



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 27, 2008
9:25 a.m.

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Pastor: Lord of all plans and purposes. The task you lay before us is clear. You have described us as fishers of men. We have not caught souls for you as we ought. We take comfort in your promise that You will make us fishers of men and women. Your Spirit will work through us. We need not fear our weakness. Give us each a heart that doesn't wait for the opportunity but boldly begins the work. Lord excite our hearts.

All: **Excite me to wear Your shoes. Excite me to tell.**

Pastor: All these concerns and joys of our brothers and sisters remind us that our task is not only witnessing to the unchurched, but also to one another. For this joyful sharing in the Communion of Saints, Lord excite our hearts.

All: **Excite me to wear Your shoes. Excite me to tell.**

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"More Love To Thee, O Christ"

Altar Choir
William Doane

THE POSTLUDE

"Fugue in F Major"

J.S. Bach

In every age, God has called out men and women to be His faithful servants. We believe that God has now called us to join that great company who seek to follow Him. We pray that in our worship today, we may receive a clear vision of God's call and strength to fulfill the ministry assigned to us.

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

"Prelude in F Major"

J.S. Bach

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.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Musical Interlude

Hymn 569

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone
Rev. Ken Vance, Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor's School, Africa

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
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 Larry & Barb Moss and Barbara Shearer.

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The red rose is in honor of the birth of Lillian Renee Roberts, born on Fri., January 18 to Pastor Chris and Renee Roberts.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Lord, remind us that Your call is not just to the treasured time of worship or to those peaceful moments of prayer, but because of the resurrection, it is to move with courage into the encounters and arenas of life where many have not heard the Gospel's call. Help us to speak when it is not easy, to act when it is safer to just go along with wrong. Help us to know that in the day of Jesus Christ, His kingdom will come; and let us, O God, be bound by a love amazing and divine, and then go out and embrace a weary and despairing world and lift that world to You. 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.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

"Do You Know My Jesus"

Gospelaires accompanied by Polly Simmons
Lakey and Ellis

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 SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 4:12-23

THE ANTHEM

"The Lord is My Light"

Altar Choir
Mark Bender

THE PROCLAMATION

IF THE SHOE FITS...

Pastor Steve Beutler

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*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 Kenon Reifrow

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Go, Make of All Disciples"

Hymn 571

*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

Pastor: Lord of all people, hear our prayer. You call us to become "Fishers of men and women" because there are countless thousands who do not call upon your name through Christ Jesus and are lost in a sea of despair. Give us each a heart of concern that is aware of the world's tremendous need for Christian witness. Lord excite our hearts.

All: **Excite me to wear Your shoes. Excite me to tell.**

Pastor: Lord of all times and seasons, hear our prayer. You call us today because we do not know the hour of your return nor do we know the hour in which you will call your children from this world. Give us each an eager heart that is keenly aware of the shortness of time and the urgency of witness. Lord, excite our hearts.

All: **Excite me to wear Your shoes. Excite me to tell.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, hear our prayer. You feed us with your Word and Sacrament, and equip us for every work you would have us do. Your message to us is clear. We hear it in the Gospel. Give us each a fertile heart in which this seed may grow and bear fruit. Lord excite our hearts.

All: **Excite me to wear Your shoes. Excite me to tell.**