



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 17, 2010  
9:25 a.m.

21st 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  
"Thou Art Worthy"

Vesper Handbell Choir  
arr. by Jack Schrader

**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  
**"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"**

Musical Interlude

Hymn No. 352

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 Bill & Darlene Kommons.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Bob & Diana Brockman in honor of Lance's birthday and by Larry & Norma Raber in honor of Debra Cook's birthday and Ryan Moore's birthday.

## THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications and prayers to You; and You have promised through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, life everlasting. Hear us now as we sing this song about the blessed gift of prayer and offer our requests and praise to You, each in our own words and our own way.**

## The Prayer Hymn

**“Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempters snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

## 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 JOY SINGERS

“Amen, Siakudumisa”

*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.*

Jon Rodgers, percussion  
trad. Xhossa

## \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANTHEM

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Altar Choir  
John Rutter

## THE PROCLAMATION

Kernels of the Kingdom

**“God’s Attitude Toward Prayer”**

Pastor Stephen Beutler

## 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 CAM.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

*“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Jack Schrader  
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

**“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**

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

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

Hymn No. 404

## \*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

**“Every Time I Hear the Spirit”**

Hymn No. 404