

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**  
"One Day"

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Toccata: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

Altar Choir  
Charles H Marsh

Gilbert M. Martin



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

April 5, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

Palm Sunday  
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**

"A Festive Intrada"

Morrison Youth Handbell Choir  
Cynthia Dobrinski

**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**

**\*PROCESSION OF PALMS AND OPENING HYMN**

**"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

*(Musical Interlude)*

Hymn No.280

**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

Debra 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 James & Debbie Mitts and Jim Williams.

The Acolyte is Bethany Roberts.

Today's Lenten Candle will be extinguished by Doug, Lisa and Danielle Tate.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Bruce & Pat Hayes and Mel Hobbs.

The red rose on the Altar is in honor of the birth of Addie Lynn Huddleston born Sun., March 29 to

Amos & Cassie Huddleston, Granddaughter of Dave & Cindy Lovegrove.

The white roses on the Altar are in honor and memory of our friends, Al Wald and Catherine Lutz.

## 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. Peter was the one Jesus entrusted to "build his church." He was so willing to step out in faith. And he was the one who denied . . . who chose the way of darkness rather than light. We, too, deny Jesus — even when we feel so very close to him. We refuse to follow his example day in and day out. We recoil from service. And in the face of social pressure, we are a floundering witness to his love for us. We extinguish the sixth candle with the confession that we have allowed others to define us rather than the light of Christ.

*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, we worship and adore You. We come into Your presence with a sense of awe and wonder. We turn to You as the Source of our strength and joy. We open our hearts to Your cleansing mercy and grace. Come to us this morning and each day with the courage to share Your Good News with others. 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

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Altar Choir and Morrison Youth Handbell Choir  
Flute played by Cassie Hale  
Joel Raney

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

### \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 15:42-47

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Chris Roberts

### THE COURAGEOUS 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 **Relay for Life**.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

setting by Anna Laura Page

\*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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 18

*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.*

\*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**"Lift High the Cross"**

*The altar of this church is open to you...come.  
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.*

Hymn No. 159

\*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.*