



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 10, 2010
9:25 a.m.

20th Sunday of Kingdomtide
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.
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

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

arr. by Jay Rouse

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 and SONG OF PRAISE
“Wonderful Words of Life”

Musical Interlude

Hymn No. 600

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 Tom & Carol Scherschel and Tim & Susan Garner.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Bill & Mary Shipley in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary and Ed & Evelyn Danley in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: On this Endowment Sunday, we present the Grace United Methodist Church Endowment and Scholarship Funds to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this church.

All: **We accept these gifts as a sacred trust and will guard and use them reverently.**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit we consecrate these endowment and scholarship funds to the glory of God and in memory of God's servants who have given them. Let us pray.

All: **Most loving God, without You no words or works of ours have meaning. Accept the gifts from the hands of these your faithful servants as symbols of their devotion and love for You. Grant us your blessing, as we have consecrated these gifts to your glory, that they may be an enduring witness before all your people, and that our lives may be consecrated in your service; 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 ANTHEM

"Holy Is the Lord"

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.

Altar Choir
arr. Daniel Smith

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:14-29

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

"How to Invest Your Life"

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

Sonata, Op. 120: "Andante"

*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

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Pass It On"

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

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

Hymn No. 572

*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

"Holy is the Lord"

arr. by Daniel Smith