



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 15, 2009
9:25 a.m.

3rd 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

"Bright Morning"

GUMBY
Bruce Pearson

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

"The Old Rugged Cross"

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn No.504

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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
Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider
Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager
Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider
T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Phyllis Grant and David & Donna Brownfield.

The Acolyte is Zach Rodgers.

Children's Church Volunteers are Debbie Long, Ann Elliott and Leanna Zimmerman.

Today's Lenten Candle will be extinguished by Scott, Lisa & Heather Hemmeger and Gail Estes.

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. We will never know the motivations of Judas's betrayal. All we know is that Judas thought his agenda was more important than Jesus. We, too, are all often willing to put our agenda and priorities ahead of the Light of the World. We extinguish the third candle, recalling with regret the times we have betrayed Jesus by the darkness of our own self-centered willfulness.

*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: **Lord of life and love, help us to worship You in the holiness of beauty, that some beauty of holiness may appear in us. Quiet our souls in Your presence with the stillness of a wise trust. Lift us above dark moods, and the shadow of sin, that we may find Your will for our lives. 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 ANTHEM

"Take Up Your Throne"

*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.*

Altar Choir
Stephen Hinkle

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

John 19:23-27

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Arioso"

Morrison Youth Handbell Choir
Judy Phillips

THE PROCLAMATION

THE INDIFFERENT 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

"In Christ Alone"

*The Lenten 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.

setting by Tom Fettke

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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

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

Hymn No. 297

*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

"One Day"

Altar Choir
Charles H. Marsh

THE POSTLUDE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

setting by Michael Burkhardt