

**\*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**

*"Fugue, BWV 560"*

J.S. Bach



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

August 5, 2007  
9:25 a.m.

10th Sunday after Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

When our experience of grace is real then we will consciously want to share that grace.

*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**

*"Prelude, BWV 560"*

JS Bach

**WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy God, untamed by the names we give you

All: **COME AND MEET US.**

Leader: God of creation, whose hands shaped mud into your likeness

All: **COME AND MEET US.**

Leader: Persistent God, touching and molding us still,

All: **COME AND MEET US.**

Leader: Tender God, who is forming us into a sign of the new community

All: **WE ARE HERE TO MEET YOU.**

**\*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

Our Greeters today are Milt & Helen Brown and Darleen Donaghy.

The Ask Me Greeter is George Hoshaw.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kirby & Jo Alexander in honor of their 63rd anniversary and the Hobbs Family in memory of Melvin W. Hobbs.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

*Musical Interlude*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sarah Bauson	Andrew Blatt	Marion Cherry	Justin Foust
Drew Kingseed	Lauren Kingseed	Melanie May	Adriene Riggle
Renee Roberts	Katie Wall	Melissa Zimmerman	

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Holy God, mold our worship so that the words of our mouths and the whispers of our hearts find their way to You. So shape our celebration with Your gracious touch that our prayers find a home with You and our songs bring You joy. Form this service and our lives into an acceptable offering of thanksgiving and witness. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

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.*

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 6:5-9  
(Pew Bible page No 4)

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Legacy”*

Lauren Kingseed and Melanie May  
Nichole Nordeman

\*THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 4:7-11  
(Pew Bible page No 859)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Charles Johnson

**“If Grace is Real”**

## 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

*“Intermezzo, Op. 76 No. 4”*

\*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.**

Johannes Brahms

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymn No. 15

The congregation is invited to approach the altar to receive the elements through the center aisle. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand at the altar, and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (you may receive a piece of the broken bread and dip it into the cup). You may remain in an attitude of prayer and meditation at the altar as long as you desire. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake in your pew.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“Amazing Grace”**

Hymn 378

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