

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE
"One Day"

THE POSTLUDE
"Prelude in G Minor"

Altar Choir
Charles H. Marsh

J. S. Bach



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 1, 2009
9:25 a.m.

1st Sunday in 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.

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

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. By Tom Payne

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"**Hallelujah! What a Savior**"

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn No. 165

Grace United Methodist Church

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The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider
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Our Greeters today are Ned & Ellen Reyburn and Valerie Cunningham.

The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The red rose is in honor of the birth of Gabriella Grace Good (Ella) born
Tues., February 24 to Gerry and Lori Good.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE AND CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus. And we remember that we, too, turn away. Jesus healed many who were sick in mind, body, or spirit. Only a few returned to give thanks. We realize that we have taken the gifts of God for granted...that our lives have lacked gratitude. Our lack of gratitude shields the light of Christ from us and others. We extinguish the first candle, confessing our own failure to give thanks to God.

*As we prepare for Christmas, we light a new candle each Sunday;
as we prepare for Good Friday, we extinguish a candle each Sunday
to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you who calls us to prayer, and who offers Yourself to all who seek Your face, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us today and deliver us from coldness of heart, a wandering mind, and wrongful desires. By the power of your Spirit place within us steadfast love and devotion, so that today we may worship and serve You with all of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and our own way.**

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.

The Special in Music

"The Unveiled Christ"

Solo by Dan Stout
M. B. Herrell

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 27:39-44

THE ANTHEM

"Child of God"

Altar Choir with solo by Liz Harper
arr. By Larry Goss

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

THE SCORNFUL WORD

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

"Song Without Words"

*The Lenten Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Moritz Moszkowski

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.

Hymnal pg. 18

*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"

Hymn No. 287

*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.*