

***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 Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Altar Choir
Peter C. Lutkin

THE POSTLUDE

"The Church's One Foundation" Hymn 545

Stan Pethel



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

September 9, 2007
9:25 a.m.

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Praise in song is the only part of worship that will last for all eternity. Preaching, praying, and scripture reading will no longer be needed when we are in the presence of God in Heaven, but praise and singing will continue forever. Come, let us praise our Lord as we sing today.

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

"Rejoice the Lord is King" Hymn 715

Stan Pethel

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE ANTHEM

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Altar Choir
Charles Wesley

***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**

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

Hymn 96

Musical Interlude

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
Debbra 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 Jack & Carrie Elleman and Betty Hegenbart.

The Ask Me Greeters are George Hoshaw and Ann Bradshaw
The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom & Pam Prather in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Christen to Gene Geisz and the Faulkner Family, celebrating the marriage of Megan and Guy.

THE LITANY from DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING (From Wesley's Hymnal, 1761)

Pastor: Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.

All: **Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.**

Pastor: Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.

All: **Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you we half dead, or half asleep, but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.**

Pastor: Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation. May you not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

All: **Sing in time...and take care not to sing too slow. This drawing 3 way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.**

Pastor: Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when He cometh in the clouds of heaven.

A FESTIVAL OF WESLEYAN HYMNS

Hymns of Advent and Christmas

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Vs. 1)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Vs. 1,3)

Hymns of praise for God's Saving Grace

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” (Vs. 1, 2, and 5)

“And Can it Be that I Should Gain” (Vs. 1)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Vs. 1)

Hymn No. 196

Hymn No. 240

Hymn No. 339

Hymn No. 363

Hymn No. 384

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns Inviting us to Holy Living

“I Want a Principle Within” (Vs. 1 and 2)

“A Charge to Keep I Have” (Vs. 1)

“Soldiers of Christ, Arise” (Vs. 1 and 3)

Hymns of Anticipation, Glorification in His Holy Presence

“And Are We Yet Alive” (Vs. 1,2,5, and 6)

Hymn No.410

Hymn No. 413

Hymn No. 513

Hymn No. 553

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 12:1-3

THE PROCLAMATION

GLORY TO GOD, AND PRAISE AND LOVE

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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Hymn 384)

*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.

Stan Pethel

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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

Hymn No 302