

***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

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. by Mike Springer



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

August 29, 2010
9:25 a.m.

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome to this holy hour of worship. May you find joy in the songs of praise. May you find guidance in the Word of God. May you find peace in a whispered prayer. May you find strength and hope in the renewal of your spirit.

The asterisk () designates when the congregation will please stand.*

Worshipers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Worshipers 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

"Siciliano"

Chris Hartzog, Oboe
J.S. Bach

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

***THE OPENING HYMN**

"Love Lifted Me"

See Insert

Grace United Methodist Church

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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

Pastors
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 Don & Betty Fields and Milt & Helen Brown.
Today's Acolyte is Delaney White.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by the Children, Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren of Peggy Hobbs in honor of her birthday and the Pinto Family in memory of Ana Valdes, Rob's grandmother.

Musical Interlude

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Maurice Byram Wright
Maurice and Kelly Wright, parents

At the appointed time, the congregation shall respond:

Lord, we have here in our church family a new child, a new person, a new soul. The responsibility for this little person is too much for any two parents alone. They need the loving support of the fellowship of believers as they train and guide and nurture little Reece. We give ourselves today, Lord, to that task. We accept the responsibility of helping to bring Reece to maturity in You. We will uphold him with our love, teach him the word of God, encourage him when he fails, and we will be careful not to bruise this tender bud by harsh words, quick judgments, and cruel criticism. For truly, Father, this is our child, and we want to protect and teach him and to bring him to the moment when he will choose for himself to know You as Savior and Lord of his life. Amen.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, We praise You for the gift of family life. We thank you for older folk who link us with the past and who enrich us with their experience. We thank you for the newborn so rich in potential greatness and goodness. We thank you for the gifts we see emerging in our children. We thank you for the excitement of living with those who are on the brink of adulthood, even though this is sometimes a time of struggle for all of us. Eternal Gatherer of us all; enter our homes, not as the occupant of a guest room, but as the senior member of each household, that we may live out your love in the most ordinary parts of life. Keep us human as you make us holy. We praise You for the gift of family life. It is all Your doing, Lord. It is wonderful in our eyes. Amen.

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

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SUMMER SPECIAL

A Medley of "Sanctuary" and "The Servant Song"

Rob Pinto, guitar
Thompson/Scruggs and Gillard

Matthew 25:14-30

THE MESSAGE OFFERED THROUGH THE BALLOON MINISTRIES PROCLAMATION

Kernels of the Kingdom

"THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS"

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 Kokomo Urban Outreach (Buddy Bag).

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Blessed Assurance"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Joel Raney
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

"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"

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

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

Hymn No. 715