



# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 8, 2009  
9:25 a.m.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

**On this Sunday before Veteran’s Day, we remember those who have served and are serving in military service. We pray O God, who rules the nations, that You may guard our brave men and women in military service. Give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Keep our children from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though for a season they must be people of war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*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

*“Lonesome Valley”*

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.*

## Grace United Methodist Church

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

### **Ministers**

Rev. Stephen A. Beutler      Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring      Rev. Larry Newberg

### **Pastors**

### **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

Our Greeters today are Dale & Grace Kingseed and John & Joan Ingels.

Today’s Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Dan Stout, Lee Flasche and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Linda & Bill White in honor of Phyllis Jean Smith’s birthday

and by Jim & Linda Henry in memory of Kristi Henry.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Alice Himelick.

## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*CHORAL INTROIT AND PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Holy, Holy"

**"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

Altar Choir  
Hymn No. 64

*Musical Interlude*

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

"Jacob's Ladder"

Altar Choir  
Gilbert Martin

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Any young person, or young at heart, are invited to join Rev. Stacey at the Chancel for a special "message."*

*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.*

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 17:1-7

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

**"HUNTING FOR HOLINESS"**

## 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 CAM.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Holy Holy Holy"

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Kenon D. Renfrow  
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

**"How Firm a Foundation"**

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

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

Hymn No. 529

\*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

THE POSTLUDE

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

J. Bert Carlson