

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymn No. 13

\*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

Hymn No. 383

**“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”**

(The altar of the church is open to you...come.  
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The acolytes carry a flame from the altar at the close of the service  
as a symbol that we must carry the message of God’s grace  
out from this sanctuary into the world.)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

“Prelude in Am, BWV 895”

J. S. Bach



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

April 2, 2006  
9:25 a.m. o'clock

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Liturgical Color: White

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.  
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

“Glorify Thy Name”

Donna Adkins; arr. By Mark Hayes

**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 acolytes bring in the living flame, symbolizing the presence of God’s Holy Spirit.  
The Holy Bible is carried in and placed facing the congregation  
as a reminder that God’s Word is open and available to all.)

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. Robert Marke, Kissy Hospital, Sierra Leone

**Specialized Ministries**

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse    Phill Montgomery, Counselor  
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager    Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider  
Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/ Organist    Pam Lyon, Altar Choir Director  
Jacque Hunt, Ensemble Director    Arlene Buell, Director of Handbell Choirs

Our Greeters today are Joe & Ann Winger and Darleen Donaghy.

Our Ask Me Greeters are Jim & Linda Henry.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Hegenbart by Betty Hegenbart.

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## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

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### \*SONGS AND HYMNS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“I Know Whom I Have Believed” verses 1,2,3**

**“He Is Able”**

He is able; more than able  
To accomplish what concerns me today.  
He is able; more than able  
To handle anything that comes my way.  
He is able, more than able  
To do much more than I could ever dream.  
He is able; More than able  
To make me what He wants me to be. (Repeat)

Hymn No. 714

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” verses 1,2**

**“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, Great is Thy faithfulness. (Repeat)

Hymn No. 140

### THE LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES Chad & Cheri Lovelace, Hannah and Blake

Leader: Lord, Jesus, by your grace you have given us a new covenant.

All: **Put your law in our minds and write in on our hearts. Bring us to the victory you have won for us**

(At this time, five candles are lit on the Lenten wreath.)

Leader: Forgive us our sins and remember our sins no more.

All: **In the cross is our victory and our strength.**

### THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**God, our light, our beauty, our rest: In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your new covenant. Form us into your people, and order our lives in you; through Christ our Lord. Alleluia! 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.**

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## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

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### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-34

### THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

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## WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

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### RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are a visitor, you are our guest this morning. 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 Offerings

### The Offertory

*“Unto Thee I Cry, O Lord Jesus”*

J. S. Bach

### \*The Lenten Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your Spirit free.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**