

**\*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: Allegro"*

William Walond



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

July 22, 2007  
9:25 a.m.

8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

The Bible says in Genesis that we were created in the image of God. Exodus, in the story of the creation of the golden calf, says that we attempted to return the favor! May this be a time to worship the True and Living God.

*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: Adagio"*

William Walond

**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**

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 Riggle, Childcare Provider  
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator                      T J Knowland, Youth Director

The Lay Liturgist is Melanie May.  
Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Barb Shearer.  
The Ask Me Greeters are George Hoshaw and Joy Loop.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jerry & Joyce Hodges in honor of their 47 wedding anniversary and Larry and Sue Murrell in loving memory of Lilly Rae.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

***“We Believe in One True God”***

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord, teach us to worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Before we tell you what’s on our minds, help us humbly to listen to what’s on Your mind. Before we tell You what we want You to give us, move us to be obedient to what You want us to give You. Judge our worship, O Lord, by Your standards of Truth. Help us to embody our praise of You, to turn all of our lives into worship in Spirit and in Truth. 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, preschool 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Rise”**

ACE Trio: Arlene Buell, Carolann Shadday, Elaine Phelps  
Tom Fettke

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14  
(Pew Bible page No 63)

\*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14  
(Pew Bible page No 699)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Chris Roberts

**“The Quest for Truth”**

## 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 Nesting Doves.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

**“Grace”**

\*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.**

ACE Trio: Arlene Buell, Carolann Shadday, Elaine Phelps  
Mosie Lister

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

I have decided to follow Jesus.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.

The world behind me, the cross before me.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

*The altar of this church is open to you... come.  
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.*