



# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Baptism of Our Lord*

January 11, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

1st Sunday after the Epiphany  
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

“Aurelia”

setting by Charles Callahan

## **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**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

*(Musical Interlude)*

Hymn No. 89

### 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

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

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Our Greeters today are Don & Betty Fields and Tim & Susan Garner.

The Acolyte is Gus Bourff.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Harvey & Betty Corn in honor of Courtney Mitts

10th Birthday.

## THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All:

**Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.**

**Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.**

**Eternal Power, be our support.**

**Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

**Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.**

**That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek Your face and be brought by Your infinite mercy to Your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucas Allen Lahr  
(Mercedes Lahr)

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Wade in the Water"*

*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.*

Vesper Handbell Choir  
Sandra Eithun

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

### \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11  
Romans 6:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANTHEM

*"Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"*

Altar Choir  
Richard Wienhorst

## THE PROCLAMATION

### WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

## 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

*"Shall We Gather at the River?"*

\*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

setting by Joel Raney

### \*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*

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### \*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

*"Shalom to You"*

### THE POSTLUDE

*"Classical Postlude"*

Altar Choir  
arr. by Carlton Young

Robert J. Hughes