



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 20, 2009
9:25 a.m.

16th Sunday after the Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

“As we come into this place of worship, O God, inspire us to PRESS ON with all the faith we can. Guide us as we PRESS ON in searching for your plan in our lives. Instruct us in the ways that keep us holy. Bless our journeys for the coming week.
‘Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I’” (Psalm 61:2)

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

Prelude in F, BWV 556

J.S. Bach

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

“My Hope is Built”

Hymn No.368

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 T.J. Knowland, Youth Director
Amanda Kelly, Children’s Ministry 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

Our Greeters today are Ned & Ellen Reyburn and Glenn & Dee Ann Colescott.

Today’s Acolyte is Chris Pinto.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Florence Fowler in memory of Kenneth Fowler and Jim & Linda Henry in celebration of Jim’s birthday.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Lord, we confess that You have created us for wonder. We do not control creation, but cooperate with it in “abiding astonishment.” We have, however, neglected to free our spirits with wonder and the simple things of life that we take for granted. Sprinkle our spirits with the dew of Your delight so that we may again see all of life in the attitude of gratitude. So we pray with Paul: We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are persecuted, but not forsaken. Struck down, but not destroyed. 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.

THE ANTHEM

“And the Father Will Dance”

And the Father will dance over you in joy!

He will take delight in whom He loves.

Is that the choir I hear singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

And He will joy over you in song; And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries.

His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake my soul! Awake my soul! Awake my soul, and sing!

Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!

Cast away fear for you have been restored!

Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.

Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

Altar Choir

Mark Hayes

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 3:12-4:1

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

PRESSING ON

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

“Sweet By and By”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

setting by Mark Hayes
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

“Higher Ground”

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

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

See Insert

*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

Fugue in F, BWV 556

J.S. Bach