



## 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 Christ, take hold of us. Strengthen us in our inmost being. Ground us in Your Spirit, that we might comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of your love. Dwell in our hearts that we might understand the faith that surpasses knowledge. Empower us, that all the world might glorify your Holy Name. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and 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

(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.)

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"*Fantasy on Kingsfold*"

### \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

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 ANTHEM

"*Great is Your Name*"

### THE PROCLAMATION

Deep People

## 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

"*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*" (Hymn 500)

\*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 399

### \*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"***Take My Life, and Let It Be***"

(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

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

"*God is Here*"

### THE POSTLUDE

"*The Power and The Glory*"

Altar Choir  
Carl Freeman

Pastor Mike Dominick

Altar Choir  
Joyce Hodges & Jack Elleman

Lani Smith