

***HYMNS OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

“**Freely, Freely**”

During the hymns, we ask that you come forward and place your “Estimate of Giving” card on the altar.

Hymn 390

Hymn 389

***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**

“Go Now in Peace”

Altar Choir

Don Besig

THE POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God” Hymn 102

Albert Travis

November 18, 2007

9:25 a.m.

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

The program of God is like a relay race. Let one runner drop out and the whole team loses. Let one runner lose the baton and the whole team is eliminated. Let one runner break the rules and the whole team is disqualified. The work of no runner counts until every runner does his/her share and the anchor person has hit the tape at the finish line. The phrase “let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” is the key. The idea is clear. There are lots of distractions as we run. Bypass beckon us; false goals attract us; competition discourages us; opposition causes us to falter. Jesus, however, a tried and trusted leader who blazed the trail of faith by His own obedience and perseverance and who finished the course in a burst of glory is both our guide and our goal. We look away from everything else to Him, if we want to run well.

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

“With a Heart of Thanksgiving”

Howard Helvey

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!**

Grace United Methodist Church

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

Stephen A. Beutler

Chris Roberts

Larry Newberg

Pastors

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

Phil Montgomery, Counselor

Adriene Riggle, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Adam & Tammy Parrish and Jim Williams.

The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jay & Karen King in memory of Karen’s sister, Sharon Hearn and the Reed Family in honor of Charlie’s Birthday.

*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 PROCESSIONAL AND WORSHIP

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

"Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart , O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay, Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Hymn 121

SPECIAL

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Vesper Handbells Choir
Peggy Bettcher

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

Musical Interlude

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17
(Pew Bible page No 834)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: THE HATRED...which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class:

Leader: **Father Forgive.**

All: THE GREED...which exploits the labors of men and lays waste to earth;

Leader: **Father Forgive.**

All: OUR ENVY...of the welfare and happiness of others;

Leader: **Father Forgive.**

All: OUR INDIFFERENCE...to the plight of the homeless and the refugee;

Leader: **Father Forgive.**

All: THE LUST...which uses for ignoble ends, the bodies of men and women;

Leader: **Father Forgive.**

All: THE PRIDE...which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God;

Leader: **Father Forgive.**

May we be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forving one another, as God in Christ forgave us.

- The prayer at the altar of Coventry Cathedral

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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" See attached

Altar Choir
John Rutter

THE PROCLAMATION

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

Pastor Steve Beutler

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING GOD 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 CAM.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Grace Greater than Our Sin" Hymn 365

*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.

arr. by Melody Bober