



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 28, 2007
9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

“Come,” Jesus replied, “and you will see” (John 1:39). Come and see the presence of The Father. Come and see the salvation of Jesus. Come and see the movement of The Spirit. This morning, come and see the glory of God. Come and see, then go invite others to come and see what God is doing through His Church.

(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.

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

“A Mighty Fortress” (Hymn 110)

Joel Raney

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

The Lay Liturgist is Alexis Stamper.

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Joy Loop.

Our Ask Me Greeters are David & Donna Brownfield.

Assisting in our Nursery are Gerry & Lori Good.

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry & Norma Raber in honor of Chris & Donna’s birthdays and Willis Knipe in memory of Dorothy Knipe.

*THE HYMNS OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP
“*All Creatures of Our God and King*”
(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 62

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.

Christ, our Life and our Love, help us to set our minds on heavenly things during this time of worship. We need a clarity of purpose and Your vision. We need a clearer sense of what is important in life and a more accurate measure of right and wrong. Clothe us in Your Truth and love, that when we leave this place, we might bring a bit of heaven into Your world.

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

“Give Me Jesus”

Altar Choir - solo by Arlene Buell
Larry Shackley

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

This is the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

John 1:35-42
(Pew Bible Page 750)

THE PROCLAMATION

Come and See

Pastor Chris Roberts

THE YOUTH CHOIR
“*Who Can Separate Us*”

Jones & Duncan

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 MUFF.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“*I Love You, Lord*”

Laurie Klein Arr. By Mark Hayes

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

“*I Love to Tell the Story*”

Hymn 156

(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

“*Classical Prelude*”

Robert J. Hughes