



# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 31, 2008  
9:25 a.m.

16th 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

*“Andante Grazioso”*

J.S. Bach

## **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

Our Greeters today Jim & Linda Henry and Roberta Nicholson.

The Acolyte is Jacob White.

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 Jeanette Louth in memory of Stella Tree and Leilah Louth.

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## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

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### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

**“To God Be the Glory”**  
**“My Tribute”**

Hymn No. 98  
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### THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Almighty God, you have called Thy Church into being and have gathered us into one family. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to live in unity and peace with all of Your children. May our actions this day be fruit of our faith in Your kingdom. 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

Ron Harper accompanied by Rob Pinto

*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.*

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## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

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### \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:1-8  
Ephesians 4:29-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Here I Am Lord”*

Liz Harper  
arr. Lloyd Larson

### THE PROCLAMATION

**GOOD NEWS ABOUT GRACE**  
**“OFFERING GRACE TO OTHERS”**

Pastor Steve Beutler

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## WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

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### 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

*“Amazing Grace”*

\*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.**

setting by Joel Raney

### \*A HYMN OF INVITATION

**“Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

Hymn No. 399

### \*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

*“Andante Maestoso”*

John Worgan