



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

February 14, 2010
9:25 a.m.

Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

Wisely enough, God does not let us skip ahead in the story of our lives, but rather leads us page by page to its understandable conclusion in Him. And so, as each of us faces an uncertain future, we can trust in God's promise as expressed by Jeremiah: *'For I know the plans I have for you,'* saith the Lord, *'They are plans for good and not for evil, to give a future and a hope.'*

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 "All 'Antica"

Kyle Hartzog, alto saxophone
arr. by Forrest Buchtel

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.

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST "Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies"

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

Hymn No. 173

*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 "Ellecombe"

Albert Travis

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 T.J. Knowland, Youth Director
Amanda Kelly, Children's Ministry Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Phill Montgomery, Counselor Carisa Durnham, Childcare Provider
Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider
Hannah Arend, Christian Education Intern

Our Greeters today are David & Donna Brownfield.

Today's Acolyte is Deanna Hedges.

The red roses on the Altar are in honor of the birth of Conner Matthew Raney on Tues., February 2 to Justin & Natalie Raney, grandson of Rick & Becky Hamilton and in honor of Carson Jay Reed born on Thurs., February 4 to Austin & Alisha Reed, grandson of Charlie & Becky Reed.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*OPENING HYMNS

“O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”
“He Is Exalted”

Hymn No. 258

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. (Sing chorus twice)

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All:

God of glory and mercy, before His death in shame your Son went to the mountain top, and you revealed His life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to Him, you proclaimed Him your Son, but He returned to die for us. Help us face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. 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.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

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 Multi-Purpose Room, lower level. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.

*THE SCRIPTURE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 9:28-36

THE ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

Altar Choir
Robert Hunter

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

“PEAK MOMENTS”

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 MUFF.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“Voluntary”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Chris Hartzog, oboe
arr. Susan Marchant
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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

At the appointed time the congregation shall respond:

“We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s Holy Church, and bid you welcome to Grace United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.”