



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 22, 2009
9:25 a.m.

4th 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

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. by Charles Rose

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

"How Can We Name a Love"

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 111

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

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barbara Moss and Peggy Hobbs.

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

Children's Church Volunteers are Karen Zimmerman, Arlene Buell, Leanna Zimmerman and Angie Smith.
Today's Lenten Candle will be extinguished by Mark and Pam Brown.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Scott & Lisa Hemmegeer and Mel Hobbs.

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. Throughout the life of Jesus, it is clear that the disciples never really 'get it.' They are unable to hear with their hearts the radical message of love Jesus brings. We, like the disciples of long ago, often close our hearts to the radical message of love that Jesus teaches. We lazily hate and offend. We purposefully hold on to our prejudices and anger. Darkness engulfs us. We extinguish the fourth candle, admitting our own lack of love and our closed hearts.

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 God, you who are the source of all truth, wisdom, justice, and love, lead us through this time of worship and throughout this day of service to You. Help us constantly to rest our lives upon the eternal foundations of Your love and presence. Save us from haste and confusion, from wrongful desire, and the net of evil. Through the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, enlighten, instruct, and guide us all the day and week long. 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

"Orphans of God"

Altar Choir with solo by Ron Harper
arr. by Bradley Knight

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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 23:39-43

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

THE WORD OF FAITH

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

"He Touched Me"

setting by Jay Rouse

*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.

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

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

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

Hymn No. 622

*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

Sonata

George Frederic Handel