



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 19, 2006
9:25 a.m. o'clock

The third Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some "Thy Kingdom Come" to pray. Keep silence; let Him speak anew to every heart - perhaps to you.

(The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.)

WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(You are invited to sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads.

When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back so that all may note those worshipping today.

Cards are available in the pew for those desiring to request prayer or praise for specific needs, concerns and joys. Please place the card in the offering plate during the offering.)

THE PRELUDE

"Nothing but Blood"

Chamber Ensemble

arr. Tom Payne

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!
All: We have come to experience God's grace in our worship and in our lives!

THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The congregation stands with the first note of the chimes.
The Altar Candle is lighted, symbolizing the presence of God's Holy Spirit.
The Holy Bible is facing the congregation as a reminder that God's Word is open and available to all.)

The Offertory

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Hymn #496)

Jay Rouse

*The Lenten Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your spirit free.
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

Hymn No. 500

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

The altar of the church is open to you...come.
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

*THE BENEDICTION

Now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father be with you; and may the Holy Spirit come upon you and disturb you and trouble you, and set before you an impossible task and dare you to do it; until in your desperation you fall on your knees and tarry until He fills you with His power, which alone will enable you to do it, and then...but only then, may the Lord grant you His peace! Amen.

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Altar Choir

"Choral Amen" (Hymn 903)

THE POSTLUDE

"Short Voluntary"

John Worgan

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Grace Marie Ransom Rob Ransom

Our Missionaries

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference
Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
Dr. Robert Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

Specialized Ministries

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist Pam Lyon, Altar Choir Director
Jacque Hunt, Ensemble Director Arlene Buell, Director of Handbell Choirs
Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 492

“Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”

“Whisper a Prayer”

Whisper a prayer in the morning. Whisper a prayer at noon.
Whisper a prayer in the evening, and keep your heart in tune.

God answers prayer in the morning. God answers prayer at noon.
God answers prayer in the evening, so keep your heart in tune.

(Musical Interlude)

THE LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Gerry, Lori, Tristan & Langley Good

Leader: Lord Jesus, protect us under the wings of your cross.

All: **Be our constant source of light and life.**

(Three purple candles are lighted)

Leader: The holy cross shines in splendor

All: **In the cross is our victory and our strength.**

Leader: Let us pray: That our love for one another may be the channel through which God pours His grace and His light upon us during this holy season. Lord Jesus, through your cross you have rent the veil in two. Help us to come to you with the confidence of little children as we call you, Abba, our father. Amen.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Eternal Heavenly Father, we know that You are more eager to hear our prayers than we are to pray them, and more concerned to respond to them than we expect You to be. Forgive us now with that complete pardon that eases the troubled conscience and replaces its sharp torment with a permanent peace. This we ask that Your risen Son may be more alive among us. Hear us now, as we pray, each in our own words and in our own way.

Moments of Silent Prayer

(Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer are welcome to come and kneel or stand.)

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

(During the playing of the hymn, *‘Children of the Heavenly Father’*, children, pre-school through Grade 2 are invited to attend an age appropriate worship experience in Room # 102, Lower Level.

An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

“A Willing Heart”

Altar Choir
Tom Fettke

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

May Your Spirit and presence be near me and restore unto me the joy of your salvation

And uphold me with your gracious spirit.

May your Spirit and presence be near me, O God.

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Dr. David Schramm

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are a visitor, you are our guest this morning. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithe to your church.)

May we all remember that giving to God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship.

Today’s loose coin offering is dedicated to MUFF – a local ministry to assist needy families with their heating bills.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings