

\*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Variations on "America"

Charles Ives



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 5, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

5th Sunday after the Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: White

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God; it is the quickening of conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose ...and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.

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.

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler      Stacey Fischer Gehring      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

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist      T.J. Knowland, Youth Director  
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

Our Greeters today are Dan & Barb Bourff and Valerie Cunningham.

Today's Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Ned & Ellen Reyburn and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Harvey & Betty Corn in memory of Danny Jarvis and in honor of Austin Mitts' 16th birthday. Altar Flowers were also given by Beth and Karyn in honor of their parents Charles & Pat Pierson with an Altar Flower for their 60th wedding anniversary.

The white roses on the Altar is in memory of our friend Chuck Hefley.

**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

"He is Exalted"

setting by Lloyd Larson

**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

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

**“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

Hymn No. 62

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work and live together in peace.

Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. Help us to be faithful citizens of this great nation in which we are so privileged to live. We pray all these things through Jesus 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Donovan & Holly Hall playing the Psalterly acc. by Brett & Susan Hall  
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”  
Traditional

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Matthew 9:35-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jesus Loves Me”

Emma Hall accompanied by Brett & Susan Hall  
Frank Voltz

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

**PENITENCE OR PATRIOTISM**

## 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 Relay for Life.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“Tis a Gift to Be Simple”

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Anna Laura Page  
Hymn No. 95

**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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“America the Beautiful”**

Hymn No. 696

\*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.*