



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

March 21, 2010
9:25 a.m.

5th 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

"Prelude in Gm, BWV 535"

J.S. Bach

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

"O Worship the King"

Hymn No. 73

Musical Interlude

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST
"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"
"Make Me A Servant"

Hymn No. 581

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

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

*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 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

"Fugue in Gm, BWV 535"

J.S. Bach

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

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

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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 Jim & Linda Henry and Sally Tate.

Today's Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

The Lenten Candle will be extinguished by Ned & Ellen Reburn.

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. The Pharisees fancied themselves as modern, up-to-date thinkers. But they so enjoyed the power they possessed, they were unable to recognize the power of God in Jesus. We are people of power. We each consume ten times more of the earth's resources than do other global citizens. Our power often blinds us to the simple power of Jesus' love for all creation and all people. We extinguish the fifth candle, fearful that our own powerful status will close our eyes and hearts to the light of Jesus.

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, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe 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, died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living 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.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS

"Into My Heart"

Harry D. Clarke

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

During the Congregational singing of "Into My Heart", children and 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!**

Philippians 3:4-14

THE ANTHEM

"There is a Fountain"

Altar Choir
arr. by John Hudson

THE PROCLAMATION

"KNIVES, FORKS OR SPOONS - BE A SPOON"

Pastor Stephen Beutler

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

"Cantique de Jean Racine"

*The Lenten Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Vesper Handbell
Gabriel Faure, arr. by Arnold B. Sherman

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.