

THE POSTLUDE

Postludium on "Ein feste Burg"

Charles Callahan



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 13, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

15th Sunday after the Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome to this holy hour of worship. May you find joy in the songs of praise. May you find guidance in the Word of God. May you find peace in a whispered prayer. May you find strength and hope in the renewal of your spirit.

*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

*"How Excellent is Thy Name!"*

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.*

**WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD**

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

*Musical Interlude*

Hymn No. 57

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

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Barbara Hobbs, Music Ministries      T.J. Knowland, Youth Director  
Amanda Kelly, Children's Ministry      Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director  
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager      Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse  
Phillip Montgomery, Counselor      Carisa Durnham, Childcare Provider  
Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider      Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Jim & Judy Snow and Jim & Debbie Mitts.

Today's Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Valerie Cunningham in memory of Jim Cunningham  
And Dan & Sharon Stout in honor of their 30th anniversary.

## THE CALL TO PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

Leader: O Come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord with the lyre; and make music to God with the harp.

All: **Praise God with trumpet sound! Praise God with strings and pipe!**

Choir: *Sing to the Lord a new song!*

All: **Play beautiful music to our God!**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the earth!

All: **We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; We will sing praise to our God!**

## THE ANTHEM

*“How Can I Keep from Singing”*

Altar Choir & Dan Stout, solo  
John Leavitt

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing.  
I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;

And day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it:

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing:

All things are mine since I am his How can I keep from singing.

What though my joys and comforts die the Lord my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I'm clinging;  
since Christ is Lord of hea'n and earth how can I keep from singing?

## AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

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 CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*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.**

Philippians 3:1-11

### THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

### MORE ABOUT JESUS WOULD I KNOW

## 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 Kokomo Urban Outreach supporting the Buddy Bags needed for school  
children.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Robert Hobby

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 HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King”**

*The altar of this church is open to you...come.  
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.*

Hymn No. 715

\*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