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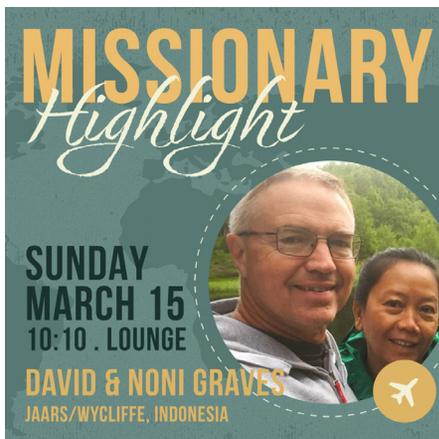
Who done it?? Find out at the Youth Mystery Dinner on Apr 4. Scan the QR for location & info.



Order your hanging baskets for spring at the Welcome Center or follow the QR code. They'll be here in time for Mother's Day!



Registration is OPEN! Scan the QR code to learn more about our program and contact Becca.



Learn about the Graves' work in Indonesia. Next Sunday at 10:10a in the lounge. All are welcome to attend.



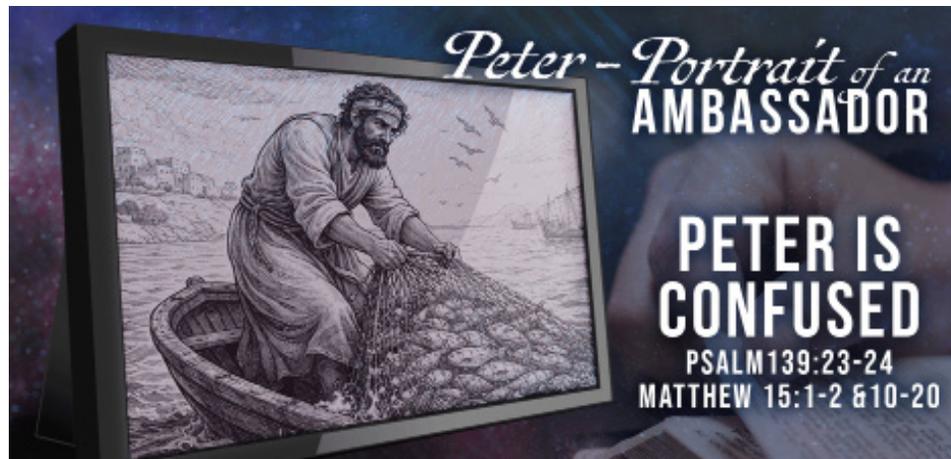
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Grace of Christ Church

To Love Jesus, Love our City, Together in Community - March 8, 2026



WELCOME TO GRACE!

Greetings Friends in Christ!

We continue with our series on Peter as we follow his call and life becoming an ambassador of Jesus. Today Jesus confronts the religious leaders for honoring tradition over truth. He reveals that true defilement doesn't come from unwashed hands, but from an unclean heart. Peter is confused because Jesus' teaching directly contradicts the lifelong, deeply ingrained religious traditions of the Pharisees regarding ritual purity and kosher laws. Peter (speaking for the disciples) struggled to grasp how traditional, God-ordained dietary rules could be suddenly deemed irrelevant to a person's spiritual state. Jesus' message here was simple. The issue isn't dirty hands - it's a dirty heart.

Peter's story makes room for real people. If you've ever felt too unimportant to make a difference, Peter's story is for you, flaws and all, to be included in God's family and to become an ambassador for Christ.

Dennis Whitcher, Guest Preacher

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am - Contemporary Worship

9:15am - Kids & Youth dismissed to their classes

11am - Traditional Worship - Choir & Organ

Childcare available on the main floor across from the office

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Lead Pastor - Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr

Kids & Families - Sarah Huck | Youth & Young Adults - Kara Candid

Portrait of an Ambassador: Peter Is Confused

Dennis Whitcher

Scripture: Psalm 139:23-24; Matthew 15:1-2, 10-20

Study Questions

Foundation 1: How are we Defiled?

How was Peter locked in to the traditions of the Pharisees? Why does that matter? What "traditions" of our church might make it difficult to new people to feel at home in our church?

Foundation 2: Jesus Turns the Tables

Peter was not afraid to ask questions. He was confused and he asked Jesus to explain the parable in our passage. He wants to understand. What questions do you have about your faith, even your life...

Foundation 3: Peter Grows to Lead the Early Church

The disciples were concerned that Jesus was ignoring and offending the influential, traditional Pharisees. Think about how could you talk to someone about their faith (and your faith) without being confrontational.

Implication: Ambassadors Are Bold

What was the mission of Peter? As the chief apostle, he spread the gospel, particularly to the Jews, and opened the door to the Gentiles (notably Cornelius). How might we look for Jesus to empower us to continue his mission?

Application: Where do you see yourself in Peter's Story?

Peter's story makes room for real people. If you've ever felt too unimportant to make a difference, Peter's story is for you. What is one small step of faith you could take this week?

Prayer

Psalm 51:10 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God, and Renew a Right Spirit within me."

UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION UPDATE FROM THE GRAVES - MAR 15

Join David and Noni Graves in the Lounge at 10:10am next Sunday, March 15 to learn about how God is at work in Indonesia.

COOKIES FOR SUNDAY

We are grateful for everyone who contributes snacks for our fellowship time on Sundays. If your last name starts with A-F, please bring cookies to the Fireside Kitchen on Sunday before the 9am or 11am service, or drop off during the week to the main office.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Church Photo Directories are available for purchase at the Welcome Center or in the main office. Recommended donation of \$4 to cover the costs of printing.

MEMORIAL FOR KATHY DAVIS - MAR 21

We pray for the family of Kathy Davis who passed away in February. Her memorial service will be Saturday, March 21 at 11am in the Sanctuary.

PRAY YAKIMA 24/7 - TODAY

The PY24/7 team chooses scriptures and prayers for each church to use each month as we lift up our city. For this month's prayers visit: YakimaGrace.com/PrayYakima.

DID YOU KNOW?

NEED WIFI?

Network: Guest Wifi PW: JesusLovesMe!

VISITING TODAY?



Follow the QR Code to find out more about what to expect on a Sunday morning.

You will also find info about our Sunday programs for children and teens, as well as how to connect to who we are as a church.

CONNECT CARD



We are glad you're here! Help us connect with you. Scan the code or fill out a card in the pew racks.

NEED PRAYER?

Our team is available after each service by the piano to pray and connect with you.

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