



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

February 4, 2007
9:25 a.m.

5th 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

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carissa Durham, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Adriene Riggie, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are John & Mary Lou Snead and Charlotte Young.

Our Ask Me Greeters are Jack & Teresa Amos.

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by Angela & Abram Stamper

in honor of Alexis' 16th birthday and Linda & Jim Henry in memory of Kristi.

The white rose on the altar on January 28th was in honor and in memory of Ivan Rohrer.

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“This Is the Feast of Victory”

(Musical 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.

Tender and compassionate God, we seek to know you through the hearing of your Word and pray that we may go beyond hearing to longing for Thee, even as the hart longs for flowing streams. Grant that we may feel your presence, as did the followers who knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and may we experience the thirst within that will send us out to share the Good News with others. Hear us now as we pray, each on 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 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

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” (Hymn 703)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

THIRST THAT WILL NOT DIE

THE COMMUNION CHORUS

“As the Deer”

Hymn 638

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

“As the Deer” with *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

*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.

arr. By Mark Hayes

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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(The congregation is invited to approach one of the communion stations around the sanctuary and balcony. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come and receive the elements by intinction—receive a broken piece of bread from a pastor and dip it into the common cup before partaking. All are welcome to come to the altar and kneel or stand in an attitude of prayer and meditation as long as you desire. Others may remain in an attitude of worship and reflection at their pews. Please return to your pew as directed by the ushers. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake of as you remain seated in the pew.)

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

Hymn 634

*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

“Grace, Love and Fellowship”

Altar Choir
Tom Fetke

THE POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Hymn 89)

Lani Smith