



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 23, 2008
9:25 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

Most of us consider Thanksgiving Day as an opportunity to visit with family, watch parades and football games, and eat a traditional meal that includes turkey and pumpkin pie. We tend to have fond memories of this holiday. As Christians, we must remember that each day is a *thanksgiving day*. We are blessed with God's abundant love every day.

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

"We Gather Together"

setting by Howard Helvey

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
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Milt & Helen Brown and Joy Loop.

The Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Dick and Judie Emry in memory of Dale Emry.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Vivian Gunther.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Most Gracious God, we praise You that You have fulfilled the year with Your goodness. We bless You for all the ways that You bless us. And with thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise. 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

“Carry Me/I Need Thee Every Hour”

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.

VESPER HANDBELL CHOIR

“The Gift of Grace”

Flutes played by Cassie Hale and Stephanie Bolinger
Arnold Sherman

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

GIVE THANKS

Pastor Chris Roberts

SHARING OUR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

At the appropriate time, you will be invited to offer a short testimony of praise and thanksgiving to God before the congregation. There is a microphone to use at the front on the sanctuary or please stand and notify an usher to have a microphone brought to you in your seat. Please be mindful of the time as we share our words of thanksgiving of how God has blessed. As this time is open to the entire congregation, may the Holy Spirit lead you.

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

“Give Thanks”

*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.

setting by Joel Raney

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“To God be the Glory”

Hymn 98

*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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

setting by Albert Travis