



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 28, 2008
9:25 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some "Thy Kingdom come" to pray. Keep silence, let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

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

"Shall We Gather At the River"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. By Charles Rose

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

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Hymn 277

Musical Interlude

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, Katakumba 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 Larry & Barb Moss.
The Servers this month during our Fellowship Time are the 3M Class.
The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Arlene & Ron Buell in celebration of Arlene's parents 53rd anniversary and by Bob Hill to commemorate Bob & June Hill's 70th anniversary. The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Sid Golightly.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,**

A humble heart that we may hear Thee,

A heart of love that we may serve Thee,

A heart of faith that we may live for Thee.

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.

THE ANTHEM

"We Will Run the Race"

We will run the race before us, we will run with all our might.

We will run the race before us, from the darkness into light.

We will lay aside all earthly things, all the things that weigh us down.

When we fix our eyes on Jesus, we will claim the victor's crown.

We will run the race before us, we will run with all our might.

We will run the race before us, from the darkness into light.

We will put our trust in Christ alone, who endured our cross and shame.

We will run the race with gladness, in our Savior's matchless name.

A great cloud of witnesses will cheer us as we run,

and we will not grow weary until the victor's won.

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.**

Acts 2:36-47

THE PROCLAMATION

Intentional Faith Development

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

"Open Our Eyes" with "Be Thou My Vision"

*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

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"O Zion Haste"

Hymn 573

*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 CHORAL RESPONSE

"You Are Not Alone"

Altar Choir

John Horman

THE POSTLUDE

"Gigue"

Christoph Nichelmann