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GRACE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

February 10, 2008
9:25 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple



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

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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

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Wilbur Held

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.*

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“Jesus Loves Me”

Hymn 191

Musical Interlude

EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Jim Spalding

Leader: For forty days, Jesus was tempted in the wilderness but he prevailed and sacrificed

his life for the forgiveness of our sins.
All: **For these forty days of Lent and for the rest of our days, we make a sacrifice of our lives to honor our Lord Jesus.**

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us join together in our historic confession of faith

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. 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

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2:1-11
(Pew Bible page No 831)

THE ANTHEM

"This Child Is"

Altar Choir
arr. by Bruce Greer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me" children, preschool through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children's Church in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.

Pastor Steve Beutler

"If you knew Me, you would know My Father." "All may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father." "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." Jesus Christ said these things. He claimed to be the Son of God. He was born fully God, fully man. Some say Jesus is a good teacher or great prophet. This cannot be. Either what Jesus said was true or Jesus was a delusion, self-righteous con-man. I believe in Jesus Christ. What do you believe?

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Chris Roberts

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST
The Apostles Creed

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING GOD 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

"Meditation on Beautiful Savior"

Vesper Handbell Choir

Cathy Moglebust

*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

"And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

Hymn 363

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"He is Our Peace"

Altar Choir

Kandela Groves

THE POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C Major"

J.S. Bach

*THE BENEDICTION

*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.

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

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Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone
Rev. Ken Vance, Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor's School, Africa

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Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse	Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider	Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider	
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator	TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Joel & Judy Suffield and Jim Williams..

The Acolyte is David Maupin.

The Lenten candle will be lit by Jim Spalding.