



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 18, 2008
9:25 a.m.

1st Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: White

“Welcome to this holy hour of worship. May you find joy in the songs of praise. May you find guidance in the Word of God. May you find peace in a whispered prayer. May you find strength and hope in the renewal of your spirit.”

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

“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”

Chamber Ensemble
arr by Charles Rose

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.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Musical Interlude

Hymn 64

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 Chelsea Scott, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are George & Jackie Plank.

The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

Servers this month during our Fellowship Time are from the Young Adult Sunday School Class.
The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Jack & Teresa Amos in honor of their 52nd Anniversary.

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

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WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Morrison Advanced Youth Handbell Choir
arr. John Behnke

"Jamaican Melody!" Percussion played by Jon Rodgers

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **We believe in you, O God, for you have made the suffering of humanity your suffering. You have come to establish a kingdom for the poor and humble. Today we sing to You, because You are alive, You have saved us, You have invited us to be made free. 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.

THE ANTHEM

"Jesus, What a Beautiful Name"

During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me" children, preschool through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children's Church in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.

Altar Choir
Tanya Riches

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 22:1-14
(Pew Bible page No 699)

THE PROCLAMATION

**YOU ASKED FOR IT
"A SERMON ON HELL"**

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 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 Relay for Life.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"This is My Father's World" Hymn 144

*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.

Joel Raney

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

Hymn 616

*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

"A Gaelic Blessing"

Deep peace of the running wave to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Deep peace of the gentle night to you,

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,

Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you,

Deep peace of Christ to you.

Altar Choir
arr. John Rutter

THE POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary in C"

John Stanley