

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

PRAYER INTERCESSION AT STATIONS

(Throughout our "Prayer Initiative" we have focused on two particular areas of need: Vacation Bible School and the improvement project in the lower-level. To conclude this special time of prayer and praise, we invite you at this time to move to the three stations of intercessory prayer. Go and kneel or stand at any of the prayer stations set up in the sanctuary to pray for these concerns. Additionally, someone will be at the station to pray with you and to pray for any personal concerns, needs, or joys you may have this morning. We also invite you to pray silently in your pews. Come to witness. Come to repent. Come to pray.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"*Breathe*"

Linda White
Marie Barnett

PRAYER THROUGH MUSIC

"*Alleluia*"

"*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*"

Hymn 186
Hymn 349

*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

"We Will Glorify"

Twila Paris, arr. By Lloyd Larson

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

Our Missionaries

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

Our Greeters today are Larry & Norma Raber and Joy Loop.

The Ask Me Greeters are Donna & David Brownfield.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by

Ron & Arlene Buell in honor of their 23rd anniversary and
Jim and Betty Hart in honor of their 59th anniversary.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 15, 2007
9:25 a.m.

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

This morning's worship gathering will be a time of prayer and praise. Throughout the service there will be different opportunities to pray silently and individually and to pray aloud and together. Come forward during any of the hymns, times of silence, or any time during the service to kneel or stand at the prayer rail. May God be glorified and may you be blessed.

(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

"He is Exalted"

Chamber Ensemble
Twila Paris

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:9-11)

*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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

(Musical Interlude)

Hymn 526

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Let us hear you now as we pray.

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.)

Litany of Prayers for God’s Holy Church

Thank you, Lord, for giving us spiritual leaders who will serve you faithfully. May they be “examples to the flock, exercising oversight with love and compassion, as You would have them do it. (1 Peter 5:1-3)

Merciful God, grant that our spiritual leaders will be true to their calling. Help them to faithfully shepherd the flock you have entrusted into their care.

Father, we recognize that Your passion has always been for the lost and the hurting. Jesus, Your priority was to seek and to save the lost. Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to be like You. (1 John 4:19-21)

Holy Spirit, empower us with Your passion for the lost and the hurting in our midst. Break our hearts, Lord, with the burdens that touch your heart.

We acknowledge Your Holy Word, Loving God, as the final authority in our lives. Forgive us for our lack of zeal for Your Holy Word. We pray for Scriptural integrity in our church. (Psalm 119:97, 105)

May our pastors preach Your Word with power and authority. May we treasure Your Word as Truth. Empower us, Holy Spirit, to be people of the Word!

Jesus, You prayed for unity in the body of Christ. Your desire is for us to be one so that the world may believe. (John 17)

Help us, Lord, to be one!

Jesus, you said, “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” We admit, Lord, that churches today have not faithfully lifted up Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. (John 12:32; John 14:6)

Help us, Holy God, to raise the standard of Christ in our churches and in our lives.

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, preschool through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children’s Church in the Chapel, Lower Level. In Children’s Church we will be worshipping the Lord in a more relaxed and age appropriate manner. We ask that parents please come and pick up your child(ren) from the Chapel at the conclusion of your service. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.)

OFFERING GOD 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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” Hymn 496

*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.

Jay Rouse

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:15-18

(Pew Bible page No 717)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

“A House of What?”

Pastor Chris Roberts