



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 5., 2010
9:25 a.m.

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

When Samuel was born, Hannah took him to the Temple to be dedicated to God. Eli taught him all that he knew. When Jesus was twelve, Mary found him in the Temple, talking with the elders, He learned and he taught. Our faith is a faith of constant growth. There is always more to learn and to understand. There are always new and different challenges to face. As we gather to praise God, the Almighty Teacher, and to celebrate a new year of learning and Christian education, and honor those who labor faithfully in the many occupations that challenge and renew our minds daily, we rededicate ourselves to God. Enter this sacred place and open yourselves to God's wisdom.

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.

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 Jeff Gehring, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Our Greeters today are Ron & Jan King and Milt & Helen Brown.

Today's Acolyte is Zach Rodgers.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Sue Cox in memory of Warren.

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.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

THE PRELUDE

"How Excellent is Thy Name"

arr. by Mark Hayes

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 PROCLAMATION

"HOW'S YOUR FRUIT?"

Meissa Zimmerman

*THE OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Hymn No. 139
Hymn No. 328

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

John 15:1-17

SUMMER SPECIAL

"Sonata No. 3"

Kyle Hartzog, saxophone
G. F. Handel

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 tithes 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

"Gentle Shepherd"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Jay Rouse
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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All wishing to participate in Holy Communion are invited to come to one of the various serving stations in the sanctuary. The ushers will direct you to the nearest station. Communion Stewards will be serving the elements to all who desire to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of the lives. We will receive Holy Communion by intinction (dip the piece of bread into the cup of juice). After you have partaken of the elements you are invited to spend as much time as you wish in prayer and worship. The altar rail is also open for prayer and meditation if you so desire. You are invited to return to your pew by the side aisles.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Christ for the World We Sing"

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

Hymn No. 568

*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

"Presto"

Franz Joseph Haydn