



REV. R. GRACE IMATHIU

Grace was born in Kenya and grew up in the city of Nairobi. She was educated in Kenya, the U.S. and at Cambridge University, U.K.. She pursued doctoral research in New Testament at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She is an ordained elder in the Methodist Church in Kenya and has served congregations there, and in the U.S.

Grace is in demand as a preacher across the world, and has visited Europe, Australia, Asia and the Americas. Her sermons, bible studies and talks, laced with African wisdom and her own eloquence, intelligence and charm have captivated millions. She is the author of *Words of Fire*, *Spirit of Grace*, published by True North.

Formerly the lead pastor of First United Methodist Church in Green Bay, Grace is currently pastor of Brown Deer United Methodist Church in Wisconsin.

PRAISE FOR GRACE IMATHIU

“When you hear Grace Imathiu, you hear the word of God. To listen to Grace is to hear the words of the Holy Scripture come to life and become living words of faith and hope.”

*Dr. Eddie Fox
Director of Evangelism, World Methodist Council*

“When Grace Imathiu preaches, people listen and are changed. Perceptions about the world in which we live, about the Scriptures, and about God’s claim on the life of individuals and the community are challenged and transformed”

Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader

“In the cold days of Winter, a sermon by Grace Imathiu is sure to warm your soul.”

*Mary-Liz Shaw
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

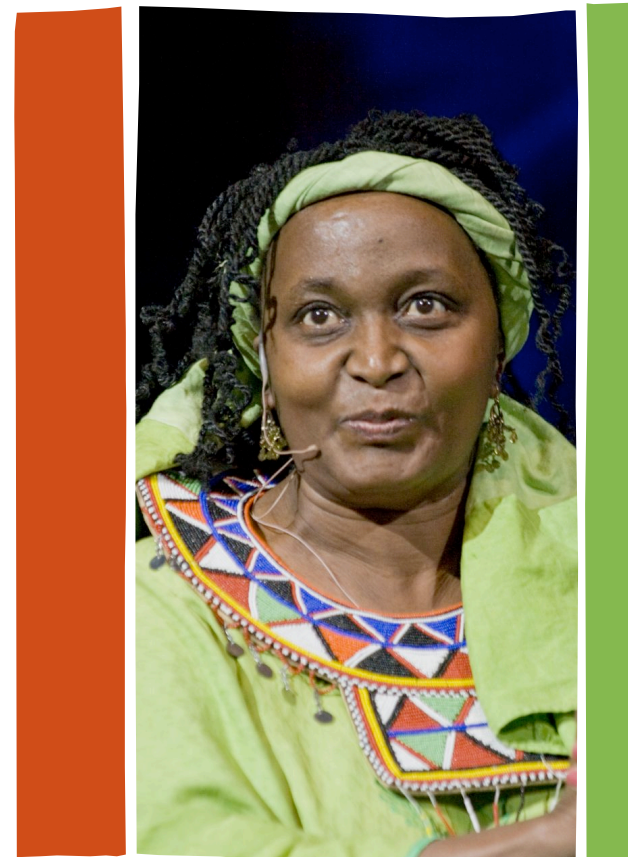
“Grace is so vibrant, so enthusiastic, and her laugh is contagious!”

*Jean Peerenboom
Green Bay Press Gazette*

First United Methodist Church,
Downers Grove, presents

Rev. Grace Imathiu

The Gospel According to Grace



Saturday, March 6

10:00AM – 2:30PM

1032 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove IL 60515
(630) 968-7120
<http://www.dgfumc.org/>



THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO GRACE

“Can you see the vision? Can you see us daring to live with each other in radical ways that overcome the ghosts of our past? Can you see it yet? Can you see us stirring up the system by daring to believe in subversive ideals of justice and mercy and God for all? Have you seen the vision that makes the hardships and loneliness and sadness and struggles and often pointless existence of isolation bearable?

I am beginning to see God’s vision. I can see us, all God’s children, embracing and sitting down at the same table and looking each other in the eye in the presence of the one who calls each one of us ‘Beloved’.”

“Jesus came to remind us who we are and to free us from the things that would cripple us, keep us bent double with shame or anger or fear, keeping our eyes fixed on the ground. Jesus came to call us to stretch, to grow, to stand up straight, to soar. Child of God, you are called for no less than this. This is your day to fly.”

“My theme is the overwhelming need and desire for conversation in our world.”



Schedule

Saturday, March 6, 2010

10:00 AM	Registration and Coffee
10:30 AM	Session 1
Grace will speak and answer questions	
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Session 2
2:30 PM	End of Program

Registration Fees

Adults: \$25 per person
Students: \$15 per person
Under 18s: \$5 per person
(when accompanied by a paying adult)

All fees include lunch.

Please send your registration and payment to the church office by February 28th, 2010.

Workshop Registration

Adults \$25 Students \$15 Under-18s \$5
All fees include lunch.
Under-18 fee valid when accompanied by a paying adult.

I / We would like to register

___ adult(s) ___ student(s) ___ under-18(s)

Name* _____
(Please PRINT)

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

* Please provide the names of additional registrants for name tags:

Please indicate if a vegetarian lunch is required:
 Yes How many? _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____
Checks payable to First United Methodist Church
Memo: Grace Imathiu

Childcare will be provided if requested before February 28. Please call the church office (630) 968-7120 to sign up for babysitting.

Return form and payment by **February 28** to:

Grace Imathiu Registration
First United Methodist Church
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OR

Register online using any major credit card.

<http://www.dgfumc.org>

Questions?
Contact FUMC at (630) 968-7120 or dgfumc@dgfumc.org