

THE POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary: Allegro Moderato”

William Goodwin



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

February 11, 2007
9:25 a.m.

6th 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

“Trumpet Voluntary: Adagio”

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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

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The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

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Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference

Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries

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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 Tom & Gail Jones and Suzanne Davis.

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by Peggy Hobbs & Connie Wall in memory of Betty Handley and Sue Cox in honor of Joe & Shannon (Cox) Kirsch birthdays.

The white rose on the altar is to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Walter Mayer.

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP
“*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*”
(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 64

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.

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for Your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in Your name, without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for You. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in Your image. 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 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*Bwana Asifiwe*” (Swahili for “Praise the Lord”)

Vesper Handbell Choir
Cathy Moglebust

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:31-38
(Pew Bible page No. 714)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

“*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*” (Hymn 474)

Altar Choir
Thomas A. Dorsey

THE PROCLAMATION

ME FIRST

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 MUFF.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“*Trust and Obey*” (Hymn 467)

Kenon D. Renfrow

*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.

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*”

Hymn 402

(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

“*Grace, Love and Fellowship*”

Altar Choir
Tom Fettke