



## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

**“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

(Musical Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**O Lord, call us into the church. Call us in often, and teach us the old words and old songs with their new meanings. Lord, give us new words for the words we wear out. Give us new songs for those that have lost their spirit. Give us new reasons for coming in and for going out, into our streets and to our homes. As the house of the Lord once moved like a tent through the wilderness, so keep our churches from being rigid. Make our congregation alive and free. Give us ideas we never had before, so that alleluia and Gloria and amen are like the experiences we know in daily living. 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.)

Renee Roberts

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Pastor: On this fifth 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

*“Even in the Valley”*

Altar Choir  
Peck & Unthank

\*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:22-26  
(Pew Bible page No.714)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

**OPENED EYES**

## 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

*“Aria”*

\*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.**

Flor Peters

\*HYMNS OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“Amazing Grace” (Vs. 1 and 2)**

**“And Can It Be that I Should Gain” (Vs. 1, 3, 4, and 5)**

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

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

Hymn 378

Hymn 363

\*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.)