

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE
"Shalom to You"

THE POSTLUDE
"Prelude BWV 535"

Altar Choir
arr. Carlton Young

J.S. Bach



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 9, 2008
9:25 a.m.

5th Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Not only once, and long ago,
There on Golgotha's side,
Has Christ, the Lord, been crucified
Because He loved a lost world so.
But hourly souls, sin-satisfied,
Mock His great Love, flout His commands.
And I drive nails deep in His hands,
You thrust the spear within His side.

- John Richard Moreland

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 GIDEON MOMENT

THE PRELUDE

"Find Us Faithful"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. by Stan Pethel

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!**

Grace United Methodist Church

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The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

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Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are David & Donna Brownfield and Peggy Hobbs.

The Acolyte is David Maupin.

The red rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Audry Rae Bassett Jr. born on Thurs., February 28 to Nicole and William Bassett Jr and granddaughter of Bill and Sharon Bassett.

*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

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" vs. 1, 2 & 4
"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Hymn 348
Hymn 349

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Renee Roberts

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

Barbara Angel

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.**

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

"Purify My Heart"

Morrison Advanced Youth Handbell Choir
arr. Patricia Cota

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 23: 32-43
(Pew Bible page No 748)

THE PROCLAMATION

EVEN BEFORE YOU ASK
The Apostles Creed

Pastor Steve Beutler

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

"Soon and Very Soon"

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Create in me a clean heart O God And renew a right spirit within me

Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation And take not Your Holy Spirit from me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Vesper Handbell Choir
arr. Hart Morris

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"I Surrender All"

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

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

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