

***THE BENEDICTION**

Now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father be with you; and may the Holy Spirit come upon you and *disturb* you and *trouble* you, and set before you an impossible task and dare you to do it; until in your desperation you fall on your knees and tarry until He fills you with His power, which alone will *enable* you to do it, and *then...*but *only* then, may the Lord grant you His peace! Amen.

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Shine in my Heart, Lord Jesus"

Altar Choir
Thomerson/Harlan

THE POSTLUDE

"Fugue in G"

Rev. William H. Brown
J. S. Bach



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

February 26, 2006
9:25 a.m. o'clock

The Last Sunday of Epiphany
Liturgical Color: White

Welcome to this holy hour of worship. May you find joy in the songs of praise. May you find guidance in the Word of God. May you find peace in a whispered prayer. May you find strength and hope in the renewal of your spirit.

(The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.)

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

"No Other Name"

Chamber Ensemble

Arr. Stan Pethel

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 acolytes bring in the living flame, symbolizing the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

The Holy Bible is carried in and placed facing the congregation as a reminder that God's Word is open and available to all.)

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Grace Marie Ransom Rob Ransom

Our Missionaries

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference

Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries

Dr. Robert Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

Specialized Ministries

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Pam Lyon, Altar Choir Director

Jacque Hunt, Ensemble Director

Arlene Buell, Director of Handbell Choirs

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Carisa Dunham, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Barb & Larry Moss and Bruce Clark.

Our Ask Me Greeters are Teresa & Jack Amos.

Children's Church is led by Angela & Alexis Stamper.

Assisting in the Nursery is Shannon & Christy Russ.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ana Valdes by the Pinto Family.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 73

“O Worship the King”

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Majesty, worship his majesty;

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Change my heart O God, make it ever new, Change my heart O God, may I be like You. You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and use me. This is what I pray.

As we seek your grace to make of us changed lives, hear us as we pray, each in our own words and in our own way.

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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (Hymn 206)

(Katelyn Kingseed, soprano)

(Congregation may join in singing verse 3 at the signal of the director.)

Altar Choir

Thomerson/Harlan

(During the playing of the hymn, *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*, children, pre-school through Grade 2 are invited to attend an age appropriate worship experience in Room # 102, Lower Level.

An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 43:1-11a, 15-31

Pew Bible, page 33-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPELAIRES

“I'd Rather Have Jesus”

George Beverly Shea

THE PROCLAMATION

A REALISTIC HOPE

Joseph

Pastor Stephen Beutler

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are a visitor, you are our guest this morning. 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 – a local ministry to assist needy families with their heating bills.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

“Prelude in C Major”

J. S. Bach

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn No. 95

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.

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

Hymn No. 581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

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

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT