

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Spirit of the Living God"

THE POSTLUDE

A Symphony of Spirituals

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

"Promised Land"

"Kum Ba Yah!"

Altar Choir

John Horman

Jack Elleman, Guest Organist

Joel Raney



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

October 5, 2008
9:25 a.m.

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: White

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

A Symphony of Spirituals

"Shall We Gather At the River"

Jack Elleman, Guest Organist

Joel Raney

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**

"This is the Feast of Victory"

Musical Interlude

Hymn 638

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

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

The Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Adair Younce in memory of Doyle and the Pinto Family in memory of Linda M. Potts.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Mary Jane Deakin.

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Chelsea Scott, Childcare Provider

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All:

O God, You have given us life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. You have given us the security of faith in a world that longs for something on which to rely. We thank You for Your gifts to us.

Teach us to stand strong for Your Kingdom: to be free in this world in order to be Christ's men and women.

Help us to know Your love and the love of each other. Set us free to become our true selves because we are loved, and to free others because we love.

Give us enough tests to make us strong; enough vision and endurance to follow Your way; enough patience to persist when the going is difficult; enough of reality to know our weaknesses; and enough humility to know these gifts come from You.

Go before us to prepare the way; walk behind us to be our protection; and walk beside us to be our companion, through Christ our Lord.

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Altar Choir
arr. John Beck

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.**

John 1:35-42

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

Risk-Taking Mission and Service

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 CAM.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

A Symphony of Spirituals

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

"Great Day!"

*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.

Jack Elleman, Guest Organist
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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.

Hymnal pg. 18

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Here I am, Lord"

Hymn 593

*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.