



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 8, 2007
9:25 a.m.

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Prayer changes things. God hears our joys and concerns and moves according to His divine will. The pastors and people of Grace United Methodist Church are in the midst of a “Prayer Initiative.” Join as we continue to pray for God’s Church and God’s world. Our prayers will make a difference.

(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 - “Kum Ba Ya” (Hymn 494)

“Someone’s Dreamin”

Joel Raney

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.)

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

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider Adriene Riggle, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Glenn & Dee Ann Colescott and Connie Wall.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by

Harvey & Betty Corn in honor of Austin Mitts 14th birthday and

Ron & Liz Harper in honor of Lauren and Drew’s birthday.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

“Standing on the Promises”

(Musical Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

My Lord, come by here. Rekindle Your Spirit within us; make us burn with Your power and love. Increase our faith; set us ablaze with courage, that we might fulfill our calling. Make us aware of Your abiding presence and grace. My Lord, come by here.

“Someone’s Mourning”

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.)

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

“Someone’s Laughin’”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAMATION

“Kum Ba Ya”

Dr. Reverend Frank Beard

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 tithes 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

“Someone’s Dancin’”

“Someone’s Singin’”

*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.

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*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Here I am, Lord”

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

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

Hymn 593

*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

“Someone’s Shoutin’”

Joel Raney