

\*A HYMN OF INVITATION

**“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”**

Hymn No. 662

\*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

*“Rejoice, The Lord is King”*

arr. By Stan Pethal



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 24 2008  
9:25 a.m.

15th 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

*“As the Deer with My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

Chamber Ensemble

arr. by Stan Pethal

**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

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator

T J Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today Larry & Barbara Moss and Ann Tupper.

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Servers this month during our Fellowship Time are the Gathering Sunday School Class.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Harvey & Betty Corn in celebration of their 35th anniversary and Rob, Karin and Family in memory of Anna Valdes.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

**“All Hail King Jesus with O Worship the King”** (See insert)

All Hail King Jesus!  
King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Bright Morning Star,  
And throughout Eternity I'll sing your praises;  
And I'll reign with you throughout Eternity.  
  
O worship the King, all glorious above.  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilion in splendor, and girded with praise.  
(Repeat First Stanza)

### THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O Lord our God, You are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us. 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 Gather Together”

Guitar Solo played by Rob Pinto  
arr. Edward Kresmer

Chamber Ensemble

arr. by Stan Pethel

*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

Mark 2:1-12  
Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Here I Am Lord”

Guitar Solo played by Rob Pinto  
arr. Carlton Young

### THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

**GOOD NEWS ABOUT GRACE  
“REPENTANCE AND GRACE”**

## 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

“This Little Light of Mine”

\*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 Calvin Taylor

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

At the appointed time, the congregation is invited to respond:

**We rejoice to recognize you as members of Grace United Methodist Church and bid you welcome to this part of the body of Christ. With you we renew our vows to uphold the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**