



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

July 4, 2010
9:25 a.m.

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
and the people whom he has chosen as His heritage!
Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.
You shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.
Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
Let us worship Him in thankfulness and joy.

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
Prelude on "Beach Spring" Charles Callahan

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

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 Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director
Amanda Kelly, Children's Ministry Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider
Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Our Greeters today are Ron & Jan King and Tim & Susan Garner.

Today's Acolyte is Courtney Mitts.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Harvey & Betty Corn in loving memory of Danny Jarvis
and in honor of Austin Mitts birthday.

The white rose on the Altar is in memory of Rex Gilbreath.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE OPENING HYMN

“America the Beautiful”
“America”

Hymn No. 696
Hymn No. 697

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: may we always prove ourselves to be a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought together out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law, we may show forth Your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in You to fail; all this we ask through Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and 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.

*HYMN

“God of the Ages”

Hymn No. 698

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 7:24-27

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

Kernals of the Kingdom
“Back-up Systems of Life”

HANDBELL SPECIAL

“Sanctuary”

4 Belles: Julie Maupin, Arlene Buell, Barbara Hobbs, Amanda Kelly
setting by Patricia Sanders

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

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Wilbur Held
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.*

*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 POSTLUDE

Variations on “America”

Charles Ives