



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

September 26, 2010
9:25 a.m.

18h Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

The words of the Lord are the seed sown by the sower. Into our hearts they must fall that they may grow. Meditation and prayer must water them, and obedience keep them in the sunlight. Thus will they bear fruit for the Lord's gathering. All of this is provided for us during this time of worship. May God's Holy Spirit do this in your heart during this season of harvest.

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

"Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

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

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

Amanda Kelly, Children's Ministry

Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider

Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider

Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director

Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse

Phill Montgomery, Counselor

Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider

Jeff Gehring, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Bruce & Pat Hayes in honor of

Simara McCracken's birthday.

The red rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Carys Kristine Gehring, born Friday, September 17

To Rev. Stacey & Jeff Gehring.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE OPENING HYMN and SONG OF PRAISE
“*When We All Get to Heaven*”

Hymn No. 701

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Grant us, O Lord, to know what we ought to know, to love what we ought to love, to praise what delights You most, to value what is precious in Your sight, to hate what is offensive to You. Do not suffer us to judge according to the sight of our eyes, nor to pass sentence according to the hearing of the ears of ignorant men; but to discern with a true judgment between things visible and spiritual, and above all, always to inquire what is the good pleasure of Thy will. 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 ANTHEM

“Get on Board, Little Children”

Altar Choir

Larry Shackley

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.

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

Kernels of the Kingdom

“Everybody Talkin’ About Heaven Ain’t Goin’ There”

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

“Sweet By and By”

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. Mark Hayes
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

“**Soon and Very Soon**”

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

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

Hymn No. 706

*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 CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“**Soon and Very Soon**”

Hymn No. 706