



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 23, 2007
9:25 a.m.

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

I'm like a mockingbird;
I've got no new song to sing.
I'm like an amplifier,
I just tell you what I've heard.
Oh, I'm like a mockingbird.

— Singer, Songwriter Derek Webb, *Mockingbird*

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

Chamber Ensemble

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

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Adriene Riggle, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Tim & Susan Garner.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Loop Family in memory of Paul & Jim Loop and by Jack & Teresa Amos in honor of Angela Stamper's birthday.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Bill Hart.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn No. 451

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, who comes to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for Your constant inter-action, Your never-ending seeking and reaching out to us. You have never left us alone, never allowed us to be without Your loving and caring. Your Presence and Word are constantly guiding us. Embrace us, O God. Love us, reach to us. Let us hear You now as we pray in silence.

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 ANTHEM

“Look at the World”

Altar Choir
John Rutter

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 55:8-11
(Pew Bible page No 525)

THE PROCLAMATION

“IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DON'T GET THIS SERMON”

Pastor Chris Roberts

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 tithes 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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*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.

Robert A. Hobby

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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

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

Hymn No. 454

*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”

Altar Choir
Peter C. Lutkin

THE POSTLUDE

“A Rondelet”

Charles Callahan