



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 26, 2008
9:25 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

All of us stand in need of change. Change in each of us and change for our world. Rebirth, resurrection, recovery, renewal, and redemption are means of God's transformation. We are challenged to be instruments of God's Spirit to sow the seeds of change. In Christ, salvation is for all people.

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

"Do Lord"

Jakob White, Piano
Traditional

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Musical Interlude

Hymn 451

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

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Sally Tate.

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Roberta Nicholson in memory of Jim Nicholson and Jim & Linda Henry in memory of Kristi.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Bea Weedman.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, who blinded Saul on the road to Damascus, we confess that we too have been blinded—blinded by ambition, blinded by greed, and blinded by selfishness. If what we see is sight then we pray that you would blind us anew. Blind us to our pride. Blind us to our shame. Blind us to our fear. Blind us with Your light of love. May the eyes of our hearts be changed and see aright. 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

"Offering"

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.

Altar Choir
Baloche & Goss

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Longer I Serve Him"

Gospelaire
Bill Gaither

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 9:1-19a

THE PROCLAMATION

CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN

Pastor Chris Roberts

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Joel Raney

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.

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Only Trust Him"

Hymn 337

*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

"Spirit of the Living God"

Altar Choir
John Horman

THE POSTLUDE

"Italian Hymn"

Albert L Travis