



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 12, 2009
9:25 a.m.

12th Sunday after the Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

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.*

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

"Here I Am to Worship"

setting by Mark Hayes

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

Rev. Stephen A. Beutler Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring Rev. 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 Val & Eleanor Harris and Joy Loop.

Today's Acolyte is Gus Bourff.

Fellowship Time will be hosted Grace & Dale Kingseed and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Ron & Arlene Buell in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary and Don & Betty Fields in memory of Parker.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“We Are the Church”

Hymn No. 558

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO CELEBRATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW PASTOR

Leader: Dear friends, today, we welcome Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our Bishop Mike Coyner.

Stacey, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor Stacey: Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of our church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Stacey in these ministries?

All: **We affirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.**

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger...

All: **who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.**

Pastor Steve: Let us pray
The Pastoral Prayer

All: **The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. :Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sonata II in E Minor”

Oboe played by Leanna Zimmerman
G.F. Handel

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Pastor Stacey Fischer Gehring
Shirley E. Murray

THE PROCLAMATION

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 Relay for Life.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“Jesus, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

setting by Anna Laura Page
Hymn No. 95

*The Doxology 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

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

The altar of this church is open to you... come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.

Hymn No. 383

*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 POSTLUDE

“The Power and the Glory”

Lani Smith