

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE  
"Spirit of the Living God"

THE POSTLUDE  
"Ellacombe"

Altar Choir  
John Horman

Albert Travis



## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 19, 2008  
9:25 a.m.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

Worship is the highest and noblest act that any person can do. When we worship, God is satisfied! "The Father seeketh such to worship Him." Amazing, isn't it? And when you worship you are fulfilled! Think about this: We who were once self-centered have to be completely changed so that we can shift our attention outside of ourselves and become able to worship Him.

*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.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS  
"Psalm 150"

Traditional

THE PRELUDE

"Toccata: Allegro"

Carlos Seixas

### **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

"How Great Thou Art"

Hymn 77

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, 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 are Joel & Judy Suffield and Donna Faulkner.

The Acolyte is Zach Rodgers.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Tom and Carol Scherschel in celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

## THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Lord, remind us that Your call is not just to the treasured time of worship or to those peaceful moments of prayer, but, because of the resurrection, it is to move with courage into the encounters and arenas of life where many have not heard the Gospel's call. Help us to speak when it is not easy, to act when it is safer to just go along with wrong. Help us to know that in the day of Jesus Christ, His kingdom will come; and let us, O God, be bound by a love amazing and divine, and then go out and embrace a weary and despairing world and lift that world to You. 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parker Andrew Raney  
(Justin and Natalie Raney)

At the appointed time, let the congregation respond:

**Lord, the responsibility for this little child is too much for any two parents alone. They need the loving support of the fellowship of believers as they train and guide and nurture little Parker. We give ourselves today, Lord, to that task. We accept the responsibility of helping to bring Parker to maturity in You. We will uphold him with our love, teach him the word of God, encourage him when he fails, and we will be careful not to bruise this tender bud by harsh words, quick judgments, and cruel criticism. For truly, Father, he is your child, and we want to protect and teach him and to bring him to the moment when he will choose for himself to know You as Savior and Lord of his life.**

## THE ANTHEM

*"Praise The Lord"*

Altar Choir  
Mozart

*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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Jubilance!"*

Vesper Handbell Choir  
Anna Laura Page

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

## THE PROCLAMATION

**LIFE on WINGS**

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 CAM.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

*"Listen, God is Calling"*

\*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.**

Anne Krentz Organ

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

\*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

Hymn 143