29:** Easter Cantata

**April 4:** Easter Egg Hunt

# CALENDAR

Church office & library: Open Mon-Thurs 9-3

Preschool: Mon-Fri 9-12

## **Sunday, March 22**

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service; Nursery 9 am – noon, Birth – 4 yo, #121

10:00 am Special Gathering #112, 200, 209, Chapel, Workroom

10:00 am Sunday School: Nursery/preschool to K, #121; Grades 1-3: # 221; Grades 4-6: #224;

Young Adults: #213; New Horizons: #214; Aldersgate: #212

11:00 am Special Gathering: FH

11:00 am Children's Church: K-6: #221

## **Monday, March 23**

10:00 am Chair Yoga, #206

6:30 pm Post Car Show Mtg. #112

## **Tuesday, March 24**

10:00 am Women of Faith Bible Study, #212

12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

12:30 pm Kyle Bauman Celebration of Life, FH

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH

6:30 pm Church Council Mtg. #206

## **Wednesday, March 25**

7:30-8:30 pm Choir Practice, Music Room

## **Thursday, March 26**

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am Clothing Closet

7:30 pm Bells

## **Friday, March 27**

6:00 am Men's Prayer/Bible Study–Merritt Island Assembly of God.

11:00 am Sandy Jeter Celebration of Life, Sanctuary

## **Saturday, March 28**

10:00—2:00 Choir, Sanctuary

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b><u>9:00 am:</u> 94</b>	<b><u>11:00 am:</u> 5</b>
<b>Online:</b>	<b><u>9:00 AM</u> 280</b>	<b><u>11:00 AM</u> 251</b>
	<b>Youth: 1</b>	<b>Nursery: 2</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b><u>10 am:</u> 2</b>	<b><u>11 am:</u> 3</b>

**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**March/April** available in the  
Narthex and E&A lobby.  
(Suggested donation: \$1.50)



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"Worship Online"  
Items for the bulletin are due by Tuesdays at 11 am  
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