

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"More Love To Thee, O Christ"

Altar Choir
William Doane

THE POSTLUDE

"Ding, Dong, Merrily on High"

16-Century French Melody
arr. by Marilyn Ham



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

January 6, 2008
9:25 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord
Liturgical Color: White

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

"Rise up, Shepherds, and Follow"

arr. By Anna Laura Page

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

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

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Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
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Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider Ashly Ennis, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Ned & Ellen Reyburn and Larry & Norma Raber.
The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (Vs. 1-4)

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (sing 2 times)

Hymn 79

*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.*

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord I life your name on high.

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, we have sought you in high and holy places; we are ill-prepared to acknowledge your presence among the lowly and poor. We believe you are profound but we overlook your obvious truths. We are anxious about the unknown but we hardly consider the realities immediately in front of us. Turn us, incarnate God, by the simple wonders of your love, to a rebirth of faith and hope and joy. 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 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.

THE ANTHEM

“The Lord Comes”

Altar Choir

Gary Alan Smith

During the playing of the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me” children, preschool through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children’s Church in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23
(Pew Bible page No 682)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

BOXING DAY

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING GOD 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

“Star Carols”

*The Chorus 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 Jay Rouse

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymn No. 9

(The congregation is invited to approach the altar to receive the elements through the center aisle. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand at the altar, and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (you may receive a piece of the broken bread and dip it into the cup). You may remain in an attitude of prayer and meditation at the altar as long as you desire. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake in your pew.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

Hymn 402

*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