

***THE CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Precious Jesus, precious Jesus, come and fill our hearts anew, precious Jesus:
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
precious Jesus, precious Jesus.

THE POSTLUDE

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Paul Manz



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

February 28, 2010
9:25 a.m.

2nd Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. It is a season where Christians "Repent, and believe the Gospel!"

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

"Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

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

***OPENING HYMN**

"There's Within My Heart a Melody"

Hymn No. 380

Musical Interlude

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Rev. Stephen A. Beutler Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring Rev. 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

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Barbara Hobbs, Music Ministries T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

Amanda Kelly, Children's Ministry 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 Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barbara Moss.

Today's Acolyte is Christopher Pinto.

The Lenten Candle will be extinguished by Julie, Josh, David & Chelsea Maupin.

The Liturgist is Angela Smith.

The white rose is in memory of Ruth Halley, Linda Henry's mother.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES OF LENT

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 was approached by a rich man. He said he wanted eternal life, but he was unwilling to change his lifestyle; and he walked sadly away. We, too, are often unwilling to change even the smallest part of our lifestyle in order to follow Jesus. The darkness approaches when we sadly walk away from Jesus. We extinguish the second candle, confessing our unwillingness to do what is necessary to follow Jesus—without fear.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us join together in declaring our historic Christian faith as professed in the Apostles Creed..

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker 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, dead, and buried; The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

THE ANTHEM

"Order My Steps"

Altar Choir

Jack Schrader

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 13:31-35

THE PROCLAMATION

"NO FEAR"

Pastor Steve Beutler

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Saranam, Saranam"

Dan Stout, solo

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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*The Lenten Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Wilbur Held

Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"God Will Take Care of You"

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

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

Hymn No. 130

*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.

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