

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST
“**Bread of the World**”

Hymn No. 624

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

*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

Kum Ba Yah: “Someone’s Singing Lord”

John A. Behnke



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 4, 2009
9:25 a.m.

Worldwide Communion Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. - John 6:35

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

Kum Ba Yah: “Someone’s Praying Lord”

John A. Behnke

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

“**For the Beauty of the Earth**” vs. 1, 4, 5, 6

Musical Interlude

Hymn No.92

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

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Barbara Hobbs, Music Ministries

Amanda Kelly, Children’s Ministry

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Dan & Barb Bourff and Sally Tate.

Today’s Acolyte is Zack Rodgers.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Jennifer Hartzog, Hartzog Family and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Adair, Patrick & Doug Younce in memory of Doyle D. Younce

And Bob Hill in honor of Bob & June Hill’s Anniversary.

THE RECOGNITION OF LEADERS IN OUR CHURCH

Barbara Hobbs—leadership in the music ministries of Grace Church
Amanda Kelly—leadership in the children’s education ministries of Grace Church
Hannah Arend—leadership as an intern in the adult education ministries of Grace Church

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God; from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ’s holy table.

All: **We come to feast together.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. 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

“Cantad!”

Cantad, Cantad, Cantad a Jehova. Cantad, Cantad, Cantad a Jehova.

Cantad a Jehova cantico nuevo. Cantad a Jehova cantico nuevo.

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord a new song, come and lift up your praise to the Lord!

Cantad, Cantad, Cantad a Jehova. Cantad, Cantad, Cantad a Jehova.

Come ev’ry nation, come and lift up a song to the Lord.

Come, sing to God above, come and sing with one accord.

Sing a song of gladness, O people lift your voice.

Sing to God a new song, let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice!

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. The children will return during the offering.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

* THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MEDITATION

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 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

Kum Ba Yah: “Someone’s Crying Lord”

*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

John A. Behnke
Hymn No. 95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The congregation is invited to remain in your pew as the communion stewards bring the trays of bread and wine to you and they are passed down each pew. When the tray is offered to you, you are invited to take a piece of bread and hold it until all have been served. In recognition of Worldwide Communion, we will all partake as ONE body of Christ in celebration that the Church of Jesus Christ is one throughout the world.

Following the partaking of the bread, the communion stewards will bring the trays of wine to you and they shall be passed down each pew. When the tray is offered to you, you are invited to take a cup of juice and hold it until all have been served. In celebration of our salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ we will all partake as ONE body of Christ. The communion stewards will provide baskets for each person to place their cup in during the singing of our closing hymn.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

“One Bread, One Body”

“Eat This Bread”

Hymn No. 620
Hymn No. 628

THE ALTAR CHOIR

“Take Our Gifts”

Colin Gibson