

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE
"He is Our Peace"

Altar Choir
Kandela Groves

THE POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Hymn 154)

Jan Sanborn



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

February 24, 2008
9:25 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Worship is the highest and noblest act that any person can do. When we worship, God is satisfied! "The Father seeks such to worship Him." Amazing, isn't it? And when we worship, we are fulfilled! Think about this: why did Jesus Christ come? He came to make worshipers out of rebels. We who were once self-centered have to be completely changed so that we can shift our attention outside of ourselves and become able to worship Him.

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.

PRE SERVICE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Barbara Kinyon

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

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

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 Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Betty Hegenbart.

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Robert Hotchkiss.

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

"Aria Cantabile"

Samuel Wesley

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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

“O Worship the King”

See Insert
Hymn No. 73

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Gospelaire
Doris Akers

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.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

TJ Knowland

Leader: Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God.

All: **For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.**

Leader: As we extinguish the candle this day, let us remember the gracious and loving sacrifice that Christ bore for us so that we may be changed by His power.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 4

THE ANTHEM

“I Will Sing with the Spirit”

Altar Choir
John Rutter

THE PROCLAMATION

Dr. Ben Witherington III

A VISION OF WORSHIP

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

“Be Still, My Soul” Hymn 534

Jay Rouse

*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.**

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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

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

Hymn 453

*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