



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 2, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

9th Sunday after the Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: White

"I thank my God every time I remember you . . . I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." -Philippians 1:3-6

*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

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Jakob White, piano  
arr. by Palmer

**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

**"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

Hymn No. 454

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, Music Ministries      T J Knowland, Youth Director  
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director      Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager  
Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse      Phill Montgomery, Counselor  
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider      Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider  
Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Ron & Jan King and Dick & Judie Emy.

Today's Acolyte is Chris Pinto.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Joe & Betty Edwards-Pencek and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Lee & Sue Flasche in memory of Mary Jane Deakin, by Gilbert & Eileen Thomas in memory of Steven B. Thomas and by the Alexander Children in honor of Kirby & Jo Alexander's 65th wedding anniversary.

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. Lord, let our prayer arise before you.

All: **And may your grace descend upon the world.**

Leader: Accept our prayers with all who are praising you this very moment.

All: **And send your spirit to renew the face of the earth.**

Leader: Give to us, God, eyes for seeing.

All: **And ears to hear your word.**

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 Ace Trio - Arlene Buell, Carolann Shadday, Elaine Phelps; Cindy Ison, Piano  
"Victory in Jesus"  
arr. by Tom Fettke

*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 Ace Trio - Arlene Buell, Carolann Shadday, Elaine Phelps; Cindy Ison, Piano  
"When They Call My Name"  
arr. by Mosie Lister

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring

**THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER**

**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

"Be Still, My Soul"

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Jay Rouse  
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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pgs. 15-16

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who desire to partake of the Lord's Supper are invited to come and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (dip the piece of bread into the cup). The altar railing is open. 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.*

CLOSING COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**"Jesus is All the World to Me"**

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

Hymn No. 469

\*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

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley