



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 24, 2009
9:25 a.m.

12th Sunday after the Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

“Many years ago, when I was at Oxford, in a cold winter’s day, a young maid called upon me. I said: “You seem half-starved. Have you nothing to cover you but that thin linen gown?” She said, “Sir, this is all I have!” I put my hand in my pocket, but found I had scarce any money left, having just paid away what I had. It immediately struck me: “Will thy Master say, ‘Well done, good and faithful steward. Thou hast adorned thy walls with the money which might have screened this poor creature from the cold!’” - John Wesley

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
“Rock-a-My Soul”
Chamber Ensemble/GUMBY
arr. by Stan Pethel

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.*

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

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

Hymn No. 399

*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
“Awesome God ”
arr. by Tim Doran

Grace United Methodist Church

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The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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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 Larry & Barbara Moss and Tim & Susan Garner.
Today’s Acolyte is Gus Bourff.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Gil and Eileen Thomas and Mel Hobbs.
The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Jerry & Georgeann Jackson in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary and Charlie & Becky Reed in honor of the marriage of their son Austin to Alisha Bowe.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Standing on the Promises”

Hymn No. 374

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us join together in the litany of worship and prayer.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Ladies: **Calm my spirit, Lord. Stop the churning inside of me caused by the rush of getting everyone fed and here on time. Quiet my confusion, Lord. In all the tension of getting here, I know I made the effort because I really do need you. Lord, speak to me in the quietness.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto God and bless God's name. For the Lord is good.

Men: **I am thankful, Lord for what we have. But this week has been so hectic, and it seems that no matter how hard I work and how well I plan, there is always something I didn't plan on, and there isn't enough time to go around. Forgive me, Lord, for letting worry get in the way of my gratitude. You are good to us, Lord. We do have so much to praise You for.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before God's presence with singing.

All: **It's hard to sing so early in the morning. And it's hard to come here with gladness too sometimes. It was not so easy serving You this week—and especially hard to keep the joy. This world is not very fair and it seems like I cannot do much to change things. But I know that it's just because the problems are so close to me that I can't seem to see the answers. But I do know that You're the answer—and for that I will sing to You with my whole heart.**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He restores my soul.

All: **Restore my soul, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me. Make me to hear joy and gladness. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free spirit. 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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Chamber Ensemble/Gumby
arr. by Stan Pethel

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 4:10-19

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Aubrey Colescott
Hillsong United

THE PROCLAMATION

GIVING TO GOD'S WORK

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

“More Precious Than Silver”

*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

arr. by Mark Hayes
Hymn No. 95