



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 18, 2009
9:25 a.m.

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

The great Evangelist Charles Spurgeon once said, "A slumbering church compels Satan to make it his chief business to rock the cradle, to hush all noise and to drive away even a fly lest it light upon the sleepers face. His great dread is that this great church might rouse itself from her dreamy repose." Wake up! The salvation of this world depends on it.

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

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. By Charles Rose

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn No. 545

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 Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barbara Moss and Barbara Shearer.

The Acolyte is Zach Rodgers.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Randy Manning

In memory of his Grandmother, Annette Manning.

The red roses on the Altar are in honor of Tegegn Ponsler, new parents are Chris and Sarah Ponsler and the birth of Kayden and Kadie Grotenhuis to Eric and Jen Grotenhuis and

Grandparents are Kirk and Terry Grotenhuis.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All:

Gentle God, we pray for Your presence among us.

Where there is fear, let us know Your comfort.

Where there is doubt, let us know Your confidence.

Where there is joy, let us know Your pleasure.

Where there is pain, let us know Your compassion.

Where there is regret, let us know Your forgiveness.

Fill this place with Your Holy Spirit, and may this same Spirit fill our lives.

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 ANTHEM

"Holy is the Lord"

*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.*

arr. By Daniel Smith

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 16:1-4

THE PROCLAMATION

THE USELESSNESS OF RELIGION

Pastor Chris Roberts

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

*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 Dale Wood

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"A Charge Have I to Keep"

Hymn No. 413

*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"

Altar Choir
arr. by Carlton Young

THE POSTLUDE

"Divertissement"

Gordon Young