

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2017

8:15 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

First 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)

“Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?”

GATHERING IN SILENCE

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11

Reader 1 – Narrator Pastor Chow

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He had fasted forty days and forty nights. After all that, he was hungry.

The tempter said as he came toward him:

Reader 2 – Tempter Christy Swope

If you are son of God, just speak the word so these stones may become loaves of bread.

Reader 1 –

But replying, he said,

Congregation –

It is written: A person lives not by bread alone, but from every word proceeding from the mouth of God.

Reader 1 –

Then the devil takes him into the holy city and stood him on the peak of the temple, and says to him:

Reader 2 –

If you are son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written, “He has given commands to his angels about you, and they will bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against stone.”

Congregation –

Again, it is written, “You shall not test the Lord your God.”

Reader 1 –

Again the devil takes him onto a very high mountain and shows him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he says to him:

Reader 2 –

“I will give all of these to you, if you'd but take the knee and worship me.”

Reader 1 –

Then Jesus says to him:

Congregation –

Get out of here, Satan. For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and to him alone shall you give your service.”

Reader 1 – Then the devil leaves him be, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Silence.

Pastor – Do *you* renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

All – We do, and with God's help we will continue to live out our renunciation, rejection, and repentance by doing no harm, and by avoiding evil of every kind.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

RENOUNCE

Living the Call – Renounce, Reject, Repent

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Renouncing all allegiance to spiritual forces of wickedness, we pray for the deliverance and protection of all who have come under their sway:

For all persons kept in poverty or slavery, all who are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, all who face addiction of any kind, and all who are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Rejecting evil powers of this world, we pray for all who seek to use their power for the common good

For leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; for our families, friends, and neighbors; and for all who work to sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Repenting of our sin, we turn to you to lead us in the ways of love, healing, righteousness, and peace, and we pray:

for all who need your healing power, and for all who offer healing through their skill and presence; and for all who have harmed us, and all whom we have harmed by our action or inaction;

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor – 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

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

G. Martin

Grace Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

To you alone, O God, is our allegiance!

Bless the Lord!

God's holy name be praised!

Praised in heaven, praised on earth, praised throughout your creation is your name,
Holy Triune God. The trees of the field rejoice in your salvation,

and clap their hands.

The stars shine out your glory,

and the earth trembles at your presence.

Winds and waters scatter at the sound of your voice,

and we, with all creation, cry "Holy!"

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

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Christ who comes in your name!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, Deliverer from evil.

Led into the desert by the Holy Spirit, broken and strengthened by your fast, you have shown
us the way to live by God's word, to reject the lure of glory, and to give our worship and our
service to God alone.

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ.

Blessed are you for coming among us and for offering yourself to us in this holy meal to
fill our hungry souls, to reveal your glory from a crucifix, and to empower us to break free from
sin's hold and walk humbly with God and neighbor.

With your first disciples, on the night of your betrayal into death, you took bread, blessed it,
broke it, and gave it, saying:

Take and eat this, my body given for you.

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it, saying:

Drink this, my blood of the new covenant for you.

Even so, here and now, come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these gifts and upon us. Make them be for us Christ's body and blood, that
we who receive them may be for all the body of Christ enlivened by his blood.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make us one.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Unite us with you.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Revive us!

Make us whole and holy on this day, as we await that day when we shall feast with Christ
in the new creation. To Christ, to you, and to the All-Merciful Creator, One God, living and true,
be all praise, and honor, and glory now and forever.

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(The Sacrament of Communion will be received in the pews this morning. Communion servers will distribute trays to you. When all have received each element, we will commune together.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, thank you! You have fed us with yourself that we may be bound to you in love, and overcome every temptation to bind ourselves again to any other power. In the power of the Holy Spirit, keep these bonds strong, and send us forth to set others free from evil's dominion. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*HYMN 269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*SENDING FORTH

Keep telling the devil, "Get out of here!"

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness.

Keep working with compassion for justice for every person.

We reject the evil powers of this world.

Keep building good habits of heart.

We repent of our sin.

Go then, with the blessing of our Triune God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We go to live our baptismal calling. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"My Heart Is Longing"

J. G. Walther

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by the Choir in honor of Elden Hudson's 91st birthday and his 42 years of faithful service to the choir.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 19

Worship – 28, 90

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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

March 6 Paul E. Jones

March 7 Jan Elston, Mellissa Kanavel, Cyndi Vincent

March 8 Tom Robson

March 9 Alexandria Mock, Jessica Stonecypher, Jack Thorne

March 11 Kate Adams, David Burris, Heidi Schiele

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 5	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Central Trinity UMC
Monday, March 6	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, March 7	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee – Classroom
Wednesday, March 8	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 9	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee – Classroom
	7:30 p.m.	Administrative Board – Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 10	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, March 11		
Sunday, March 12	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 – Faith 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 5	Central Trinity	March 26	Grace
March 12	Faith	April 2	First
March 19	Coburn	April 9	Rolling Plains

OUTREACH — During the month of March, the Outreach Committee will be collecting personal items to take to the residents of Transitions, our local shelter for battered women. We are asking the Grace Church family to help with this project. There will be trees in the back of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall with colored tags on them. Please take a few of the tags and purchase the items listed on them. Return your items by the end of March so they can be delivered to Transitions during April. There will be baskets near the trees to collect the donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins NEXT Sunday — March 12 — move clocks ahead one hour.

FOOD DRIVE — Total received through 2/26 = \$5,813



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First Sunday in Lent: Living Our Baptismal Calling

The season of Lent is a time of reflection, self-examination and penitence. During this Holy Season, we will explore the vows of our baptismal covenant. This morning we focus on the vow to *“Renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness...”* We walk the way of temptation with Jesus and learn from him what it means to continue to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.

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Coming Soon!

TONIGHT Sunday, March 5th - 6:00pm - Community Lenten Service. Central Trinity UMC. Rev. Dr. Steve McGuire, Tom Swan and others will lead us in a dramatic presentation.

NEXT Sunday, March 12th - 6:00pm - Community Lenten Service. Faith UMC. Rev. Justin Williams, Christy Swope and others will lead us in a dramatic presentation.

Sunday, March 26th - 6:00pm Grace UMC will HOST the Community Lenten Service.