

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE
"Christ the Lord is King"

THE POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Altar Choir
William Faulkner

setting by Gordon Young



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 23, 2008
9:25 a.m.

Easter Day
Liturgical Color: White

He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

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.*

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

MUSIC OF EASTER CELEBRATION

"Entrata Festiva: Allegro maestoso"

Flor Peeters

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The Choral Introit"

William Faulkner

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!**

*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.

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Hymn 302

Grace United Methodist Church

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The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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Our Greeters today are James & Debbie Mitts and Sally Tate.
The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

THE EASTER LITANY

Doug Tate

Leader: Praise God, for He has guided us through the night.

All: **God is always with us - as close as by our side.**

Leader: Let us rejoice and be glad! Even our physical bodies have hope.

All: **For God will not leave us in death - just as He has not left His Son in the tomb.**

Leader: This morning, we light the Christ Candle to remind us that in Christ is life; and that life is the light for all people. The light has pierced the darkness and the darkness can never overtake the light - the one true Light which is found in Jesus Christ!

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

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

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.

THE ANTHEM

"Alleluia! He Lives!"

Altar Choir
Allen Pote

Mark 15:42 - 16:8

(Pew Bible page No 722)

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

THE FINAL WRAP-UP THAT DIDN'T

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

"Christe Redemptor"

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Claudio Monteverdi; setting by Gary Olson

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE WITH CHRIST

"He Lives"

We invite persons who wish to sing the Hallelujah Chorus to join the choir on the platform during the last stanza of the hymn. Copies of the music are provided so you may sing along.

Hymn 310

*THE ACT OF PRAISE

From Messiah: "Hallelujah"

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ;

And shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!

*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.