



## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 21, 2006  
9:25 a.m. o'clock

YOUTH SUNDAY  
Liturgical Color: White

### \*SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The Altar Candles are lit, 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.)

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come here to testify to your love;

**People: Come to us, living God, and shine your light in our darkness.**

Leader: We have seen your glory, full of grace and truth;

**People: Come to us, living God, and shine your light in our darkness.**

Leader: From your fullness we have received every grace;

**People: Come to us, living God, and shine your light in our darkness.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

***"Thy Word Is a Lamp"***

Hymn No. 601

### THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Lord God, we confess that we are not ready for your kingdom of love and peace to be established among us. We still turn away from others' suffering; we still postpone caring for your gift of creation; we still tolerate war and take too lightly the burdens of making peace. Forgive us, O God, for our uneasiness. Awaken us once more to your presence among us, and make of us signs of the coming victory of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the child of your love and the brother to our hopes. 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 Prayers of the People

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.**

During the playing of the hymn, "Children of the Heavenly Father", children, pre-school through Grade 2 are invited to attend an age appropriate worship experience in Room #102, Lower Level.

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Today's loose coin offering is dedicated to Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Robert A. Hobby

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.**

### 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      Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse  
Phill Montgomery, Counselor      Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager

#### Assisting in Worship Today

Scripture: Becca Lytton, Drew Blatt, Katelyn Kingseed      Acolytes: Alexis Stamper, Allison Miller  
Call to Worship: Kasey May      Prayer: Melissa Zimmerman, Lauren Kingseed

Our Greeters today: Glenn & Dee Ann Colescott and Joy Loop. Ask Me Greeters Bruce Clark & George Hoshaw.

Assisting in our Nursery are Scott and Adrienne Riggle. Children's Worship is led by Steve & Debbie Long.

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe & Tonia Orr in honor of Matt & Andrew's 13th birthday and

Flowers are given in honor of Teresa and Jack Amos' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

#### THE ANTHEM

Altar Choir, solo Lauren Kingseed

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

Lloyd Larson

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you till the end; Be forever near me, my Master and my Friend  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me, the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sound I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and with in; But, Jesus, now draw nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

I need thee every hour, stay though near by; Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come, I come to thee.

Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, That where you are in glory, your servant shall be too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, Master and my Friend.

\*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:14-16

Found on page 683 of your pew Bible

PASTORAL MEDITATION

Pastor Grace Marie

**LIGHT**

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CENTERING SONG

"Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and Holy tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living, Sanctuary for You.

\*BENEDICTION & SERVICE OF LIGHT

Grace UMC Youth

"Go, Light Your World"

Chris Rice, arranged by Dennis Allen

There is a candle in every soul; Some brightly burning, some dark and cold.  
There is a Spirit who brings fire; Ignites a candle and makes His home.  
Carry your candle, run to the darkness; Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn,  
Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world, Take your candle, and go light your world  
Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to light his own candle some other way?  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to Still holds a candle without a flame.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness; Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world, Take your candle, and go light your world  
We are a family whose hearts are blazing; So let's raise our candles and light up the sky!  
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus; Make us a beacon in darkest times.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness; Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.  
Hold out your candle for all to see it; Take your candle, and go light your world

Carry your candle, run to the darkness; Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world, Take your candle, and go light your world!!

POSTLUDE

"Gigue"

Christoph Nichelman

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(You are invited to sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads. Please pass it back so that you may note those worshipping today. Cards are available in the pew to request prayer or praise for specific needs, concerns and joys. Please place the card in the offering plate when it is passed.)

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

(This morning we begin our worship by celebrating those in our congregation who will be graduating from college and high school. Please check the insert in today's bulletin.)

## WE PRAISE GOD - Special Music

Grace UMC Youth

"Indescribable"

Laura Story, arranged by Dennis Allen

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea ; Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring ; Every creature unique in the song that it sings

All exclaiming

*CHORUS:*

*Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.*

*You are amazing God*

*All powerful, untamable, Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim*

*You are amazing God*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go; Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light; Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

*CHORUS:*

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.

You are amazing God

Incomparable, unchangeable, You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same

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## \*READINGS FROM THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

John 1:1-5 & Genesis 1:1-5

(The asterisk (\*) designates when the congregation will please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones while you are in the sanctuary. **Bold print** is read or sung by the congregation.)