

Glade Weekly News

March 17 - 23, 2025



Glade Church, a United Church of Christ (UCC) congregation, is a progressive Christian community—welcoming, compassionate, and joyful—seeking to embrace all people wherever they find themselves in life. We strive to discern God’s still-speaking voice through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We work for God’s peace and social, economic, and ecological justice.

Lectionary Readings for the Week

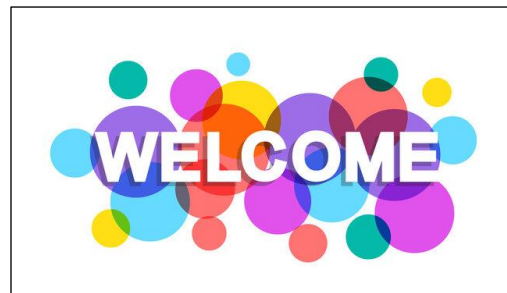
Isaiah 55:1-9 — Psalm 63:1-8 — 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 — Luke 13:1-9

Scripture for the Week

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (Common English Bible)

¹Brothers and sisters, I want you to be sure of the fact that our ancestors were all under the cloud and they all went through the sea. ²All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³All ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. They drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵However, God was unhappy with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶These things were examples for us, so we won’t crave evil things like they did. ⁷Don’t worship false gods like some of them did, as it is written, *The people sat down to eat and drink and they got up to play.* ⁸Let’s not practice sexual immorality, like some of them did, and twenty-three thousand died in one day. ⁹Let’s not test Christ, like some of them did, and were killed by the snakes. ¹⁰Let’s not grumble, like some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them as an example and were written as a warning for us to whom the end of time has come. ¹²So those who think they are standing need to watch out or else they may fall. ¹³No temptation has seized you that isn’t common for people. But God is faithful. He won’t allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.

Word for the Week



Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

Paul has several passages that are similar to this one. I heard it preached so often that Christians needed to isolate themselves from anyone who wasn’t a “good Christian.” Anyone who thought differently or believed differently was someone who could potentially pull you off the path of righteousness and into the pit of Hell. To associate with a person of a different faith tradition was to put your own faith at risk.

However, that interpretation was a misinterpretation, as so often happens when it comes to the words of Paul. The message underlying these words is that Christians should engage all their neighbors with love, imitating Jesus by reaching out across the boundaries of tradition and religion.

Outreach to our neighbors, regardless of whether they are Greek or Jew, is glorifying to God. Why be so focused on your own potential for sin? Is your faith so weak? Radical hospitality is an essential part of being

Volunteers are needed for Kids Church and Youth Group

There are leader slots available for youth, kids, and nursery. Session topic info is available on the sign-up link below. Youth Group is on the first and third Sundays of each month and Kids Church is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month during worship service. Here is the link to sign up to serve our children:

[Kids Church and Youth Group Volunteer Signup](#)



Mark your calendar - The Big Event will be on April 5, 2025 from 8 AM until noon. This is the day where VT students come and help us tackle projects outside the church. We need volunteers to clean inside the church as well. If you want to help but already have plans that day, you're welcome to go to the church any time to clean. Contact David Taylor (David.taylor1@verizon.net) for more information or to sign up.

Laundry Love

Thursday March 27 from 6-8 PM and Sunday April 6 from 2-4 PM at North Main Laundromat.

Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer. This is a great way to put "Words" into "Actions" of faith and love. We do this at the laundromat on North Main across from the Y-Thrift Shop. Click below to volunteer!

[VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE](#)

Glade Community Group on Facebook

We have a private community group on Facebook! If you're active on Facebook and would like to join, contact Sandra Bryant at kstbryant@gmail.com to get connected.

Coffee & Devotion Group Meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 am

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer. This time of fellowship is open to everyone, it's a time to gather for conversation, devotion and prayer. Come meet some people you may not know.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUkdPaUNqUT09>

Radical Conversations [RadCon] Meets Saturdays at 11:00 am

Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. RadCon is open to any and every interested individual.

Women's Book Group Meets Third Mondays at 7 PM on Zoom

The Women's Book Group meets on the third Monday of each month on Zoom at 7 PM for a discussion of the current book. The book for April is "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn. Contact Rebecca Herman at rherman@gilesk12.net for the Zoom link.

UCC Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statements

Purpose: To love God with all our heart, mind soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. (From the Gospel of Matthew)

Vision: United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

Mission: United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.

John 17:21 is the scriptural foundation of the United Church of Christ