

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

*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

“Blessing from Romans”

Altar Choir
William H. Brown

*THE POSTLUDE

“Finale from Sonata Hob.XVI/23”

Franz Joseph Haydn



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 29, 2006
9:25 a.m. o'clock

The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Worship is the healing process of restoring the broken harmony which prevents human personality, at any point of body, mind, or spirit, from its perfect functioning in its relevant environment; that is, the body in the material world, the mind in the realm of true ideas, and the spirit in its relations to God. We welcome you to the healing balm of holy worship.

(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

“Praise and Adoration Medley”

Chamber Ensemble
Arranged by 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!**

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(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. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

Specialized Ministries

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director Pam Lyon, Altar Choir Director

Arlene Buell, Handbell Choirs Director

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Our Greeters today are Betty & Joe Pencek and Joy Loop

Our Ask Me Greeters are Adriane & Scott Riggle.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara & Larry Moss in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary and by Jennifer & Chad Hartzog in celebration of Kyle’s 10th birthday.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hymn No. 116

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world. Grant that we may be illumined by your Word so that we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory. May He be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and for ever. Hear us now 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 GOSPELAIRES

“The Unclouded Day”

J. K. Alwood

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4; 22:1-14
(Pew Bible Page 8, 14)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(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 ANTHEM

“Song of Hope”

Altar Choir, Lauren Kingseed and Jenna Bergran, percussion

Robert A. Hobby

May the God of hope go with us ev’ry day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to ev’ry land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new,
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

THE PROCLAMATION

**SECURE WITH GOD
Abraham**

Pastor Stephen Beutler

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING 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 CAM.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“Alleluia with The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

arr. By Mark Hayes

*The Festival 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.**

*THE HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymn No. 117

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