

*The Chorus 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.**

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“Trust and Obey”

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

Hymn 467

*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 CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Altar Choir
Jaroslav Vajda

THE POSTLUDE

“Etude in C Major”

Jean-Baptiste Duvernoy

Grace United Methodist Church

Ministers

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

Pastors

Stephen A. Beutler Chris Roberts Larry Newberg

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 Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager
Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse Phill Montgomery, Counselor
Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider Adriene Riggle, Childcare Provider
Chuck Hefley, Church Administrator T.J. Knowland, Youth Director

Our Greeters today are Joe & Betty Pencek and Ralph Cory.
Children's Worship led by Jayna Beutler.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill & Pat Moberly in loving memory of our
Grandson, Daniel James Moberly.



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

April 29, 2007
9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

At one point St. Paul and his fellow travelers were described as people who “are turning the world upside-down” (Acts 17:6). What an appropriate description of Christians! Christians look at things in a new way. The Spirit disturbs the status-quo. God’s Church is a counter-cultural community. This morning we invite you to live your life in the upside-down kingdom.

(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

“As the Deer” with “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Chamber Ensemble
Stan Pethel

“King of Kings”

Children’s Choir accompanied by Marleta Newberg
Sophie Conty & Naomi Batya

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.)

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“O Worship The King”

Hymn 73

(Musical Interlude)

CELEBRATION OF THE INSTALATION OF OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

Leader: Dear friends, let us recognize T.J. Knowland who has responded to the call of God to the ministry to the youth in our church and community. Leading, teaching, administering and caring for the youth are important ministries of Christ among us. You have been called to these ministries. As you join with us in offering the love of Christ, you will need our love, support and our prayers. Do you accept responsibility for this ministry?

T.J: I do.

Leader: Will you be faithful to the position of Youth Director as you minister and offer our youth the love of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

T.J: I will.

Leader: May the faith expressed by your ministry to our youth live in your heart, and what you believe in your heart, practice in your life. And may God give you grace to offer your life in faithfulness and consecration, now, and in the world to come.

Dear friends, I commend to you T.J. Knowland. Will you sustain him with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to offer our youth a foundation of faith upon which they may build their entire lives?

All: **We will.**

THE GOSPELAIRES

“He Knows Just What I Need”

accompanied by Marleta Newberg
Mosie Lister

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Our heavenly Father, we your children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stand our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

(During the playing of the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me”,

children, pre-school through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children’s Church in Room 102, Lower Level.

An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

“Get On Board, Little Children”

Altar Choir
Larry Shackley

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 37:1-8, 27-40
(Pew Bible page No 398)
Matthew 5:5
(Pew Bible page No 683)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

LIFE IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

“The Gentle Shall Inherit”

Pastor Steve Beutler

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 tithes 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

Pastoral Dance on “Simple Gifts”

Andrew Clarke