

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST
“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Hymn 365

*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

“Toccata”

Johann Pachelbel



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 3, 2008
9:25 a.m.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Communion is not an event in which autonomous individuals have parallel religious experiences. We do not come to Christ alone but with and through one another. The meaning of the term “priesthood of all believers” is not that we can come to God privately but that we come to him on one another’s behalf: each is a priest for the other.

The asterisk () designates when the congregation will please stand.*

Worshipers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Worshipers 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. by Marilynn Ham

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC

ACE Trio (Arlene Buell, Carolann Shadday and Elaine Phelps)

“Let’s Have Church” accompanied by Cindy Ison
James and Mark Payne

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

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Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider	Chelsea Scott, Childcare Provider
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider	
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator	TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Ned & Ellen Reyburn and Betty Dye.
The Servers this month during our Fellowship Time are The Gathering.
The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God Lee and Sue Flashe in honor of her Mother, Mary Jane Deakin’s, Birthday and Nancy Stokely in celebration of her parents, Gene and Cay Kelley’s, 64th Wedding Anniversary.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Take Our Bread”

Hymn 640

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, just as the disciples heard Christ’s words of promise and began to eat the bread and drink the wine in the suffering of a long remembrance and in the joy of a great hope, grant that we may hear Your words, spoken in each thing of everyday affairs:**

Coffee, on our table in the morning;

The simple gesture of opening a door to go out, free;

The shouts of joy from children in a park;

A familiar song, sung by an unfamiliar face.

May simple things speak to us of Your grace, and tell us that life can be good because of Your sacrifice. And may these sacramental gifts make us remember those who do not receive them:

Who have their lives cut every day, in the bread absent from the table;

In the door of the hospital, the prison, the nursing home;

In sad children, feet without shoes, eyes without hope;

In deserts where once there was life.

Help us to remember Your sacrifice of love this day so we may offer Your grace to others by Your love. 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

ACE TRIO (Arlene Buell, Carolann Shadday and Elaine Phelps)
Josh Turner
“Me and God” accompanied by Cindy Ison

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.**

Lamentations 5:16b-21

THE PROCLAMATION

GOOD NEWS ABOUT GRACE
“Grace That Restores Us”

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

“Lamb of God”

*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 Mark Hayes

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The congregation is invited to approach the altar to receive the elements through the center aisle. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand at the altar, and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (you may receive a piece of the broken bread and dip it into the cup). You may remain in an attitude of prayer and meditation at the altar as long as you desire. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake in your pew.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION