

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Hymn 57

(Musical Interlude)

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

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 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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Renee Roberts

(During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me",

children, pre-school through Grade 2 are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 102, Lower Level.)

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

THE ANTHEM

Altar Choir; Duet: Liz Harper & Randy Manning; Mark Tree: Jon Rodgers
Jones & Duncan

"Come to Me"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-8
(Pew Bible page No. 8)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

Youth Choir
Jones & Duncan

"*Mighty is the Power of the Cross*"

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Pastor: We have forty days to change our lives and begin our ministry anew. May we follow in Your steps and open our hearts to a life in Easter glory.

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

JOURNEY WITHOUT LUGGAGE

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are visiting this morning, you are our guest. 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.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"*It is Well with My Soul*" Hymn 377

Howard Helvey

*The 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 my 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

"*More Love to Thee, O Christ*"

Hymn 453

(The altar of this church is open to you...come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message of God's grace and love out from this sanctuary into the world.)

*THE BENEDICTION