



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 12, 2007
9:25 a.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

God is in control—We believe that His children will not be forsaken.
God is in control—We will choose to remember and never be shaken.
There is no power above or beside Him, we know God is in control, oh God is in control.
God is in Control by Twila Paris

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

“Jesus Loves Me”

Fred Bock

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

Our Greeters today are Joe & Ann Winger and Mike Rodgers.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Younce Family in memory of Doyle and
by Charlie & Becky Reed in honor of Blake and Betsie’s wedding.

One white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of June Van Bibber and
one is in honor and memory of Jim Cunningham.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF WORSHIP
“**Jesus Loves Me**”

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord, give us the grace to accept all things in life, as somehow part of your love for us. Help us to look for Your hand in all of life’s circumstances. In our many times of happiness, enable us to see such blessings as Your gifts rather than our achievements. In times of difficulty, remind us of the wideness of your mercy, the greatness of your love. Help us not to be too quick to label life’s events as “good” or “bad,” but rather to wait patiently upon Your will. You have given us more faith and understanding than we could possibly have had on our own. 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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“**Just A Little Talk with Jesus**”

Gospelaire accompanied by Marleta Newberg
Cleavant Derricks

Hymn 191

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

“**When the Tough Questions Come**”

Pastor Chris Roberts

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*Through It All*”

Gospelaire accompanied by Marleta Newberg
Andrae Crouch

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

“*Great is Thy Faithfulness*”

*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.

Fred Bock

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“**Victory in Jesus**”

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

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

*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

“**To God Be the Glory**”

Paul Mickelson