



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 13, 2008
9:25 a.m.

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

“My vision sees the nets of the United Methodist Church once again filled with fish. I know the hard work, commitment, sacrifice, and long hours involved in working to achieve success. I am confident that making disciples for Jesus Christ can happen in every sector of our worldwide Church. I will provide leadership that is successful in achieving our mission of making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world.” – *Dr. Frank J. Beard*

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy Is The Lord of Hosts”

arr. by Tim Doran

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 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 Tom & Carol Scherschel and Ann Tupper.

The Servers this month during our Fellowship Time are the Good News Seekers.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Pastor Chris Roberts in honor of Renee and their 10 year Anniversary and Milt & Helen Brown in honor of Loved Ones.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Musical Interlude

Lillian Renee Roberts

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Gracious Lord, You have promised that, wherever two or three are gathered in Your name, You will be present. Today we have gathered here to claim that promise. As we praise Your name with our lips, baptize us with Your Spirit. 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

“We Shall Behold Him”

Gospelaire
Dottie Rambo

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.**

Matthew 16:13-20

THE PROCLAMATION

“What I Like about Being United Methodist”

Rev. Dr. Frank Beard

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Longer I Serve Him”

Gospelaire
William Gaither

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 Nesting Doves.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“The Solid Rock”/“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Howard Helvey

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

“Hymn of Promise”

Hymn 707

*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 Firm a Foundation”

arr. By Kenon D. Renfrow