

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 18, 2007
9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some “Thy Kingdom come” to pray. Keep silence, let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

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Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.)

Welcome to this holy hour of worship. May you find joy in the songs of praise. May you find guidance in the Word of God. May you find peace in a whispered prayer. May you find strength and hope in the renewal of your spirit.

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

Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

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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

“Partita No. 4, BWV 828: Allemande”

Guest Pianist, Andrea Blazier
J.S. Bach

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 HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 117

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 Savior, You promise that all who cling to You will be delivered, that all who call upon You will be heard. We have clung too long to this world, O God; now we turn and reach for You. Stretch out Your hand, deliver us. We have called too

often upon other gods; now we turn and cry to you. Hear our prayers, Lord, and rescue us.

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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Am Loved"

Gospelaire

Bill Gaither

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:1-9

(Pew Bible page No. 753)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Pastor: On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we are mindful that we are a minority in a large, hostile, fallen world. Yet as God's children, we hold onto the Truth with hope that God will rescue us.

THE ANTHEM

"God of Grace"

Altar Choir

Russell Mauldin

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Paul Rogers

THE SPRINGBOARD

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

Guest Pianist, Andrea Blazier

"Partita No. 4, BWV 828: Aria and Courante"

J.S. Bach

*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 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 383

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

(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

Altar Choir

"God is Here"

Joyce Hodges & Jack Elleman

THE POSTLUDE

Guest Pianist, Andrea Blazier

"Partita No. 4, BWV 828: Gigue"

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
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider	Adriene Riggle, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator	

Our Greeters today are Don & Betty Fields and Sally Tate.

Ask Me Greeters are David & Donna Brownfield.

Children's Worship led by Ann Bradshaw.

The red rose is in honor of the birth of London Elizabeth, born on March 8 to
Patrick & Noel Younce; Granddaughter of Adair Younce.