



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 16, 2007
9:25 a.m.

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Praise and singing is the only part of worship which will never die. Preaching, praying, and reading will one day be no longer needed. But praise will continue throughout eternity. Come and praise our Lord in worship. "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation."

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

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"

setting by Paul Manz

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

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phil Montgomery, Counselor

Adriene Riggle, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are John & Joan Ingels and Estella Lucas.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF WORSHIP
"O How I Love Jesus"

Hymn No. 170

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us,
Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left,
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,
Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear that hears us.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. 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.*

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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Hymn 368

*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.**

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

"Let the People of God Go Singing"

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE PROCLAMATION

"HEAVEN'S MOST HAUNTING QUESTION"

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

THE RESPONSE TO THE SERMON

*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 CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

THE POSTLUDE

"Celebration"

Wilbert Held

Altar Choir
Ken Medema

Matthew 16:13-20
(Pew Bible page No 694)

Ken Medema
Pastor Steve Beutler

Ken Medema

Altar Choir
Peter C. Lutkin

Charles Callahan