

***THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST
"Freely, Freely"**

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

Hymn No. 389

***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 BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
"Great and Awesome God"

Mark Hayes

THE POSTLUDE

"Allegro vivace e marcato"

Edward Grieg



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

September 12, 2010
9:25 a.m.

16th 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

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. by Charles Rose

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

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

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 Stan & Kathy Reber and Joy Loop.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Dan & Sharon Stout in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary and by Tom & Gail Jones in memory of their parents.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE PROCESSIONAL

“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”

O Lord, you’re beautiful, your face is all I seek;

and when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, you’re wonderful, your touch is all I need;

and when your hand is on this child, your healing I receive.

O Lord, you’re beautiful, your face is all I seek;

and when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn No. 189

“More Precious than Silver”

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are, more beautiful than diamonds,

and nothing I desire compares with you. (Repeat)

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God! How beautiful You are! On the first day of the week we commemorate Your creation of the world and all that is in it. Thank you for the light which wakes us morning by morning, and for that greater light which shines in Jesus Christ.

O God! How beautiful You are! On the first day of the week You raised Jesus from the dead. Raise us with Him to a new quality of faith and life.

O God! How beautiful You are! Again on the first day of the week You sent Your Holy Spirit to Your disciples. Do not deprive us of Your Spirit, but renew Him in us day by day.

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

“Great and Awesome God”

Altar Choir

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 the Narthex.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 15:11-32

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

Kernels of the Kingdom

“BEAUTIFULLY EXTRAVAGANT”

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

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” with “O, How I Love Jesus”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Franz Schubert
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