



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 30, 2006
9:25 a.m. o'clock
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The 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

(The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.
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Welcome to this holy hour of worship. May you find joy in the songs of praise. May you find guidance in the Word of God. May you find peace in a whispered prayer. May you find strength and hope in the renewal of your spirit.
Praise and singing is the only part of worship which will never die. Preaching, praying, and reading will one day be no longer needed. But praise will continue throughout eternity. Come – and praise our Lord is worship. “O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.”

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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

“Great is the Lord”

Jay Rouse

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 altar candles are lighted, symbolizing 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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Hymn No. 277

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, you have called us to freedom through Christ Jesus. We are no longer bound by the law, but we are bound to serve one another in love. Please send us your Holy Spirit, and allow us to receive it so that our lives may be fruitful at His service. Allow your Spirit to work on us this hour that we may be more like our master, who came not to be served, but to serve. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and in 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 WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING 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 Nesting Doves.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #140

Melody Bober

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**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 SPECIAL IN SONG *"Spiritual Medley"*

Reggie Nauden, Brian Schoppel and Randy Manning
Paxton & Derricks

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-21

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Rob Ransom

ARE YOU READY FOR A MIRACLE?

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Spirit Song"

Hymn No. 347

(During the playing of the hymn, "Children of the Heavenly Father", children, pre-school through Grade 2 are invited to attend an age appropriate worship experience in Room #102, Lower Level.

An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The flame from the altar is a symbol that we must carry the message of God's grace out from this sanctuary into the world.)

*THE POSTLUDE

"Toccatà in C"

Jose Antonio Carlos de Seixas

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Grace Marie Ransom Rob Ransom
Larry Newberg, Visitation Pastor

Our Missionaries

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference
Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

Specialized Ministries

Randy Manning, Director of Music	Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director	Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager
Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse	Phill Montgomery, Counselor

The Lay Liturgist is Natalie Sanders.

Our Greeters today are John & Joan Ingels and Barb Shearer.

Our Ask Me Greeters are David & Donna Brownfield.

Children's Worship is led by Scott & Adriene Riggie.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry & Norma Raber for grandchildren Jacob Ritchie & Casey Cook's birthdays and for Larry Raber's Birthday and the Hobbs Family in memory of Melvin Hobbs.