



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

April 9, 2006  
9:25 a.m.

Palm Sunday  
Liturgical Color: Red

(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.)

**Prelude**

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* (Hymns 278 and 280)

Anna Laura Page

**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 living flame, symbolizes the presence of God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Bible is placed facing the congregation as a reminder that God's Word is open and available to all.)

**\*LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN WREATH**

Dave, Lisa & Lydia Emry

Leader: Jesus rides into Jerusalem with the people.

**People: The people sing, "Hosanna"!**

(All candles are lit)

Leader: The Holy Cross in the distance shines in splendor.

**People: In the Cross is our victory and strength.**

Leader: Let us pray that we may be reconciled to one another in love and mutual affection.

**ALL: Lord Jesus, give us the courage to forgive others, give us strength to renew our commitment to all people and the honor to live for the good of the whole earth. AMEN.**

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 Ron & Jan King and Carolyn Rammel.**

**Our Ask Me Greeters are David & Donna Brownfield.**

**Children's Worship volunteer is Donna Faulkner.**

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Hymn No. 280

(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.)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**O God, our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of our lives and enter into a new Jerusalem. Let our hearts and minds be open to the needs of your people and may we respond with our very lives to further your kingdom. Please 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.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

ANTHEM

"Glory to God, Hosanna in the Highest"

Altar Choir  
Michael Barrett

Glory to God, hosanna in the highest! Glory to God, this jubilant day.  
Glory to God, hosanna in the highest! Hail to the mighty King. Let ev'ry nation sing praise!

The streets are paved with praise. See the Promised One riding on a colt.  
The palms are waved on high. Hear the little children sing.  
All the people shout with hopeful voices: "All hail to Christ the King of kings!"

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

Everybody Likes a Parade

Pastor Rob Ransom

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(Today's loose coin offering is dedicated to Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

"What Wondrous Love is This" (Hymn292)

Anna Laura Page

\*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. 454

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

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

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Now go forth with peace and understanding..."

Eugene Butler

\*THE POSTLUDE

Prelude in Gm, BWV 535

J. S. Bach