

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST
“**Because He Lives**”

Hymn 364

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The acolyte carries the ‘Living Flame’ from the altar,
reminding 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*”

Altar Choir

arr. Carlton Young

*THE POSTLUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

setting by Anna Laura Page

A

Musical Pageant

on the Life of Christ

Emmanuel Has Come

(Part Two)

March 16, 2007
9:25 a.m.

Palm Sunday
Liturgical Color: Red

Today begins Holy Week, a solemn time when we remember how Jesus suffered, died and was buried for our salvation. We remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by the crowds one day and just a few days later was rejected by the same crowd to be crucified. We remember how Jesus closest friends betrayed and rejected Him. We remember the last supper Jesus shared with His friends as He prepared them for the giving of His body and blood. We remember Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as he invited some of those same friends to “stay awake and pray with him.” We remember that God sent His one and only Son to offer love, grace, and salvation to the world. We remember Emmanuel has come.

We remember and we may we never forget. May we not turn our backs on the Messiah as quickly as the crowds did on that first Palm Sunday. May we never reject the One and Only Savior. May we feast in Holy Communion with our Lord Jesus as He commanded us to do. May we “stay awake and pray” with Jesus for the hurt and the hungry and the lost. May we remember that Emmanuel has come. He came and accepted death on the cross out of love for us. May we remember and never forget.

We remember that three days after dying and being buried, Jesus Christ defeated death and rose from the grave. We remember and we sing praises to our Lord, Messiah, Emmanuel. We remember and will never forget that because He lives we can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;

Because He lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.

Grace United Methodist Church

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Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barbara Moss and Roberta Nicholson.

The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

The red rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Hannah Elizabeth on Wed., March 5 to Michael & Jennie Henry and granddaughter of Jim & Linda Henry.

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

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

“Go Tell”

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

GUMBY Youth Ensemble

arr. by J.M. Hunt

African-American Spiritual

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: 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 not of the chimes.

An acolyte brings in the ‘Living Flame’ symbolizing 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 ADVENT

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hymn 278

Musical Interlude

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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Leader: On the way to Calvary and victory, palms were waved and Jesus was lifted up as King of Kings. Rick Hamilton

All: May we draw near to the King of Kings this week, mindful of His passion and death for our salvation.

EMMAUNEL HAS COME – Part Two

Narration by Pastor Steve Beutler

“Opening - Emmanuel Has Come”

Soloist, Dan Stout

“Call Him Messiah”

“By Faith”

Solos sung by Ron Harper and Gloria Everett

“Light of a Million Mornings”

Soloist, Liz Harper

“O Calvary’s Lamb”

Soloist, Linda White

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

Soloist, Linda White

“He Lives”

Soloist, Linda White

“Finale - Emmanuel Has Come”

Soloist, Dan Stout

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

THE 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

“The Old Rugged Cross”

setting by Joel Raney

*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.