



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

June 24, 2007
9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Spiritual blindness is the refusal to see that we need God's forgiveness. We need God to open our eyes that we may see our sin and His love. As we worship in His light, may we receive the sight to see clearly the life we are called to live.

(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

"Voluntary in F: Adagio"

William Hine

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Your Love Oh Lord"

Ron Harper

Peter Stearns

Verse - Your love oh Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your Faithfulness. Stretches to the skies

Your Righteousness is like mighty mountain

Your Justice flows like the Ocean's tides

Repeat verse

Repeat refrain 2 times

Your love oh Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your Faithfulness stretches to the skies!

Refrain - And I will lift my voice

To worship You my King

I will find my strength in the

Shadow of your wings

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

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

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider Adriene Riggie, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

The Lay Liturgist is Joyce Hodges.

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Charlotte Young.

The Ask Me Greeters are George Hoshaw and Joy Loop.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Paul & Karen Zimmerman

in honor of their 22nd anniversary,

and by Bob Hill in honor of June's birthday.

*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 HYMN OF WORSHIP

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Musical Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who heals the blindness of man's sinful behavior by the light of your only Son, Jesus our Savior: Touch our hearts, that our spiritual sight may be restored, letting us see clearly the life you are calling us to live. 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.

(During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me",

children, pre-school through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children's Church in the Chapel, Lower Level.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

Ron Harper
Traditional

Hymn 140

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

John 9:1-12
(Pew Bible page No 758)

THE PROCLAMATION

"Christ Anointed Eyes"

Pastor Larry Newberg

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

"Give Me Jesus"

*The Chorus 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.

Ron Harper
Ortega/Traditional

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Open My Eyes"

(The altar of this church is open to you...come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

Hymn 454

*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 POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in F: Allegro"

William Hine