



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 27, 2009
9:25 a.m.

17th Sunday after the Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!
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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

“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”

Chamber Ensemble
arr. by Charles Rose

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Hymn No.64

Musical Interlude

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

Amanda Kelly, Children’s Ministry

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Barb & Larry Moss and Betty Corn .

The Liturgist is Val Harris.

Today’s Acolyte is Chris Pinto.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Mike Rodgers and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Joy Loop in memory of Paul & Jim’s birthdays and Jim & Linda Henry in celebration of Jim’s birthday.

The white rose on the Altar is in memory of Joanna Bollinger.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Source of goodness, who remembers not our sins, open our lips this day to speak your praise! We give thanks that you are the hope of all the earth, the one for whom we yearn and yet from whom we so often turn away. We confess that we live possessive lives as if all we have were not a gift from you. We confess that we live prideful lives as if we were the center of creation. We confess that we live diminished lives, jealous and resentful, as if we were not enriched by another's joy. Forgive us, Lord. Ground our lives in your perfect love that never ends. We pray in the name of him by whom we know and love, Christ our Lord.**

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 ANTHEM

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmony of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies. Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of the new day begun, let us march till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chas'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place which our fathers sighed?

We have come over away that with tears has been watered,

We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.

Out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last

where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way,

Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we meet Thee,

Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.

Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand true to our God, true our native land.

During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me" children, preschool through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children's Church in the Chapel. 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 4:4-9

THE PROCLAMATION

"**WHATEVER!**"

Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring

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

"Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

*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 Janet Vogt
Hymn No. 95

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Joy to the World" Verses 1-3

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

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

Hymn No. 246

*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 CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

"Joy to the Word" Verse 4

THE POSTLUDE

Allegro

Hymn No. 246

William Hine