



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 3, 2010
9:25 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

O God, you made of one blood all nations,
and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.
Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches
that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns
with us and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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 "Gloria"

Wayne L. Wold

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 "We Three Kings"

Musical Interlude

Hymn No. 254

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Rev. Stephen A. Beutler Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring Rev. Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
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Rev. Ken Vance, Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor's School, Africa

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Barbara Hobbs, Music Ministries T.J. Knowland, Youth Director
Amanda Kelly, Children's Ministry Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Phill Montgomery, Counselor Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider
Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider
Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

Our Greeters today are Jim & Linda Henry.
Today's Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The white rose on the Altar is in memory of Theilma Brant.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Blessings to God, who gives hope in the darkness of our lives.

All: **Blessings to Jesus Christ, who reveals God's love unto the world.**

Leader: Blessings to the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be a light for others. Let us pray together.

All: **Lord God of nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your Son Jesus the Christ pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

"Sing Noel"

Traditional tune from Liberia

As the children process out of the sanctuary, any child preschool through Grade 2 are invited to join the procession as they gather for Children's Church in the Chapel. An adult escort will meet the children at the sanctuary exit.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

"He Come From the Glory"

Altar Choir
Lloyd Larson

Matthew 2:1-12

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring

"THE ESCAPE HATCH"

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 CAM.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"A Rosetti Christmas"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Mark Hayes
Hymn No. 95

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Stewards will be serving the elements at various stations in the sanctuary. The ushers will direct you to the nearest station. We will receive Communion by intinction (dip the piece of bread into the cup of juice). The altar rail is also open for prayer and meditation if you so desire.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Star-Child" soloist: Melanie May

Murray/Young

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"The First Noel"

The altar of this church is open to you... come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.

Hymn No. 245

*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 BENEDICTION

"He Come From the Glory"

THE POSTLUDE

"Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

Lloyd Larson

Gordon Young