

***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**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Shalom to You"

THE POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue"

Altar Choir

arr. Carlton Young

Johann Fischer



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

March 2, 2008
9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

The great Evangelist Charles Spurgeon once said, "A slumbering church compels Satan to make it his chief business to rock the cradle, to hush all noise and to drive away even a fly lest it light upon the sleepers face. His great dread is that this great church might rouse itself from her dreamy repose." Wake up! The salvation of this world depends on it.

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

Samuel Wesley setting by Charles Callahan

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

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

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

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phil Montgomery, Counselor

Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Jack & Teresa Amos and Joe & Ann Winger.

The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Bob Saunders.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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

EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Leader: In His final days, Jesus promised the disciples that another would come to be with us forever, the Spirit of Truth.

All: **During Lent and always, may God’s Holy Spirit empower us in a life of faith and service.**

THE ANTHEM

“Where Joy and Sorrow Meet”

Altar Choir
David White

Hymn 545

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

WHY GOD DOESN’T LOVE YOU

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

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds Us Together”

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Bob Gillman arr. by Mark Hayes

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The congregation is invited to approach the altar to receive the elements through the center aisle. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand at the altar, and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (you may receive a piece of the broken bread and dip it into the cup). You may remain in an attitude of prayer and meditation at the altar as long as you desire. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake in your pew.

Hymn 18

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

While people are being served, the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns until all are served.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Spirit Song”

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

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

1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-27

(Pew Bible page No 813)

Pastor Chris Roberts

Kirk Grotenhuis

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