

**\*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 POSTLUDE**

*"How Majestic Is Your Name"*

Michael W. Smith, arr. By Tim Doran



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

June 22, 2008  
9:25 a.m.

6th Sunday after Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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.

**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  
Debra 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 Larry & Barbara Moss and Jim Williams.  
The Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Paul & Karen Zimmerman in celebration of their 23rd anniversary and Robert Hill in memory of June Hill's birthday.  
The white rose is in honor and memory of Sally Wiley.

**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**

*"All Hail King Jesus/O Worship the King"*

Chamber Ensemble  
arr. by Stan Pethel

**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

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

**“Lord, Be Glorified/Take My Life and Let It Be”**

Chamber Ensemble  
arr by Stan Pethel

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  
In Your Church Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In Your Church Lord, be glorified today.

Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord to Thee; Take my hands and let them move,  
At the impulse of Thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.

Thank you Lord for all that you do, all that you do.

Thank you Lord for all that you do for me.

All that you do for me.

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Our Father, we thank You for the privilege of being together at this time and in this place. As Your people, we pray that Your love will unite us into a fellowship of discovery. Cleanse us of everything that would sap our strength for togetherness.**

**Unravel the knots in our spirits. Cleanse the error of our minds. Free us from the bondage of our negative imaginations. Break down the barriers that sometimes keep us apart and cause us to drift along without a dream. As we go from here—Explode in us new possibilities for service. Kindle within us the fires of Your compassion so that we may not wait too long to learn to love.**

**May we be a people with loving purposes—reaching out...breaking walls....building bridges....Let us be Your alleluia in a joyless, fragmented world. 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Down By the Riverside”**

Chamber Ensemble  
arr. by Charles Rose

*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.*

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 1:26 - 2:4

THE PROCLAMATION

**YOU ASKED FOR IT**

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 Relay for Life.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

**“Oh, How He Loves You and Me”**

Kurt Kaiser, arr. by Mark Hayes

\*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.**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

Hymn 402