

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude BWV 536

J.S. Bach



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 22, 2009
9:25 a.m.

25th 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

setting by Michael Burkhardt

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

“We Gather Together”

Hymn No. 131

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

Amanda Kelly, Children’s Ministry

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

T.J. 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 Larry & Barbara Moss and Connie Wall.

Today’s Acolyte is Chris Pinto.

Fellowship Time will be hosted by Dick & Judie Emry and Mel Hobbs.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Steve & Cheryl Currens in memory of Robert Engleman and Ross Currens.

The red rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Parker Michael Foust to Adam and Jessica Foust on Sun., November 15, grandson of Jeff & Karen Foust.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Father, we around a table shall gather this week to thank Thee: for Your great gift of life. that Your love for us is not dependent upon any unworthiness of ours. for good health, that we know neither hunger nor want, for warm clothes to wear, for those who love us best, for friends whose words of encouragement have often chased away dark clouds, for the zest of living, for many an answered prayer, for kindly providences that have preserved us from danger and harm. We thank You that still we live in a land bountifully able to supply all our needs; a land with peaceful valleys and smiling meadows still serene. O help us to appreciate all that we have, to be content with it, to be grateful for it, to be proud of it—not in an arrogant pride that boasts, but in a grateful pride that strives to be more worthy. In Your name, to whose bounty we owe these blessings that are spread before us, to You we give our gratitude. 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

"Canticle of Thanksgiving"

Altar Choir
Dale Wood

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

"It's Good to Give Thanks to the Lord"

Traditional

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 PROCLAMATION

"IT'S OUR DUTY TO BE THANKFUL"

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 CAM.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"With a Heart of Thanksgiving"

*The Doxology of Thanksgiving and Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, Jesus, amen!

Thank you, Jesus, amen!

Thank you, Jesus, amen!

Allelulia! Amen.

Howard Helvey

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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

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

Hymn No. 102

*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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