

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE
"He Is Our Peace"

THE POSTLUDE
"Rigaudon"

Altar Choir
Kandela Groves

Jean-Babstiste de Lully



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

February 17, 2008
9:25 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Remind us that Your call is not just to the treasured time of worship or to those peaceful moments of prayer, but, because of the resurrection, it is to move with courage into the encounters and arenas of life where many have not heard the Gospel's call. Help us to speak when it is not easy, to act when it is safer to just go along with wrong. Help us to know that in the day of Jesus Christ, His kingdom will come; and let us, O God, be bound by a love amazing and divine, and then go out and embrace a weary and despairing world and lift that world to you.

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

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

arr. by Kenon Renfrow

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

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Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries

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Rev. Ken Vance, Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor's School, Africa

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Randy Manning, Director of Music Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

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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 T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Mitt & Helen Brown and Mike Rodgers.

The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

The red rose is in honor of the birth of Gretchen Marie Riggle on Tues., February 5 to Scott & Adriene Riggle.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMNS AND CHORUSES OF

Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”**”
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“The B-I-B-L-E”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“What Can Wash Away My Sin”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“I’ve Got a Home in Glory Land”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“Because He Lives”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“Be Not Dismayed What E’re Betide”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“Soon and Very Soon”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**
Leader: Call me crazy, but I still believe that... **“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”**

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, 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.

THE ANTHEM

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Altar Choir
arr. Jim Gray

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Ann Bradshaw

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.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Connie Wall

Leader: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Yet, this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, but we have loved the darkness rather than the light. Let us allow the light of Christ to fill us this Lenten season.

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

FORGIVENESS OF SIN...

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

“Amazing Grace” Hymn 379

*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 our Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and upon me with your Spirit free
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Jack Schraeder

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“I Surrender All”

Hymn 354

*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