



# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 16, 2008  
9:25 a.m.

27th Sunday after Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”  
— 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

*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**

GRACEFUL ARTS CHILDREN  
“Give Me Oil in My Lamp”  
arr. by Vicki Hancock Wright

## 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  
“Siciliano”  
John Alcock

## **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.*

### 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      Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider  
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator      Tina Browning, Childcare Provider  
TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Ron & Jan King and Larry & Norma Raber.  
The Acolyte is Zach Rodgers.  
The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Robert Hill in memory of June Hill and her passing on November 22, 2007 and Charlotte, Cheryl and Kent Young in loving memory of Dick, who passed away 5 years ago.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Loving God, as Your Spirit dwelled in Jesus, so now Your Spirit dwells in us, the body of Christ. Being members of one another, let us care for one another: If anyone of us suffers, let us all suffer together; if anyone of us is in need, let us all give together; if anyone of us rejoices, let us all rejoice together. 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

**"All Good Gifts"**

Altar Choir and Morrison Youth Handbell Choir  
Jeffrey Honore

*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.*

CHEERFUL GIVER MOMENT

Linda White

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

THE PROCLAMATION

**EVERY SUNDAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

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

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

\*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 Dale Wood

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**"Standing on the Promises"**

Hymn 374

\*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

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

Altar Choir  
Peter Lutkin

THE POSTLUDE

*"Celebration"*

Charles Callahan