

***THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; I have chosen you to do the Father's will.
I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; to do the work of love within the world.**



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

November 15, 2009
9:25 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Praise is the only part of our worship which will never die. Preaching, praying, and reading will one day be no longer needed. But praise will continue throughout eternity. Come, and praise our Lord in worship.

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

"I Love You, Lord"

setting by Douglas Wagner

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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymn No. 103

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

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

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Phillip Montgomery, Counselor Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider
Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider
Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

Our Greeters today are Dick & Judie Emry and Peggy Hobbs.

Today's Acolyte is Zach Rodgers.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Lee & Sue Flasche and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Bob Hill in memory of June Hill and Roberta Nicholson in celebration and thankfulness for her family.

The white rose on the altar is in honor and memory of Kathleen Taylor.

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask such things as shall please You. So 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 WITH CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS

"Chosen to Serve"

I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; I have chosen you to do the Father's will.

I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; to do the work of love within the world.

Chorus:

I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; I have chosen you to do the Father's will.

I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; to do the work of love within the world.

As the Father loved me, so do I love you. As the Father sent me, so do I send you.

As the Father chose me, I have chosen you to do the work of love within the world.

Chorus

I am like a strong vine growing as a tree. You are like the branches, taking life from me.

If you will but love me, do as I command, you will bear the fruit of love within the world.

Chorus (2x)

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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

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-25
John 6:60-69

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

"A SWAP MEET AT SHECHEM"

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

"The Offertory"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Vesper Handbell Choir
John Ness Beck
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

"Only Trust Him"

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

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

Hymn No. 337

*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.

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