



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

January 10, 2010
9:25 a.m.

Baptism of our Lord Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

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

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

setting by Mike Springer

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

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

Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

Rev. Ken Vance, Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor's School, Africa

Specialized Ministries

Barbara Hobbs, Music Ministries

Amanda Kelly, Children's Ministry

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Ron & Jan King and Tim & Susan Garner.

Today's Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The white rose on the Altar is in memory of Carroll Simpson.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at His baptism in Jordan’s water You revealed Him as your own beloved Son. You anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and for ever. 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

“Psalm 139”

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn No. 133

THE PROCLAMATION

“A HOME AND A HORIZON”

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

“Wade in the Water”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Calvin Taylor
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

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM

(Water is used symbolically in ways that may not be interpreted as baptism as the pastor says, “Remember your baptism and be thankful.” Persons desiring to reaffirm and celebrate their baptism are invited to come forward and receive water, taken from the baptismal font and express their commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives. The pastors will anoint you with water from the baptismal font and say, “Remember your baptism and be thankful.”)

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” v 1-2

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

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

Hymn No. 206

*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 SUNG BENEDICTION

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” v 3

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata

Hymn No. 206

Johann Pachelbel

Pastor Stephen Beutler