



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 6, 2009
9:25 a.m.

14th Sunday after the Pentecost
Liturgical Color: White

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some "Thy Kingdom come" to pray. Keep silence, let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

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"

Angie Smith
Tim Hughes

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymn No. 618

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, Director of Children's Ministry

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durnham, Childcare Provider

Tina Browning, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Larry & Phyllis Grant.

Today's Acolyte is Zachary Rodgers.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Harlo & Dixie Westlin in honor of Family Members birthdays and Sue Cox in memory of Warren.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Tender and compassionate God, we seek to know You through the hearing of Your Word and pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying. Help us to remember Jesus who loved people, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through the night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden. Who, when he would help a tempted disciple, prayed for him. Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who received him. Who observed the traditions, but defied convention that did not serve the purposes of God. Who hated the sins of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity. Who loved and served others so that we might see and learn how we are to serve and love one another. 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

"Before the Throne of God"

Abby Guy, Amanda Duncan, Liz Harper
Scott Krippayne and Tony Wood

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 2:17-30

THE PROCLAMATION

WHO IS YOUR EPAPHRODITUS?

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 tithes 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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Jack Schrader
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

The congregation is invited to approach the altar to receive the elements through the center aisle. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand at the altar, and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (you may receive a piece of the broken bread and dip it into the cup). 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.

Persons desiring to receive anointing with oil for a personal, physical, or spiritual need or on behalf of another who is unable to be present are invited to make their way to the kneeling station located at the west front side of the sanctuary. A pastor will be present to anoint you with oil and pray with you as you kneel or stand at the station.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Take Time to be Holy"

Linda White, Liz Harper, Jayna Beutler
Shelly Hamilton

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

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

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

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*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

"We're Marching to Zion"

setting by Gordon Young