



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 21, 2006
9:25 a.m.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some “Thy Kingdom come” to pray. Keep silence, let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

(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

“There’s A Song in the Air”

Chamber Ensemble
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 lighted candles on the altar symbolize the presence of God’s Holy Spirit.

The Holy Bible is 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, Sr. Pastor
Chris Roberts, Assoc. Pastor
Larry Newberg, Visitation Pastor

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

Randy Manning, Director of Music
Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager
Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Carissa Durham, Childcare Provider
Adriene Riggie, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Our Greeters today are Kurt & Lisa Kingseed and Betty Hegenbart.
Our Ask Me Greeters are George Hoshaw & Joy Loop.
Children’s Worship is led by Angela Stamper.
Assisting in our Nursery are Rob & Karin Pinto.

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by Harvey & Betty Corn in honor of Courtney Mitts 8th Birthday and Kirby & Jo Alexander in hope for the future.

*THE HYMNS OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

"To God be the Glory"

"My Tribute"

Hymn 98

Hymn 99

(Organ Interlude)

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Father, we thank You for the privilege of being together at this time and in this place. As Your people, we pray that Your love will unite us into a fellowship of discovery. Cleanse us of everything that would sap our strength for togetherness. Unravel the knots in our spirits. Cleanse the error of our minds. Free us from the bondage of our negative imaginations. Break down the barriers that sometimes keep us apart and cause us to drift along without a dream. May we be a people with loving purposes—reaching out...breaking walls...building bridges...Let us be Your alleluia in a joyless, fragmented world. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and 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.

(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.)

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

"Softly and Tenderly Calling"

Altar Choir
Patti Drennan

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-31a
(Pew Bible Page 813)

THE PROCLAMATION

DOES JESUS CARE WHO WINS THIS GAME?

Pastor Steve 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 tithes 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.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"How Great Thou Art" Hymn 77

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Mark Hayes

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 OF INVITATION

"O Church of God, United"

Hymn 547

(The altar of this church is open to you...come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message of God's grace and love out from this sanctuary into the world.)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Spirit of God"

Altar Choir

Steven Gamaas-Holmes

THE POSTLUDE

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart!" (Hymn 160)

Robert A. Hobby