



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

February 7, 2010
9:25 a.m.

5th Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

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

"Pearly Hymns"

Vesper Handbell Choir
Margaret Tucker

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!**

Leader: Come and worship; for all is now ready. The time to celebrate is here.

All: **We gather around our Lord's table in celebration of our new covenant with God.**

Leader: Let us celebrate then, not as though no change had taken place in our life, but with rejoicing for being saved to a new life!

All: **Our feast of love is a banquet given by our Lord Jesus. It is His invitation of love that has brought us here.**

*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.

Pastor: In the same way, He took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in My blood. Whenever you drink it, do this remembering Me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you witness to the death of the Lord until He comes.

All: **We take this cup committed to Christ coming alive in us. Jesus said, "I am the vine. You are the branches. Cut off from Me you can do nothing."**

THE SACRAMENT IS SERVED AND RECEIVED

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: **Lord God, You are the giver of life. You open the eyes of the blind. You cause the lame to walk. You cause the dumb to speak, and You heal those who are maimed. We give thanks for Your feast that You share with us, because in it You share Yourself. You are our strength and shield and we offer ourselves to You. Grant to us as we go from here that by faith and good example we would walk in Your light. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*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 HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*The altar of this church is open to you... come.
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.*

Hymn No. 172

*THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Go in God's strength to call back those who have turned away from God, and bring them to Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

All: **We will be a light to all who live in the shadows.**

Leader: Set your feet upon the path of life as a disciple of Jesus and leave behind the old ways of sin and death.

All: **We will share in God's work. Having received the grace of God, we pray not to waste it. Amen.**

*THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

"Adagio"

William Walond

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“I Come With Joy”

Hymn No. 617

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Lord Jesus, our Shepherd, give to the church a new vision and a new love, a new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness and the renewal of her unity.**

Put upon Your Church’s lips the ancient gospel of Jesus. Help her to proclaim boldly the coming of the kingdom of God. Holy Spirit, show us the need to cease seeking our own life, lest we lose it. Make us valiant to give up our own life, as our Lord Jesus gave His own life. 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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

“A Chalice of Gold”

Altar Choir; Jacqueline Hunt, clarinet
Walter L. Pely

As a chalice cast of gold, Burnished bright and brimmed with wine.

Make me, Lord, as fit to hold Grace and truth and love divine.

Let my praise and worship start With the cleansing of my heart.

Save me from the soothing sin Of the empty cultic deed

And the pious, babbling din Of the claimed but unliveed creed.

Let my actions, Lord, express What my tongue and lips profess.

When I bend upon my knees, Clasp my hands, or bow my head,

Let my spoken, public pleas Be directly, simply said,
Free of tangled words that mask What my soul would plainly ask.
When I dance or chant your praise, When I sing a psalm or hymn,
When I preach your loving ways, Let my heart add its Amen.
Let each cherished outward rite Thus reflect your inward light.

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.

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 5:1-11

THE PROCLAMATION

“GOD RIDES A LAME HORSE”

Pastor Stephen 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

“Pie Jesu”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Vesper Handbell Choir
Webber/Wagner
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

Pastor: The Lord Jesus, on the night of His arrest, took bread and after giving thanks to God, broke it, and said, “This is My body which is for you; do this remembering Me.”

All: **We take this bread committed to Christ coming alive in us. Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry; he who believes in Me will never thirst.”**