

*THE BENEDICTION
THE POSTLUDE
"Allegro Moderato"

Henry Heron



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 27, 2008
9:25 a.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

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

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

arr. by Sam Batt Owens

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

"O How I Love Jesus"

"There's Something About That Name"

Hymn 170

Hymn 171

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

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today Larry and Barbara Moss and Julie Maupin.

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

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by the Hobbs Family in memory of Melvin W Hobbs and

Bill and Sharon Bassett in honor of Audrey Rae Bassett's Baptism.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Audrey Rae Bassett

(William and Nicole Bassett Jr. – Parents)

Karoline Ann Overstreet

(Joe and Karmen Overstreet—Parents)

At the appointed time, let the congregation respond:

Lord, the responsibility for these little children is too much for any two parents alone. They need the loving support of the fellowship of believers as they train and guide and nurture little Audrey and Karoline. We give ourselves today, Lord, on behalf of the congregations where these families will attend, to that task. We accept the responsibility of helping to bring these children to maturity in You. We will uphold them with our love, teach them the word of God, encourage them when they fail, and we will be careful not to bruise these tender buds by harsh words, quick judgments, and cruel criticism. For truly, Father, these are your children, and we want to protect and teach them and to bring them to the moment when they will choose for themselves to know You as Savior and Lord of their life.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Eternal God, You raised from the dead our Lord Jesus and by Your Holy Spirit brought to life Your Church. Breathe upon us again with Your spirit and give new life to us, Your people, through the same Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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

“*París Angelicus*”

David Seitz

arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

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.**

Psalms 147:3

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*Just A Closer Walk with Thee*”

David Seitz

arr. Richard Walter

THE PROCLAMATION

**GOOD NEWS ABOUT GRACE
“HEALING GRACE”**

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 Nesting Doves.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*”

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*Healing Grace*”

Jayna Beutler

Rich Muchow

*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.