

Grace United Methodist Church

Everyone is WELCOME to worship at Grace Church
Childcare for infants and toddlers is available at all services

Large print bulletins are available from an usher

+ The congregation will please stand as able

The Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2012

9:30 am

Gathering

PRELUDE

Tallis' Canon
Nancy Staton, organist

setting by
Richard Purvis

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Don Niswonger

INTROIT

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
Grace Bell Ensemble; Val Dudley director
Sarah Clewett, oboe

arr. Nolan

+HYMN UMH 660

God Is Here

Abbot's Leigh

Proclamation of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scott Himel

Let us pray:

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:34-40

Pew Bible, NT pg. 25

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Lovely are the Messengers
Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir; Dan Wagner, director

How lovely are the messengers that preach the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words;
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

SERMON

"Great Commandment"

Rev. Robert Atkins

Response to the Word

THE CALL TO INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Please join us in a time of silent prayer.

Please refer to the back of the worship bulletin for the Prayer List. For additional prayer concerns you may fill out a blue prayer card located in the pews. Please provide a contact name and phone number.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Prayer for Today

Margaret R. Tucker

Junior Singers, Lynn Leitzen, director
Debbie John, flute; Sherrie Nagy, piano

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

Thank you for worshiping with us today! Please record your presence on the Friendship Pad placed at the end of each row. If you are a newcomer, please print your address and phone number.

CALL TO OFFERING

THE RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

Contemplons from Pièces d'orgue

Guy Bovet

+THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 94, Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. All exchange signs and words of God's peace saying, "The peace of God be with you" or "Shalom".

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH, pp. 18-20
Musical Setting B

THE LORD'S PRAYER *please use 'sins', instead of 'debts'*

UMH 896

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

All here are welcome to receive the bread and cup. We have no tradition of refusing any who present themselves desiring to receive. The ushers will serve while the congregation remains seated. Hold the bread and then the cup until instructed to receive, that the entire congregation may receive together.

COMMUNION PSALM

Taste and See

James E. Moore

Chancel Choir and Congregation

The image shows a musical score for the Communion Psalm 'Taste and See' by James E. Moore. It is written for voice and piano. The score is in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. The first system is a refrain: 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the'. The second system continues with 'Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the'. The third system concludes with 'good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. Lord.' and includes performance markings such as '1-3 To stanzas 3', '4 Fine', and '3'.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips. My soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me.

REFRAIN

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord who answered me. From all my troubles I was set free.

REFRAIN

3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good. In God we need put all our trust.

REFRAIN

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Raise us to new life through this sacrament. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth

+HYMN UMH 463 Lord, Speak to Me Canonbury

+BENEDICTION


+POSTLUDE Fantasy in A Minor J. S. Bach

Our worship has ended, but our service begins... Please visit the Activity Center between worship services to enjoy refreshments and sign up for future activities. If you are a first-time visitor, or desire to know more about our church, please come to the Welcome Center table outside the sanctuary in the Narthex. Stephen Ministers are available in the office lounge located directly across from the sanctuary.

Serving You

Greeters Matt and Debbie Hambright

Ushers **Bill Albrecht, Head Usher**
Thatch Irwin, captain, Larry Allen, Bob Goist, Mike Miskiewicz, Jim Nolan, Steve Peters, Jeff Randa, Mike Rogers, Wes Scroggins, Don Slaby.

	PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP...	
	<i>Saturday Evening in the Activity Center</i>	
	5:00	Emerging informal service with Vickie Wagner
	<i>Sunday Morning in the Sanctuary</i>	
	8:15	Traditional service with New Life Singers and Grace Bell Ensemble
	9:30	Traditional liturgical service with Grace Chancel Choir
	11:00	Contemporary service with Grace Praise Team
WELCOME TO WORSHIP		



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Mission Statement

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