

Welcome To Grace United Methodist Church  
We Are Glad You Are Here!

9:30 A.M. Worship

August 30, 2009

The Gathering

Music, fellowship time, sharing with family and friends, announcements

Gathering Music

Mr. Andrew Salyer

Call to Worship: "Unto you, O my strength, will I sing; for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy" (Ps. 59:17)

Invocation in unison:

Lord, renew our spirits as we worship today. You, powerful in creation to begin life, are also powerful to sustain and strengthen it. May the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ be near us today and make us more what you want us to be.

\*Opening Hymn: TFWS 2086

Open Our Eyes

The Renewal

Morning Prayer:

Gracious God, we hear your call to service. We sense you beckoning to live with greater caring and compassion. Strengthen us this day, that as we carry your truth in our hearts, it may inspire the work of our hands. Make us bold, determined disciples, builders of your loving realm, through Christ, our Servant, our Guide. Amen.

The Word

Children's Moment

Scripture Lesson

Witness to the Word

The Response

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls (Quilting Group or Rep come forward.)

Beginning To Knit Dedication By: Janet Bristow – 2000

Prayer Of Blessing (blessing for completed shawl) By: Janet Bristow - 2000

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with inner joy through the working of your Holy Spirit and with an abundance of material goods. We now bring our offerings to you in response to your word and in gratitude for your favor. May these gifts become streams of influence from this place to the uttermost parts of the world. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

Mr. Andrew Salyer

Sending Forth

\* Benediction

The love of God is our strength, and in that strength we now go out both to live and to serve. May God's defining love mark us as unashamed disciples of the Lord Jesus. And just as we have received love, may we share love with one another. Amen.

\* Choral Benediction: UMH 347

Spirit Song