

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST
“**Wonderful Grace of Jesus**”

See Insert

*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

“You Are Not Alone”

Altar Choir

John Horman

THE POSTLUDE

“The Power and the Glory”

Lani Smith

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 Dick & Judie Emry and Peggy Hobbs.
The Servers this month during our Fellowship Time are the 3M Class.
The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Sue Cox in memory of Warren Cox and by Betty Gentry in memory of Larry E. Gentry and Marianna Gentry.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 7, 2008
9:25 a.m.

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: White

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.*

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

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“**Jesus, United by Thy Grace**”

Hymn 561

Musical Interlude

PROMOTION AND BIBLE SUNDAY RECOGNITION

A LITANY OF BLESSING FOR LEAVING THE FELLOWSHIP

Pastor: Al Wald, who has been a part of the fellowship of Grace United Methodist Church is now moving to Tucson, Arizona. Let us join together in this litany of blessing as he leaves our fellowship. For the participation of Al in our fellowship,

People: **We give Thee our thanks, O God.**

Pastor: That this one whom we have come to know and love in this congregation may soon be known and loved in another congregation.

People: **We ask Thee, Our God, to prepare a church in Tucson, to welcome him and make a place for him.**

Pastor: Al, you have heard these prayers of thanksgiving and petition offered to God on your behalf. Will you join with me and your many friends here in renewal of our vows to God and the Christian Church?

All: **We renew our vows to uphold the Christian church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service wherever we may be or wherever we may go.**

Pastor: On behalf of this congregation, I pronounce this blessing upon you: Go forth in peace, and be of good courage; hold fast that which is good, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with us forever. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **I pray today for**

God's strength to pilot me,

God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me.

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

- A prayer of St. Patrick

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.

THE ANTHEM

"God of Grace"

Altar Choir
Getty & Rea

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 2:8-10

THE PROCLAMATION

God's Gift of Amazing 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

"A Mighty Fortress"

*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 Joel Raney