



# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 2, 2007  
9:25 a.m.

14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: White

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some “Thy Kingdom come” to pray. Keep silence, let him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

*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

“Air”

Samuel Wesley

## **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

Rev. Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries  
Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone  
Rev. Ken Vance., Missionary, Ndola, Town Center, Kafakumba Pastor’s School, Africa

#### 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 Ron & Jan King and Ralph Cory.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Harvey & Betty Corn in honor of Bill & Darlene Kommans 40th Anniversary and Harlo & Dixie Westlin in memory of their parents.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*THE HYMN OF WORSHIP

**“Here O My Lord, I See Thee”**

Hymn 623

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them. 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

**“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”**

sung by Randy Manning, piano played by Marieta Newberg  
William B. Bradbury

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

## 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

**“Just As I Am”** (Hymn 357)

Joel Raney

\*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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymn No. 15

*The congregation is invited to approach one of the communion stations to receive the elements. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand, 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 or pew 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

**“Now, Let Us From This Table Rise”**

Hymn 634

*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

**“Gavotte”**

Samuel Wesley