

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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

Hymn No. 453

*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

“Song of Hope”

Robert Hobby

THE POSTLUDE

“Allegro con spirito”

Friedrich Kuhlau



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

October 31, 2010
9:25 a.m.

23rd Sunday of Kingdomtide
Liturgical Color: Green

“I fear, wherever riches have increased, the essence of religion has decreased in the same proportion. Therefore, I do not see how it is possible, in the nature of things, for any revival of religion to continue long. For religion must necessarily produce both industry and frugality, and these cannot but produce riches. But as riches increase, so will pride, anger, and love of the world in all its branches. “ - John Wesley

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

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. by Larry Shackley

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

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The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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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 John & Joan Ingels.

Today’s Liturgist is Alexis Stamper.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God by Robert Nicholson in memory of Jim Nicholson and by Jim & Linda Henry in celebration of Barbra Pardue birthday.

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE OPENING HYMN and SONG OF PRAISE
“How Great Thou Art”

Hymn No. 77

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. .

All: Lord God, help me to talk like a Christian—to speak in such a way that I build up another person’s confidence in himself, instead of tearing down his reputation.

Lord God, help me to drive like a Christian—to be watchful and careful lest I cause harm to someone else on the highways.

Lord God, help me to give like a Christian—without thought of return, without anyone knowing what I do, and with Your approval as sufficient reward. Lord God, help me to dress like a Christian—by not attracting attention to myself for being too fashionable or too casual; and help me to show by my appearance that I want people to know me for what I am inside myself.

Lord God, help me to sleep like a Christian—at peace with myself because sin is forgiven; and at peace with others because I do not allow my anger to last through a day.

Lord God, help me to eat like a Christian—to eat healthily, to eat moderately, to eat gratefully, giving thanks to You who provide my food, and for the one who prepares my food.

Lord God, keep me from being so pious that I keep You out of the practical areas of life. Be with me when I am alone, and when I shed my inhibitions, lest in those moments I cancel out all that I seem to be when I’m on my best behavior.

Lord God, I ask this because I follow a Master who was never guilty of the slightest wrong-doing, and who always showed His love in the small details of living.

Lord God, 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

“Song of Hope”

Altar Choir
Robert Hobby

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

Luke 19:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

“Having More by Having Less”

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

“Knowing You”

arr. by Mark Hayes

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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**