

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 4, 2018

8:15 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday in Lent

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Tony Merry

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Choral Cistercien Pour Une Elevation”

J. Alain

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN 600

“Wonderful Words of Life”

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Cindy Lawyer

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17

Todd Sands

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

PROGRESS

LIVING THE CALL — MAKING PROGRESS

(You are invited to write down or draw a picture of at least one commandment you struggle [or have struggled] to keep over time, and one thing you will start doing this week and keep doing to overcome the struggle.)

RESPONSE 601

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

INVITATION

Pastor

MarkChrist our Lord invites all who love him to his table. Jesus says all who love him keep his command- ments. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Todd Sands

We are in the wilderness. We have lost our way. We need God's intervention in our lives. And God has shown us the way and the program we must follow.

And so we pray:

Make us your instruments to make things right.

Because we know or know of people still kept in poverty or slavery, some in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, some facing addiction, and some targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;

Make us your instruments to make things right.

Because we need courage and integrity from leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; because we love and sometimes struggle with our families, friends, and neighbors; and because the lives of those who sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders are full of challenge and conflict;

Make us your instruments to make things right.

Because we know people who need your healing power and some who offer healing through their skill and presence;

Make us your instruments to make things right.

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, and free us for lives of joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God! Amen!

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM

“Lead Me Lord”

S. Wesley / arr. C. Young

Grace Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.....

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.....

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.....

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(The Sacrament of Communion will be received at the altar rail this morning. You may kneel or stand. Communion servers will also distribute the elements to those remaining in their seats.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, thank you! You have fed us with your flesh that in our flesh we may perform your works, and even greater works than these to the glory of God and the honor of your name. By the power of the Holy Spirit, continue in us what has begun today that we may grow in faithful service and holiness all the days of our lives. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*HYMN 410 "I Want a Principle Within"

*SENDING FORTH

God has not only intervened to save us. God has shown us how to take part in how God saves us. We know the program. We need to work it. Jesus is in you. The Spirit is moving among us and driving us out of here to practice what God teaches, to love God and our neighbor by attending upon all the ordinances of God, keeping Christ's commands. Go in the peace and with renewed commitment to the ways of our Triune God. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Hearts" R. G. Hailing

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are from the funeral service for Susan Gormley.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 21 Worship – 27, 76 / Lenten – 160

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 5 Elizabeth Diosi, Julie Sands, Paula West, Stephanie Zullo

March 7 Jan Elston, Mellissa Kanavel, Cyndi Vincent

March 8 Tom Robson

March 9 Alexandria Mock, Jessica Stonecypher, Jack Thorne



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Third Sunday in Lent: Rehab

During this Lenten Season, we are focusing on the idea of spiritual restoration or rehabilitation. In twelve-step recovery support groups, as well as physical rehab programs, there are some prescribed steps or exercises to follow, under the guidance of a sponsor or supervisor. In both cases, it is vital to follow the steps or do the exercises.

As followers of Jesus, we have a ten-step program to follow: the Ten Commandments. Not only do we need to learn the steps, but we need to practice them with the support of others.

The good news is that we don't have to be perfect, and we are not alone. God promises to be with us in our journey. (Discipleship Ministries)

Coming Soon!

TONIGHT Sunday, March 4th – 6:00 p.m. – Community Lenten Service. Central Trinity UMC. Rev. Dr. Dennis Miller, Foothills District Superintendent, will be preaching.

NEXT Sunday, March 11th – 6:00 p.m. – Community Lenten Service. First UMC. Rev. John Alice, Pastor at Rolling Plains UMC, will be preaching.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins NEXT Sunday — March 11 — move clocks ahead one hour.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 4	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Central Trinity UMC
Monday, March 5	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, March 6		
Wednesday, March 7	11:30 a.m.	OWLS – Fellowship Hall
	NO	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 8	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study – Classroom
Friday, March 9	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, March 10		
Sunday, March 11	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – First UMC

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

Grief Share is a seminar and support group at Grace Church for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The Grief Share series meets on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This is a 13-week series; however, each week is independent so you may come any week and not be missing information. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information, please contact the church office (740-452-9317).

U. M. Lenten Service Schedule -- 6:00 p.m.

The area United Methodist churches sponsor weekly services during the Lenten Season.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 4	Central Trinity	March 18	Faith
March 11	First	March 25	Rolling Plains

FOOD DRIVE — Total received through 2/25 = \$6,062