



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

May 7, 2006
9:25 a.m. o'clock

The 4th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

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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

"Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus"
Jeff Cranfill

Chamber Ensemble
arr. Cranfill

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 Altar Candles are lighted, symbolizing 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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
"One Bread, One Body"

Hymn No. 618
Hymn No. 620

(Organ Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord, remind us that Your call is not just to the treasured time of worship or to those peaceful moments of prayer, but because of the resurrection, it is to move with courage into the encounters and arenas of life where many have not heard the Gospel's call. Help us to speak when it is not easy, to act when it is safer, to just go along with wrong. Help us to know that in the day of Jesus Christ, His kingdom will come, and let us, O God, be bound by a love amazing and divine, and then go out and embrace a weary and despairing world and lift that world to You. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and in 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 SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible Page 748)

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING 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 Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"With All My Heart"

Youth Handbells

arr. Wissinger

Hymn No. 95

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**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.**

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Grace Marie Ransom Rob Ransom
Larry Newberg, Visitation Pastor

Our Missionaries

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference
Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries
Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

Specialized Ministries

Randy Manning, Director of Music Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director
Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

Our Greeters today are Lee & Patty Smith and Betty Hegenbart.

Our Ask Me Greeters are Jim & Linda Henry.

Assisting in our Nursery is Adriene Riggie and Lee Ann Hughes

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Joy Loop in loving memory of Paul Loop.

THE ANTHEM

"Home In That Rock"

Altar Choir, soloist Randy Manning

arr. Gilpin

I got a home in-a that rock, don't you see? Don't you see?
I got a home in-a that rock, don't you see? Don't you see?
Between the earth and sky, thought I heard my Savior cry:
"You got a home in-a that rock, don't you see? Don't you see?"

Poor man Lazarus, poor as I, don't you see? Don't you see?
Poor man Lazarus, poor as I, don't you see? Don't you see?
Poor man Lazarus, poor as I, when he died he found a home on high.
He had a home in-a that rock, don't you see? Don't you see?

Rich man Dives lived so well, don't you see? Don't you see?
Yes-a, rich man Dives lived so well, now, don't you see? Don't you see?
Rich man Dives lived so well, when he died he found a home in Mm mm.
Had no home in-a that rick, don't you see? Don't you see?

God gave Noah the rainbow sign, don't you see? Now, don't you see?
No more water but fire next time, Noah had a home in that rock!

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THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

AN EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE

*THE BENEDICTION

Now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father be with you; and may the Holy Spirit come upon you and *disturb* you and *trouble* you, and set before you an impossible task and dare you to do it; until in your desperation you fall on your knees and tarry until He fills you with His power, which alone will *enable* you to do it, and *then...*but only *then*, may the Lord grant you His peace! Amen.

*THE POSTLUDE

"Sonata in G"

Domeico Scarlatti

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymn No. 13

(The congregation is invited to approach the altar to receive the elements through the center aisle. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come, kneel or stand at the altar, and receive the elements of Holy Communion by intinction (you may receive a piece of the broken bread and dip it into the cup). You may remain in an attitude of prayer and meditation at the altar as long as you desire. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake in your pew.)

*THE HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible" (Hymn 103)

Youth Handbells and Altar Choir

arr. Sherman

The congregation is invited to sing vs. 1, 3 & 4

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The flame from the altar is a symbol that we must carry the message of God's grace out from this sanctuary into the world.)