



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

June 25, 2006
9:25 a.m. o'clock
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The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

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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

“Jesus Loves Me”
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
“This Little Light of Mine”

Abram Stamper, piano

arranged by Martha Mier

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!**

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

“Tarentella”

Austin Mitts, piano

Frank Lines

Fiesta! Vacation Bible School Songs

“Salsa Blues”

Colin Hughes, piano

Catherine Rollin

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Generous God, we are grateful for the gift you gave us in your Son, Jesus. Help us to remember the incredible sacrifice he made, giving His life so that we may live. Give us the strength to follow wherever Your path takes us; Bless us with endurance so that we may be faithful until the end. Thank you for your Spirit who is always with us and hears 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.)

Meditation through Song

Katelyn & Lauren Kingseed and Megan Rakestraw

"You Gave"

Jay Stocker

Commissioning of Chuck Hefley to Mission Field and Youth to Institute

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.

(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.)

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 Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Hymn 140)

Jay Rouse

*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.**

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	Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Phill Montgomery, Counselor	Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

The Lay Liturgist is Katie Wall.

Our Greeters today are Ned & Ellen Reybum and Bruce Clark.

Our Ask Me Greeters are Jack & Teresa Amos.

Assisting in our Nursery are Betsy Durham and VBS helpers.

Children's Worship is led by Angela & Alexis Stamper.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob Hill in honor of June's Birthday.

The red rose is in honor of the birth of Grant Christopher, born June 19th to

Sara and Chris Worley, Grandson of Pastor Steve and Jayna Beutler.

VBS Musicians: Andrew Shively - Drums, Josh Maupin - Percussion,
Austin Egloff - Guitar, Ian Crook - Guitar, Marleta Newberg - Piano
Lee Ann Hughes - Director

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 2:8-11

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

What Christ Thinks of the Church
"Faithful Unto Death"

*THE HYMN

*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.)

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(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.)

*THE BENEDICTION

Now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father be with you; and may the Holy Spirit come upon you and *disturb* you and *trouble* you, and set before you an impossible task and dare you to

do it; until in your desperation you fall on your knees and tarry until He fills you with His power, which alone will *enable* you to do it, and *then*...but only *then*, may the Lord grant you His peace! Amen.

*THE POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C Major"

J.S. Bach