



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 11, 2009
9:25 a.m.

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

**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

“Forth In Thy Name, O Lord” v. 1-3

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

Hymn No. 438

*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 CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Forth In Thy Name, O Lord” v. 4

Hymn No. 438

THE POSTLUDE

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Christoph Nichelmann

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

Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

TJ Knowland, Youth Director

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

Our Greeters today are David & Donna Brownfield and Valerie Cunningham.

Today's Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Larry & Norma Raber and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Bill & Mary Shipley in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary
and Ed & Evelyn Danley in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary..

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said,
“I will never leave you or forsake you..” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I
will not be afraid.” - Hebrews 13:5-6

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

“This Is My Father's World”

setting by Robert Hobby

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

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Musical Interlude

Hymn No.433

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Living God, we come to worship you, praising you for the past and trusting you for the future!

All: **We come to join our will to your will, make your purpose our purpose, and your love our love.**

Leader: We have life, and the power to live it, from God. Let us acknowledge it and admit our faults.

All: **Lord, we pray that you might cure us of our perennial restlessness and discontentment with our lives. We are truly sorry for the times that we received the gifts that you gave to us and asked for the gift receipt, unsatisfied with the person you entrusted to our care, unsatisfied with our children or our parents, unsatisfied with our home and our car, our healthcare and our jobs. God forgive us for the times we've offended you by our discontent. Forgive us for being content with the things we were not supposed to be content with. Help us to have a hunger and a deep longing to pursue righteousness and holiness and justice and love, to long for you and for your will for our lives. Help us in this. Help us to simplify and to find in you our peace. We ask these mercies in your holy name, Amen.**

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 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

"Gotta Praise the Lord"

Mark Burrows

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Any young person, or young at heart, are invited to join Pastor Steve at the Chancel for a special "sermon."

Following the Children's Moment, 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 to the Chapel.

THE ANTHEM

"How Lovely Are the Ones!"

Altar Choir
Joseph M. Martin

How lovely are the ones who share the gospel.

How lovely are the ones who love and keep God's law, all those who preach the Word, All those whose voice is heard, all those who answer to His call.

How lovely are the feet that lead God's people.

How lovely are the hands that work for the Savior.

We thank You God, we thank You, God, for all the ones who serve.

How lovely are the ones that serve the Lord.

How lovely is the heart that loves God's children, the heart that beats for God alone.

How lovely is the mind whose thoughts are peace, all those who make God's cause their own.

How lovely is the voice that whispers comfort, the voice that cries for ev'ry tear that falls.

How lovely is the one who leads God's people, the ones who dedicate their all.

How lovely are the eyes of those who seek Him.

How lovely are the lips of those who proclaim Him, all those who give their lives,

All those who sacrifice to carry high the cross of Christ...

How lovely are the ones who serve the Lord.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

* THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring

"Cultivating Contentment"

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

"Take Our Gifts" v. 1

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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

Andante Religioso

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Willi Lautenschlaeger
Hymn No. 95