

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 18, 2018

8:15 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

Fifth 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
CALL TO WORSHIP

Tony Merry
Todd Sands

PRELUDE
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

“O Sacred Head”

G. Lachenauer

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*OPENING HYMN 140
CHORAL ANTHEM

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
“It Is Well With My Soul”
Grace Chancel Choir

J. N. Beck

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

Cassie Burris

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Todd Sands

MESSAGE

PROMISE

LIVING THE CALL: HOPE FOR TRANSFORMATION

(Meditate on your hope for a new heart and what leads you to feel a lack of hope for transformation. Write down one thing that gives you hope. Write down where there is lack of hope.)

RESPONSE 382

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Todd Sands

We are still in the wilderness. We are learning the way and getting better at following.

Yet this is still the wilderness. We are not yet fully renewed. And so we pray:

Joy of every longing heart, make our hearts beat with yours. With 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; and we now see how our own actions or inaction leave things as they are, or make them worse.

Joy of every longing heart, make our hearts beat with yours.

With those among us and those around us who are leaders in religious, political, economic and social life; with our families, friends, and neighbors; and with all who sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders;

Joy of every longing heart, make our hearts beat with yours.

With all who need your healing power and all who offer healing through their skill and presence;

Joy of every longing heart, make our hearts beat with yours.

With all creatures with whom we share this planet, those who sustain our lives, and those who threaten us, those whose lives we sustain and those whose lives we threaten;

Joy of every longing heart, make our hearts beat with yours.

With Jesus and all of his disciples from generation to generation: we pray together

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.

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, stir up our hope in your redemption, and make our hearts beat more and more with yours; 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 GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Sostenuto”

M. Surzynski

*DOXOLOGY 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Todd Sands

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN 130

“God Will Take Care of You”

*SENDING FORTH

We're coming out of the wilderness. We know God's promise. God will surely keep it. Jesus is in us. The Spirit is moving among us and driving us out of here to keep living in the hope of full salvation, all things new. Go in hope and the peace of our Triune God. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Once to Every Man and Nation”

G. Stanton

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given in memory of Pat Habercamp-Davis by Brooke Habercamp.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 14

Worship – 20, 58

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- March 18 Jessica Nail, Sid Short
- March 19 Pat Burkhart, Owen Havens, Tyler Randles, Aili Swan
- March 20 Molly Chow
- March 21 Jack Butterfield, Amanda Groves, Wes Straker
- March 22 Bryan Lucas, David Marks, Becky Short
- March 23 Paul Biddle, Debby Johnston
- March 24 Doug Fellers, Jordan Friel, Raegen Neff, Jordan Straker

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 18	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Faith UMC [Blue Ave.]
Monday, March 19	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, March 20		
Wednesday, March 21	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 22	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Comm. – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Comm. – Classroom
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study
Friday, March 23	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, March 24		
Sunday, March 25	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 – Rolling Plains UMC

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

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

Thursday, March 22 — 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. — **Steak 'n Shake** [914 Zane St.]

10% of all sales will be donated to Eastside Community Ministry

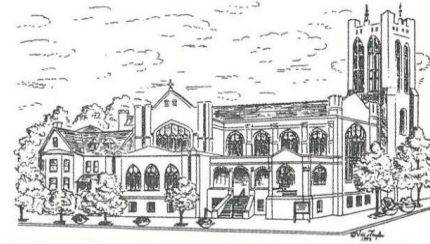
OUTREACH — During the month of April, the Outreach Committee will be collecting personal items to take to the residents of Transitions, our local shelter for battered women. We are asking the Grace Church family to help with this project. We are looking for Purex liquid laundry soap, dryer sheets, bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, fabric softener, bath towels, socks, hair clips, pony tail holders, microwave popcorn, and snack crackers. If you aren't able to shop, you may donate money and we will purchase items for you. We would like to thank everyone in advance for your generous donations. May God continue to bless us as we bless others!

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Fifth Sunday in Lent: Rehab

During this Lenten season, we have focused on “Rehab” as our journey toward wholeness, healing and reconciliation. Today we celebrate the promise of healing and wholeness in the midst of challenges.

TONIGHT – Sunday, March 18 – 6:00 p.m. - Community Lenten Service at Faith UMC (Blue Ave.) Worship will be led by **Rev. Justin Williams** (Coburn UMC) and **Rev. Steve Judson** (Central Trinity UMC).

NEXT Sunday, March 25 – 6:00 p.m. – Community Lenten Service at Rolling Plains UMC (Maysville Pike). An Easter Cantata will be presented.

EASTER LILIES — orders are needed TODAY!

The cost is \$10.00 each. If you wish to order a lily / lilies, please complete this form and return to the church by placing in the offering plate.

_____ number of lilies _____ will pick up the next week

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

