



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
A Service of Holy Communion**

March 5, 2005  
9:25 a.m.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Liturgical Color: Purple

(The asterisk (\*) designates when the congregation will please stand. Worshipers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated. **Bold print** is read or sung by the congregation. Worshipers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.)

**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 worshiping 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**

*“Flute Piece”*

Thomas Thorley

**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!**

Leader: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy; a vision of high hopes; a glimpse of future possibility; and a vivid imagination for God’s creation is not done.

**People: We are called to pioneer a future new with God. As we venture forward during these Lenten days, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, wealth.**

Leader: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

**People: We will walk together on this Lenten journey, as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!**

**\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT**

(The congregation stands with the first note of the chimes. The acolytes bring in the living flame, symbolizing the presence of God’s Holy Spirit. The Holy Bible is carried in and placed facing the congregation as a reminder that God’s Word is open and available to all.)

**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

**Our Greeters today are Larry & Sue Murrell and Jan & Greg Wall.**

**Our Ask Me Greeters are Adam & Tammy Parrish.**

**Our Nursery volunteers are Betsy and David Durham.**

**The flowers on the altar are in honor of Lee Ann Hughes’ birthday, from her husband Bruce Hughes.**

\*LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN WREATH

Jim, Debbie, Austin & Courtney Mitts

Leader: We adore you Jesus.

**People: Today we recount your temptation in the wilderness.**

(One candle is lit)

Leader: Forty days of temptation preceded Jesus' public ministry.

**People: We have forty days to change our lives and begin our ministry anew.**

Leader: Help us Lord, to follow in Your steps and open our hearts to a life in Easter glory.

**All: We are on a journey to sacrifice our lives and hearts to love more fully. AMEN**

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 269

***"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"***

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**O Lord, in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people once more. In fasting and service you bring us back to your heart. You open our eyes to your presence in the world and you free our hands to lead others to the radiant splendor of your mercy. Be with us in these journey days, for without you we are lost and will perish. 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 chancel for a time of prayer are welcome to come and kneel or stand)

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.**

ANTHEM

*"In His Memory"*

Altar Choir

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

Who would have looked for God in a room, sharing a meal with friends?  
Who could have known how painfully soon would His life find its bitter end?

Who would have looked for God breaking bread and sharing the cup of wine?  
Who could have heard the words that He said as the words of His love divine?

*This bread My body, this cup My blood, take and eat, with Me, take and drink with Me.*

*This bread My body, this cup My blood, eat and drink with me in My memory, eat and drink in My memory.*

Who would have looked for God in a room, and where was the eye to see  
How the Lord gave us all new life in the bread that we break in His memory?

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor Rob Ransom

Our Journey Begins with one Step, but Prayer Comes First

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(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

The Offertory

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names with O, How I Love Jesus"*

arr. Mark Hayes

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

Hymn No. 376

*"Dona Nobis Pacem" (follow the choir as they lead this hymn during communion)*

\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The acolytes carry a flame from the altar at the close of the service as a symbol that we must carry the message of God's grace out from this sanctuary into the world.)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Go you forth into the world and live the life of Christ."*

Eugene Butler

\*THE POSTLUDE

*"Voluntary"*

Maurice Green