

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(The congregation is invited to approach one of the communion stations around the sanctuary and balcony. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come and receive the elements by intinction—receive a broken piece of bread from a pastor and dip it into the common cup before partaking. All are welcome to come to the altar and kneel or stand in an attitude of prayer and meditation as long as you desire. Others may remain in an attitude of worship and reflection at their pews. Please return to your pew as directed by the ushers. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake of as you remain seated in the pew.)

Hymnal page 18

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Freely, Freely”

Hymn 389

(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

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“God is Here”

Altar Choir
Joyce Hodges & Jack Elleman

THE POSTLUDE

“Prelude BMW 536”

J.S. Bach



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 4, 2007
9:25 a.m.

2nd Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Dead (adj.): No longer living; deprived of life; unresponsive or inactive.

Alive (adj.): Having the quality of being vibrant and functional; existing; in a state of action.
During this holy Lent we invite you to consider the vitality of your faith.

(The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.

Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

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

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.)

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Chamber Ensemble
Andy Clark

Cherub Choir & Carol Choristers, soloist Deanna Hedges
Tony Congi

“Jesus is a Rock”

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 lighted candles on the altar symbolize 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.)

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

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

Specialized Ministries

Randy Manning, Director of Music Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager
Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Carissa Durham, Childcare Provider Adriene Riggie, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

The Lay Liturgist is Lisa Kingseed.

Our Greeters today are Joe & Ann Winger and Mike Rodgers.

Ask Me Greeters are Adam & Tammey Parrish

***THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 577

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.

God of Grace and God of Glory, make us doers of the Word and not just hearers. Send Your Word into our midst. Let us receive it honestly, despite our fears, and respond to it faithfully, despite our trembling. Assure us of Your presence, and we will enlist our passion in Your service and commit our courage to Your cause. Send Your Word into our lives. Amen.

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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" (Hymn 172)

Altar Choir
Paul Sjolund

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:22-25; 2:14-17
(Pew Bible page No. 854)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Pastor: For forty days, through an act of spiritual discipline, we make a sacrifice for Lent. For the rest of our lives we are to be living sacrifices.

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Chris Roberts

MORE THAN FIRE INSURANCE

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 tithes 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

"Jesus My Joy"

J.S. Bach

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Create In Me

Art Gorman, 1967