

THE ANTHEM

*“Canticle of Thanksgiving”*

Altar Choir  
Dale Wood

THE PROCLAMATION

**“Thanks Therapy”**

Pastor Steve Beutler

(At the conclusion of the sermon, you are invited to join together in singing the ending stanza from “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”, Hymn No. 697)

**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 CAM.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering  
The Offertory

*“Give Thanks”*

Henry Smith  
Arr. By Mark Hayes

\*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 HYMN OF INVITATION

***“America the Beautiful”***

Hymn No. 696

(The altar of the church is open to you.....come. Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray. )

\*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 CHORAL RESPONSE

***“Go Now in Peace”***

Altar Choir  
Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

THE POSTLUDE

*“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor”*

J.S. Bach



## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 26, 2006  
9:25 a.m.

Christ the King/Reign of Christ  
Liturgical Color: White

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

"We Gather Together" Hymn 131

Howard Helvey

### **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.)

### **WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD**

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn 102

(Organ Interlude)

#### THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and our own way.**

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.**

#### VESPER HANDBELLS

"If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee"

Georg Neumark

(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**

#### THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118

(Pew Bible Page 436)